

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1159943

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-01-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 The CIO shall comprise an amalgamation of two unincorporated charities - the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation (charity number 309024) and the Archbishop Laud Non Educational Charity (charity number 307987). Accordingly, the objects of the CIO set out below shall be a reflection of the objects of these two unincorporated charities, with separate funds being set aside for the furtherance of the respective objects. 3.2 The first object of the CIO, reflecting the object of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation, is to advance the education of children and young people under the age of 25 years by:3.2.1 the provision of a day and/or boarding school in or near Reading in which religious instruction in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England shall be given;3.2.2 the award of scholarships, bursaries or maintenance allowances to beneficiaries tenable at the School or at any university or other place of learning; provided that the charity trustees shall maintain in the School six scholarships, comprising total or partial remission of tuition or boarding fees, to beneficiaries found fit for admission to the School who reside within a ten mile radius of the School;3.2.3 the provision of grants, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to help beneficiaries on leaving the School, a university or any other educational establishment, to prepare for, or enter, a profession, trade or calling;3.2.4 the award of scholarships or maintenance allowances to enable beneficiaries to travel abroad to pursue their education;3.2.5 the provision, or assistance towards the provision, of facilities for recreation and social and physical training, including the provision of coaching in athletics, sports and games, for beneficiaries;3.2.6 the provision of grants to enable beneficiaries to study music or other arts; and3.2.7 the provision of grants, items, services and facilities at the following schools in Reading:(a) All Saints Church of England Infants School, Brownlow Road;(b) St John's Church of England Primary School; (c) St Mary's and All Saints Church of England Primary School; and(d) Any other school within a forty mile radius of the School at the CIO's discretion3.3 The second object of the CIO, reflecting the object of the Archbishop Laud Non Educational Charity, is the provision of financial assistance to young men and women between the age of 8 to 30 years inclusive, educated in, residing in or from the vicinity of Reading, to support them in training for a trade or vocation through the making of grants as follows:3.3.1 Young men and women between the age of 16 – 30 inclusive may be awarded training grants of up to £1000 per individual, per annum, towards the cost course fees, equipment, learning resources, travel expenses or uniform required for the course, where the trustees are satisfied that the applicant has entered into a course of training and has need of financial assistance. Applicants undertaking a multi-year course are eligible for up to three grants; and3.3.2 Girls and boys between the age of 8 – 15 inclusive may be awarded training grants of up to £300 per individual, per annum, towards the cost of course fees, equipment, learning resources, travel expenses or uniform required for the course, where the trustees are satisfied that the applicant is in education and has need of financial assistance. 3.4 Subject to Clause 5 below, the freehold land known as Reading Blue Coat School, Holme Park, Sonning Lane, Sonning, Reading, Berkshire, RG4 6SU, registered under Land Registry title number BK371516 and the buildings thereon (vested in the Official Custodian for Charities by an Order of 8 June 1996) ("the Property"), must be retained by the charity trustees for use as a school in accordance with Clause 3.2.1 above.

Activities: The provision of a day and/or boarding school in or near Reading. The award of scholarships, bursaries or maintenance allowances. The provision of items, services and facilities at three specified Schools in Reading. The provision of financial assistance to young men and women from Reading, Wokingham or Bray to support them in training for a trade or vocation or entering into marriage.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Reading
- Windsor And Maidenhead
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£199,098	£183,497	-	-
2024-03-31	£191,900	£176,383	-	-
2023-03-31	£183,345	£173,505	-	-
2022-03-31	£209,408	£187,783	-	-
2021-03-31	£207,663	£158,486	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER MICHAEL BERTRAM	Chair	2025-05-15
Alexandra West		2024-04-30
Howard Williams		2018-05-15
MATTHEW WALKER		2022-11-09
Michael Swan		2017-05-16
Peter Thomas		2015-09-01
Rev Christopher Richard Jones		2024-05-15

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Accounts

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TRUST**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Reading Blue Coat School
Holme Park
Sonning Lane
Sonning
Reading
RG4 6SU

TRUSTEES

P Bertram
C Hubbard (resigned 15 May 2025)
Rev. Chris Jones (appointed 15 May 2024)
E Quinton (appointed 15 May 2024, resigned 15 January 2025)
M Swan
T Tabrah (resigned 30 April 2024)
P Thomas
M Walker
A West (appointed 30 April 2024)
H Williams

CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES

C Walsh (resigned 10 November 2025)
G Cadwell (appointed 10 November 2025)

TREASURER TO THE TRUSTEES

S Whitty (resigned 10 November 2025)
G Cadwell (appointed 10 November 2025)

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1159943

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READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that period and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Constitution and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Structure, Objects and governance.

The Reading Blue Coat and Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust was registered on 14 January 2015 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). On 31 March 2015, all the assets and undertaking of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation (Charity Registration Number 309024) were transferred to the CIO together with those of the Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity (Number 307987). Historically, Trustees of the Reading Municipal Church Charities were appointed to be the Trustees of a number of Church related charities, the largest of which by far was the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation. By 2015, the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation and the Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust were the only two remaining church related charities, so the decision was made to merge the two together, and form a new CIO.

The former Reading Blue Coat School Foundation comprised a number of gifts made over an extended period, of which the earliest and most important were by Richard Aldworth in 1646, Sir Thomas Rich in 1666 and William Malthus in 1700. The Foundation operated under a scheme created by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the Charities Act 1960 dated 30 April 1964, which consolidated all the underlying gifts, and subsequent amendments.

The two Objects of the CIO, reflecting the Objects of the former Reading Blue Coat School Foundation and the Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity, are:

1. The first object of the CIO, reflecting the object of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation, is to advance the education of children and young people under the age of 25 years by:
 - a. the provision of a day and/or boarding school in or near Reading in which religious instruction in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England shall be given.
 - b. the award of scholarships, bursaries or maintenance allowances to beneficiaries tenable at the School or at any university or other place of learning; provided that the charity trustees shall maintain in the School six scholarships, comprising total or partial remission of tuition or boarding fees, to beneficiaries found fit for admission to the School who reside within a ten mile radius of the School;
 - c. the provision of grants, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to help beneficiaries on leaving the School, a university or any other educational establishment, to prepare for, or enter, a profession, trade or calling;
 - d. the award of scholarships or maintenance allowances to enable beneficiaries to travel abroad to pursue their education;
 - e. the provision, or assistance towards the provision, of facilities for recreation and social and physical training, including the provision of coaching in athletics, sports and games, for beneficiaries;
 - f. the provision of grants to enable beneficiaries to study music or other arts; and
 - g. the provision of grants, items, services and facilities at the following schools in Reading:
 - i. All Saints Church of England Infants School, Brownlow Road;
 - ii. St John's Church of England Primary School;
 - iii. St Mary's and All Saints Church of England Primary School; and
 - iv. Any other school within a forty mile radius of the School at the CIO's discretion
2. The second object of the CIO, reflecting the object of the Archbishop Laud Non Educational Charity, is the provision of financial assistance to young men and women between the age of 8 to 30 years inclusive, educated in, residing in or from the vicinity of Reading, to support them in training for a trade or vocation through the making of grants as follows:

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- a. Young men and women between the age of 16 – 30 inclusive may be awarded training grants of up to £1000 per individual, per annum, towards the cost course fees, equipment, learning resources, travel expenses or uniform required for the course, where the trustees are satisfied that the applicant has entered into a course of training and has need of financial assistance. Applicants undertaking a multi-year course are eligible for up to three grants; and
- b. Girls and boys between the age of 8 – 15 inclusive may be awarded training grants of up to £300 per individual, per annum, towards the cost of course fees, equipment, learning resources, travel expenses or uniform required for the course, where the trustees are satisfied that the applicant is in education and has need of financial assistance

The governance and management of the CIO is carried out in accordance with its constitution. There are four ex-officio trustees who have the power to co-opt not less than five and not more than ten additional trustees. The ex-officio trustees are: the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary, Reading; the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Laurence, Reading; the Head of Reading Blue Coat School; and the Bursar of Reading Blue Coat School.

Decision-Making

The Trustees retain responsibility for all strategic decisions, including setting the Charity's objectives, approving budgets, and determining reserves and investment policies. Operational decisions, such as day-to-day administration and implementation of approved strategies, are delegated to the clerk and treasurer under clear authority frameworks. Regular reporting ensures Trustees maintain oversight of delegated activities.

Trustee Induction and Training

New Trustees receive a comprehensive induction pack outlining the Charity's governing documents, policies, and statutory duties. Induction includes meetings with senior staff and existing Trustees, as well as access to relevant training on charity governance and compliance. Ongoing development is supported through periodic briefings and external training opportunities when required.

Pay and Remuneration

The remuneration of key management personnel is reviewed annually by the Trustees. Pay is set using sector benchmarks and considers the Charity's size, complexity, and financial position. The Trustees aim to ensure remuneration is fair, competitive, and aligned with the Charity's objectives, while maintaining transparency and accountability.

Relationships with Related Parties

The Charity maintains close relationships with Reading Blue Coat School. This partnership enables collaboration on bursary provision and educational initiatives. All related-party transactions are conducted on an arm's-length basis and disclosed in accordance with statutory requirements

Grant making policy

The Charity has three principal grant making objectives:

- (i) The Charity grants money to the Reading Blue Coat School for its Foundation Scholarships which are means-tested bursaries covering full fees and additional supplementary costs. At least one Trustee sits on the School's Bursary Committee, alongside Officers of the School, which determines successful applicants following an assessment of educational potential, merit and the financial means of applicants.
- (ii) The Charity makes grants to the three schools known as the National Schools of Reading, and / or any other school within a 40-mile radius of Reading Blue Coat School, as determined by the Trustees on an annual basis.
- (iii) The Charity also makes grants ranging from £300 up to £1,000 to individuals who meet the criteria within the second object of the Trust.

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Investment policy

The Trust's funds are invested to produce an attractive financial return with an acceptable level of risk over the long term. The primary investment objective is to generate a high and sustainable annual income (net of investment management fees) to support the grant making objects, whilst striking a balance between generating long-term income and capital returns. With the rental income from the School providing more than 30% of the normal annual income expended, the Trustees are able to accept a medium to higher level of risk with regard to long term investments in order to grow the real capital value of the funds over time. The Trust's constitution provides for the lease to the School of the freehold land, in meeting its first objectives, but otherwise does not place any restriction on the investment policy of the Trustees.

Portfolio investments are managed on a discretionary basis whereby the investment manager has control over the investments within the formal guidelines of the investment policy of the Trust. An investment sub-committee of Trustees sets the investment objectives and risk profile for the Trust and monitors performance. The investment funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of equities, mutual funds, bonds with a prudent cash balance held in order to meet unforeseen bursarial requirements. Whilst the Trustees have chosen not to invest directly into tobacco stocks there are no ethical restrictions on investments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider it essential to maintain adequate reserves to ensure the long-term fulfilment of the Charity's primary objective: supporting bursaries for qualifying pupils. To achieve this, the Trustees have agreed that at the time of signing the accounts, the Charity should hold a reserve of approximately £5.1 million. This figure is not fixed and will fluctuate over time, particularly in response to market movements and changes in financial commitments.

Of the £5.1 million, £1.2 million represents the freehold land, with the remaining £3.9 million held in investment portfolios expected to yield approximately 3.6%. This level of yield is considered sufficient to meet anticipated bursary commitments while providing resilience against economic volatility through dividend income and realised gains. However, the value of invested reserves will inevitably vary with market performance and may rise or fall accordingly.

In setting this figure, the Trustees have taken into account:

- The School's variable capacity to contribute to bursaries, which may be affected by economic conditions and facility investment.
- The need for the Trust to cover any shortfall to ensure that qualifying pupils are not denied support.
- The importance of maintaining an investment portfolio capable of generating consistent annual income to fund bursary grants.

Currently, **43 pupils** are in receipt of bursarial support. The reserves figure will be reviewed annually to reflect changes in commitments, market conditions, and investment performance

Review of the Year

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Investment Performance

The three investment funds showed a decrease in value over the course of the year.

The General Fund value at year-end was £3,669,930 (2024: £3,685,387)

The Matheson Fund value at year-end was £390,129 (2024: £391,504)

The Archbishop Laud Fund value at year-end was £32,928 (2024: £33,044)

The property assets held by the Charity, namely the freehold land occupied by the School, were professionally re-valued at year-end in 2020 at £1,200,000. The prior year valuation has been carried forward for this year. The rental income from Reading Blue Coat School remains at £60,000 (2024: £60,000).

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In addition to the above funds held with the Investment Manager, the Charity also maintained cash balances at the year-end to the value of £241,523. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum sum of £50,000 should be retained on bank deposit to meet any immediate demand on reserves.

After movements in the values of land and investments, the endowed funds of the General Fund stood at £4,248,478 (2024: £4,264,091), the Matheson fund £252,084 (2024: £252,974) and the Archbishop Laud Fund £25,928 (2024: £26,044). These endowed funds will continue to be invested to produce income to meet the Charity's objects.

Achievements, financial review and future plans

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Bursaries and Grants

In recent years, the Trustees have entered into an informal arrangement whereby the Charity makes an agreed contribution to the overall cost of bursaries with the School providing the balance. This has enabled 43 (2024: 41) bursaries to be paid to successful applicants in this period. Awards from the General Fund were given at £135,000 (2024: £135,000) to the Reading Blue Coat Bursary Scheme. The Matheson Fund awarded £nil (2024: £14,000) to support children of Clergy at the School. Grants of £9,000 were made to primary schools in Reading during the year.

Incoming Resources

The Trustees report incoming resources, net of investment management fees and governance costs, of £165,548 (2024: £161,372).

Transfers to Reserves

Restricted Fund Reserves of £149,204 (2024: £137,743) were held in relation to the Matheson Fund.

Any annual surplus funds available are held as a School Scholarship Fund. At year-end the Scholarship Fund held an undistributed balance of £810,181 (2024: £788,127).

Future Plans

The charity has no changes planned with regard to its activities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees on 30 January 2026



P Bertram
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Investment income	2	-	12,128	126,970	139,098	131,900
Rental income	3	-	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total incoming resources		-	12,128	186,970	199,098	191,900
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of raising funds						
Investment management		13,492	-	8,994	22,486	20,497
Charitable activities						
Scholarships awarded	4	-	182	145,882	146,064	159,031
Archbishop Laud Grants	4	-	-	5,947	5,947	1,355
National Schools of Reading	4	-	-	9,000	9,000	(4,500)
Total resources expended		13,492	182	169,823	183,497	176,383
Investment gains /(losses)	6	(3,127)	(485)	-	(3,612)	394,953
Net incoming resources and movement in funds	9	(16,619)	11,461	17,147	11,989	410,470
Fund balances brought forward	9	<u>4,543,109</u>	<u>137,743</u>	<u>802,594</u>	5,483,446	<u>5,072,976</u>
Fund balances carried forward	9	<u>4,526,490</u>	<u>149,204</u>	<u>819,741</u>	5,495,435	<u>5,483,446</u>

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025

	Notes		2025		2024
		£	£		£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	5		1,200,000		1,200,000
Investments	6		<u>4,092,987</u>		<u>4,109,935</u>
			5,292,987		5,309,935
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	29,431			27,043
Current asset investment – bank deposits		200,000			150,000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>41,523</u>			<u>64,930</u>
			270,954		241,973
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8		<u>(68,506)</u>		<u>(68,462)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>202,448</u>		<u>173,511</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>5,495,435</u>		<u>5,483,446</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Capital General Fund	9		3,048,478		3,064,091
Capital Archbishop Laud	9		25,928		26,044
Property	9		1,200,000		1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	9		252,084		252,974
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Matheson Scholarship	9		149,204		137,743
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
School Scholarship	9		810,181		788,127
Archbishop Laud	9		<u>9,560</u>		<u>14,467</u>
			<u>5,495,435</u>		<u>5,483,446</u>

Approved by the trustees on 30 January 2026
And signed on its behalf by



P Bertram
Chairman

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READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reading Blue Coat and Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going Concern

The charity has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Having regard to the above, the Trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimation and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

d) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as each liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, for example, governance costs.

Charitable expenditure is reported under the following sub-headings:

- Scholarships awarded
- Archbishop Laud Grants
- National Schools of Reading

g) Grants - Scholarships

Scholarships payable are recognised as expenditure in the year in which a binding commitment to make payments is entered into.

h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are where specific conditions are imposed by the donor which restricts the use of unspent funds. The income is taken directly to the relevant restricted funds.

The endowment fund represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally quoted investments and freehold properties. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

The expendable endowment fund is similar to that of the endowed fund. However, the trustees have the power to apply both capital and income arising on the fund in accordance with the Matheson will. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Tangible Fixed Assets

These are represented by freehold land and are held under the revaluation model. Trustees will review the fair value of all investment properties at each year-end. A RICS-qualified valuer will be engaged periodically (at least every 3–5 years or when market conditions materially change). In years without a professional valuation, trustees will estimate fair value using recent comparable market transactions, local property indices and rental yield analysis

i) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently valued at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. Cash deposits with longer maturity dates are accounted for as current asset investments.

l) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025 £	2024 £
Equity and GILT edged stocks - General Account	116,662	117,700
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Matheson Bequest	12,128	11,276
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Archbishop Laud	1,040	952
Deposit interest	<u>9,268</u>	<u>1,972</u>
	<u>139,098</u>	<u>131,900</u>

3. RENTAL INCOME

	2025 £	2024 £
Reading Blue Coat School	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

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4a. RESOURCES EXPENDED – CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2025

	Direct £	Governance £	Total £
Scholarships	135,000	10,882	145,882
Matheson Scholarship	<u>-</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>182</u>
Total scholarships	135,000	11,064	146,064
Archbishop Laud Grants	5,947	-	5,947
National Schools of Reading	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>
	<u>149,947</u>	<u>11,064</u>	<u>161,011</u>

2024

<i>Scholarships</i>	<i>135,000</i>	<i>9,849</i>	<i>144,849</i>
<i>Matheson Scholarship</i>	<u><i>14,000</i></u>	<u><i>182</i></u>	<u><i>14,182</i></u>
<i>Total scholarships</i>	<i>149,000</i>	<i>10,031</i>	<i>159,031</i>
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	<i>1,355</i>	-	<i>1,355</i>
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	<u><i>(4,500)</i></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><i>(4,500)</i></u>
	<u><i>145,855</i></u>	<u><i>10,031</i></u>	<u><i>155,886</i></u>

Governance costs:

	2025 £	2024 £
Clerk and Treasurer's Honorarium	4,095	3,919
Independent Examiners Fee	4,428	4,800
Professional fees	2,375	1,120
Sundry items	<u>166</u>	<u>192</u>
	<u>11,064</u>	<u>10,031</u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land £
At 1 April 2024	1,200,000
Revaluation	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,200,000</u>

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets substantially relate to freehold land on which the school buildings stand.

The property was valued on a fair value basis by Dunster & Morton in March 2020. A carrying amount of £300,000 (2024 £300,000) would have been recognised if the land had been carried under the historic cost model.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Listed investments:		
Market Value at 1 April 2024	4,070,785	3,649,620
Additions	320,723	471,012
Disposals	(385,367)	(444,799)
Net Investment gain/(loss)	<u>(3,612)</u>	<u>394,953</u>
	4,002,529	4,070,785
Cash held by Stockbroker	<u>90,458</u>	<u>39,150</u>
Market Value at 31 March 2025	<u>4,092,987</u>	<u>4,109,935</u>
Historic Cost	<u>3,537,832</u>	<u>3,516,225</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>29,431</u>	<u>27,043</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	<u>68,506</u>	<u>68,462</u>

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9a. FUNDS

2025

	<i>1 April 2024</i>	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment losses	Resources expended	31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	3,064,091	-	-	(2,121)	(13,492)	3,048,478
Archbishop Laud	26,044	-	-	(116)	-	25,928
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	<u>252,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,084</u>
	<u>4,543,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,127)</u>	<u>(13,492)</u>	<u>4,526,490</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson Scholarship	<u>137,743</u>	<u>12,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(485)</u>	<u>(182)</u>	<u>149,204</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	788,127	185,930	-	-	(163,876)	810,181
Archbishop Laud	<u>14,467</u>	<u>1,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,947)</u>	<u>9,560</u>
	<u>802,594</u>	<u>186,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(169,823)</u>	<u>819,741</u>
Total	<u>5,483,446</u>	<u>199,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,612)</u>	<u>(183,497)</u>	<u>5,495,435</u>

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

- a) The balance on the property fund is aligned with the value of fixed assets held. Any surplus or deficit in any year is transferred to the Capital fund.

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9b. COMPARATIVE FUNDS

2024	1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,721,319	-	-	355,070	(12,298)	3,064,091
Archbishop Laud	22,940	-	-	3,104	-	22,044
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>229,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,974</u>
	<u>4,173,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>381,811</u>	<u>(12,298)</u>	<u>4,543,109</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>127,507</u>	<u>11,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,142</u>	<u>(14,182)</u>	<u>137,743</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	757,003	179,672	-	-	(148,548)	788,127
Archbishop Laud	<u>14,870</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,355)</u>	<u>14,467</u>
	<u>771,873</u>	<u>180,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(149,903)</u>	<u>802,594</u>
Total	<u>5,072,976</u>	<u>191,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394,953</u>	<u>(176,383)</u>	<u>5,483,446</u>

10a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2025	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	3,326,490	149,204	617,293	4,092,987
Current assets	-	-	270,954	270,954
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68,506)</u>	<u>(68,506)</u>
	<u>4,526,490</u>	<u>149,204</u>	<u>819,741</u>	<u>5,495,435</u>

10b. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2024	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	3,343,109	138,530	628,296	4,109,935
Current assets	-	3,879	238,094	241,973
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,667)</u>	<u>(63,795)</u>	<u>(68,462)</u>
	<u>4,543,109</u>	<u>137,742</u>	<u>802,595</u>	<u>5,483,446</u>

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11. TRUSTEES BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees or any persons connected with them, received any remuneration or reimbursed expenditure during the period.

The Trustee Mr M Swan is employed by Slade Legal as a senior solicitor. Slade Legal have been engaged to provide legal services to the Trust. There were no accrued costs at the year-end in relation to these services (2024: £nil).

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	270,954	241,972
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	68,506	68,462

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise other debtors and cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise other creditors and accruals excluding deferred income.

13. LEASES

The Charity earns rental income by leasing its property to a tenant under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2024	2024
	£	£
Not later than one year	60,000	60,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	30,000	90,000
Later than five years	—	—
	<u>90,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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14. COMPARATIVE SOFA

	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>				
<i>Investment income</i>	-	11,276	120,624	131,900
<i>Rental income</i>	-	-	60,000	60,000
<i>Total incoming resources</i>	-	11,276	180,624	191,900
<i>RESOURCES EXPENDED</i>				
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>				
<i>Investment management</i>	12,298	-	8,199	20,497
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Scholarships awarded</i>	-	14,182	144,849	159,031
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	-	-	1,355	1,355
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	-	-	(4,500)	(4,500)
<i>Total resources expended</i>	12,298	14,182	149,903	176,383
<i>Net incoming resources before investment (losses)</i>	(12,298)	(2,906)	30,721	15,517
<i>Investment gains / (losses)</i>	381,811	13,142	-	394,953
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	369,513	10,236	30,721	410,470
<i>Fund balances brought forward</i>	4,173,595	127,507	771,873	5,072,976
<i>Fund balances carried forward</i>	4,543,109	137,743	802,594	5,483,446

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and associated notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

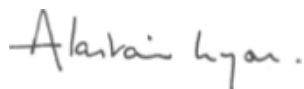
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 30 January 2026

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

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TRUST
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**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Reading Blue Coat School Holme Park Sonning Lane Sonning Reading RG4 6SU
TRUSTEES	C Hubbard H Williams P Bertram A Gray (resigned 15 November 2023) M Walker M Swan T Tabrah (resigned 30 April 2024) A West (appointed 30 April 2024) E Quinton (appointed 15 May 2024) Rev. Chris Jones (appointed 15 May 2024) P Thomas
CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES	C Walsh
TREASURER TO THE TRUSTEES	S Whitty
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1159943
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Crowe U.K. LLP R+ Building 2 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1AZ
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank PLC 1-2 Market Place Reading RG1 2EQ
SOLICITORS	Boyes Turner LLP Abbots House Abbey Street Reading RG1 3BD
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READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that period and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Structure, Objects and governance.

The Trust was registered on 14 January 2015 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On 31 March 2015, all the assets and undertaking of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation (Charity Registration Number 309024) were transferred to the Trust together with those of the Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity (Number 307987).

The former Foundation comprised a number of Gifts made over an extended period, of which the earliest and most important were by Richard Aldworth in 1646, Sir Thomas Rich in 1666 and William Malthus in 1700. The Foundation operated under a scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the Charities Act 1960 dated 30 April 1964, which consolidated all the underlying gifts, and subsequent amendments.

The two Objects of the Trust, reflecting the Objects of the former Foundation, are:

- (i) to advance the education of children and young people under the age of 25 years by providing a school in or near Reading in which religious instruction in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England shall be given and by the provision of grants to three specified Infants or Primary Schools in Reading known as the National Schools of Reading, as well as any other school within a 40 mile radius of the School at the CIO's discretion
- (ii) the award of training grants to young people towards the cost of course fees, equipment, learning resources, travel expenses or uniform required. The former Foundation also contained a fund known as the Matheson Scholarship fund that is governed by the Will of the late David M Matheson. This provides for the income of the fund to be first applied to the education of children of Clergy in the Church of England at the Reading Blue Coat School, but in the event of there being no suitable applicants, the Trustees have discretion to utilise the income in accordance with the above objects. The Trustees have discretion to utilise the capital of the fund should the income be insufficient to provide the benefits. Whilst the Trustees would resist any such application of capital, the fund is technically under the category of Expendable Endowment.

The second Object of the Trust reflects the objects of the former Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity, which was constituted by a Deed of Gift dated 26 March 1640. This separate fund is to provide financial assistance to young men and women between the ages of 8 to 30 inclusive, educated in, residing in, or from the vicinity of Reading, to support them in training for a trade or vocation through the making of grants.

The governance and management of the Trust is carried out in accordance with its constitution. There are four ex-officio trustees who have the power to co-opt not less than five and not more than ten additional trustees. The ex-officio trustees are: the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary, Reading; the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Laurence, Reading; the Head of Reading Blue Coat School; and the Bursar of Reading Blue Coat School. Unfortunately, owing to parish commitments, the Vicar of St. Mary's Reading was unable to take up this post during the year. The Rev. Chris Jones from St. Laurence Reading was appointed during the year.

During the year the Trustees conducted a review of the grant making process of the Archbishop Laud Foundation in order to widen the scope of eligible beneficiaries and improve the effectiveness of the grant giving process. The original intentions of the Foundation have been retained and the constitution has been updated.

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Grant making policy

The Charity has three principal grant making objectives:

- (i) The Charity grants money to the Reading Blue Coat School for its Foundation Scholarships which are means-tested bursaries covering full fees and additional supplementary costs. At least one Trustee sits on a Committee, alongside Officers of the School, which determines successful applicants following an assessment of educational potential, merit and the financial means of applicants.
- (ii) The Charity makes grants to the three schools known as the National Schools of Reading, and / or any other school within a 40 mile radius of Reading Blue Coat School, as determined by the Trustees on an annual basis.
- (iii) The Charity also makes grants ranging from £300 up to £1,000 to individuals who meet the criteria within the second object of the Trust.

Investment policy

The Trust's funds are invested to produce an attractive financial return with an acceptable level of risk over the long term. The primary investment objective is to generate a high and sustainable annual income (net of investment management fees) to support the grant making objects, whilst striking a balance between generating long-term income and capital returns. With the rental income from the School providing more than 30% of the normal annual income expended, the Trustees are able to accept a medium to higher level of risk with regard to long term investments in order to grow the real capital value of the funds over time. The Trust's constitution provides for the lease to the School of the freehold land, in meeting its first objectives, but otherwise does not place any restriction on the investment policy of the Trustees.

Portfolio investments are managed on a discretionary basis whereby the investment manager has control over the investments within the formal guidelines of the investment policy of the Trust. An investment sub-committee of Trustees sets the investment objectives and risk profile for the Trust and monitors performance. The investment funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of equities, mutual funds, bonds with a prudent cash balance held in order to meet unforeseen bursarial requirements. Whilst the Trustees have chosen not to invest directly into tobacco stocks there are no ethical restrictions on investments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that it is important to maintain and add to reserves when possible, in order to fulfil the first object of the Charity over the long run. In doing so, the Trustees take into account the School's ability to make its own contribution to bursaries, which can be affected by many factors including the economy and the need for investment in new or improved facilities, as they have agreed that the Trust should endeavour to cover, where possible, any shortfall to avoid qualifying pupils being denied support. Through this process, the Charity helps to provide bursarial support to a number of pupils at the school. Forty-one pupils are currently in receipt of bursaries.

Review of the Year

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Investment Performance

The three investment funds showed an increase in value over the course of the year.

The General Fund value at year-end was £3,685,387 (2023: £3,339,994)
The Matheson Fund value at year-end was £391,504 (2023: £354,725)
The Archbishop Laud Fund value at year-end was £33,044 (2023: £29,940)

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Investment Performance (continued)

The property assets held by the Charity, namely the freehold land occupied by the School, were professionally re-valued at year-end in 2020 at £1,200,000. The prior year valuation has been carried forward for this year. The rental income from Reading Blue Coat School remains at £60,000 (2023: £60,000).

In addition to the above funds held with the Investment Manager, the Charity also maintained cash balances at the year-end to the value of £214,929. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum sum of £50,000 should be retained on bank deposit to meet any immediate demand on reserves.

After movements in the values of land and investments, the endowed funds of the General Fund stood at £4,264,091 (2023: £3,921,319), the Matheson fund £252,974 (2023: £229,337) and the Archbishop Laud Fund £26,044 (2023: £22,940). These endowed funds will continue to be invested to produce income to meet the Charity's objects.

Achievements, financial review and future plans

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Bursaries and Grants

In recent years, the Trustees have entered into an informal arrangement whereby the Charity makes an agreed contribution to the overall cost of bursaries with the School providing the balance. This has enabled 41 (2023: 50) bursaries to be paid to successful applicants in this period. Awards from the General Fund were given at £135,000 (2023: £125,000) to the Reading Blue Coat Bursary Scheme. The Matheson Fund awarded £14,000 (2023: £14,000) to support children of Clergy at the School. No grants were made to the National Schools of Reading during the year.

Incoming Resources

The Trustees report incoming resources, net of investment management fees and governance costs, of £161,372 (2023: £153,825).

Transfers to Reserves

Restricted Fund Reserves of £137,742 (2023: £127,507) were held in relation to the Matheson Fund and £14,467 (2023: £14,870) held in relation to the Archbishop Laud Fund.

Any annual surplus funds available are held as a School Scholarship Fund. At year-end the Scholarship Fund held an undistributed balance of £788,127 (2023: £757,003).

**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Achievements, financial review and future plans (continued)

Future Plans

The charity has no changes planned with regard to its activities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees on 15 January 2025

**C Hubbard
Chairman**

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Investment income	2	-	11,276	120,624	131,900	123,345
Rental income	3	-	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total incoming resources		-	11,276	180,624	191,900	183,345
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of raising funds						
Investment management		12,298	-	8,199	20,497	20,050
Charitable activities						
Scholarships awarded	4	-	14,182	144,849	159,031	148,270
Archbishop Laud Grants	4	-	-	1,355	1,355	485
National Schools of Reading	4	-	-	(4,500)	(4,500)	4,700
Total resources expended		12,298	14,182	149,903	176,383	173,505
Net incoming resources before investment gains/losses		(12,298)	(2,906)	30,721	15,517	9,840
Revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains / (losses)	6	381,811	13,142	-	394,953	(245,879)
Net movement in funds	9	369,513	10,236	30,721	410,469	(236,039)
Fund balances brought forward	9	4,173,595	127,507	771,873	5,072,976	5,309,015
Fund balances carried forward	9	4,543,109	137,743	802,594	5,483,445	5,072,976

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	2024	£	2023
					£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	5		1,200,000		1,200,000
Investments	6		<u>4,109,935</u>		<u>3,724,659</u>
			5,309,935		4,924,659
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	27,043			24,767
Current asset investment – bank deposits		150,000			-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>64,929</u>			<u>191,878</u>
			241,972		216,645
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8		<u>(68,462)</u>		<u>(68,328)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>173,510</u>		<u>148,317</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>5,483,445</u>		<u>5,072,976</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Capital General Fund	9		3,064,091		2,721,319
Capital Archbishop Laud	9		26,044		22,940
Property	9		1,200,000		1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	9		252,974		229,337
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Matheson Scholarship	9		137,743		127,507
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
School Scholarship	9		788,127		757,003
Archbishop Laud	9		<u>14,467</u>		<u>14,870</u>
			<u>5,483,445</u>		<u>5,072,976</u>

Approved by the trustees on 15 January 2025
And signed on its behalf by

C Hubbard
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reading Blue Coat and Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going Concern

The charity has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Having regard to the above, the Trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimation and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

d) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as each liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, for example, governance costs.

Charitable expenditure is reported under the following sub headings:

- Scholarships awarded
- Archbishop Laud Grants
- National Schools of Reading

g) Grants - Scholarships

Scholarships payable are recognised as expenditure in the year in which a binding commitment to make payments is entered into.

h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are where specific conditions are imposed by the donor which restricts the use of unspent funds. The income is taken directly to the relevant restricted funds.

The endowment fund represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally quoted investments and freehold properties. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

The expendable endowment fund is similar to that of the endowed fund. However, the trustees have the power to apply both capital and income arising on the fund in accordance with the Matheson will. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Tangible Fixed Assets

These are represented by freehold land and are held under the revaluation model.

i) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently valued at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. Cash deposits with longer maturity dates are accounted for as current asset investments.

l) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Equity and GILT edged stocks - General Account	117,700	110,242
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Matheson Bequest	11,276	11,692
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Archbishop Laud	952	987
Deposit interest	1972	424
	<u>131,900</u>	<u>123,345</u>

3. RENTAL INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Reading Blue Coat School	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>

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4a. RESOURCES EXPENDED – CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2024

	Direct £	Governance £	Total £
Scholarships	135,000	9,849	144,849
Matheson Scholarship	<u>14,000</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>14,182</u>
Total scholarships	149,000	10,031	159,031
Archbishop Laud Grants	1,355	-	1,355
National Schools of Reading	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>
	<u>166,352</u>	<u>10,031</u>	<u>176,383</u>

2023

<i>Scholarships</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>9,088</i>	<i>134,088</i>
<i>Matheson Scholarship</i>	<i><u>14,000</u></i>	<i><u>182</u></i>	<i><u>14,182</u></i>
<i>Total scholarships</i>	<i>139,000</i>	<i>9,270</i>	<i>148,270</i>
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	<i>485</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>485</i>
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	<i><u>4,500</u></i>	<i><u>200</u></i>	<i><u>4,700</u></i>
	<i><u>143,985</u></i>	<i><u>9,470</u></i>	<i><u>153,455</u></i>

Governance costs:

	2024 £	2023 £
Clerk and Treasurer's Honorarium	3,919	4,300
Independent Examiners Fee	4,800	3,676
Professional fees	1,120	1,288
Sundry items	<u>192</u>	<u>206</u>
	<u>10,031</u>	<u>9,470</u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land £
At 1 April 2023	1,200,000
Revaluation	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,200,000</u>

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets substantially relate to freehold land on which the school buildings stand.

The property was valued on a fair value basis by Dunster & Morton in March 2020. A carrying amount of £300,000 (2023 £300,000) would have been recognised if the land had been carried under the historic cost model.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed investments:		
Market Value at 1 April 2023	3,649,620	3,974,663
Additions	471,012	19,648
Disposals	(444,799)	(98,812)
Net Investment gain/(loss)	<u>394,953</u>	<u>(245,879)</u>
	4,070,785	3,649,620
Cash held by Stockbroker	<u>39,150</u>	<u>75,039</u>
Market value at 31 March 2024	<u>4,109,935</u>	<u>3,724,659</u>
Historic Cost	<u>3,582,193</u>	<u>3,582,193</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	<u>27,043</u>	<u>24,767</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	<u>68,462</u>	<u>68,328</u>

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9a. FUNDS

2024

	<i>1 April 2023</i>	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment losses	Resources expended	31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,721,319	-	-	355,070	(12,298)	3,064,091
Archbishop Laud	22,940	-	-	3,104	-	26,044
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	<u>229,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,974</u>
	<u>4,173,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>381,811</u>	<u>(12,298)</u>	<u>4,543,109</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson Scholarship	<u>127,507</u>	<u>11,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,142</u>	<u>(14,182)</u>	<u>137,743</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	757,003	179,672	-	-	(148,548)	788,127
Archbishop Laud	<u>14,870</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,355)</u>	<u>14,467</u>
	<u>771,873</u>	<u>180,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(149,903)</u>	<u>802,594</u>
Total	<u>5,072,976</u>	<u>191,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394,953</u>	<u>(176,383)</u>	<u>5,483,445</u>

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

- a) The balance on the property fund is aligned with the value of fixed assets held. Any surplus or deficit in any year is transferred to the Capital fund.

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9b. COMPARATIVE FUNDS

2023	1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,943,351	-	-	(210,002)	(12,030)	2,721,319
Archbishop Laud	25,822	-	-	(2,882)	-	22,940
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	<u>250,395</u>	-	-	<u>(21,058)</u>	-	<u>229,337</u>
	<u>4,419,568</u>	-	-	<u>(233,942)</u>	<u>(12,030)</u>	<u>4,173,596</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson Scholarship	<u>141,934</u>	<u>11,692</u>	-	<u>(11,937)</u>	<u>(14,182)</u>	<u>127,507</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	733,145	170,666	-	-	(146,808)	757,003
Archbishop Laud	<u>14,368</u>	<u>987</u>	-	-	<u>(485)</u>	<u>14,870</u>
	<u>747,513</u>	<u>171,653</u>	-	-	<u>(147,293)</u>	<u>771,873</u>
Total	<u>5,309,015</u>	<u>183,345</u>	-	<u>(245,879)</u>	<u>(173,505)</u>	<u>5,072,976</u>

10a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2024	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	3,343,109	138,530	628,296	4,109,935
Current assets	-	3,879	238,094	241,973
Current liabilities	-	<u>(4,667)</u>	<u>(63,795)</u>	<u>(68,462)</u>
	<u>4,543,109</u>	<u>137,742</u>	<u>802,595</u>	<u>5,483,446</u>

10b. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2023	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	2,973,596	125,388	625,675	3,724,659
Current assets	-	6,786	209,859	216,645
Current liabilities	-	<u>(4,667)</u>	<u>(63,661)</u>	<u>(68,328)</u>
	<u>4,173,596</u>	<u>127,507</u>	<u>771,873</u>	<u>5,072,976</u>

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11. TRUSTEES BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees or any persons connected with them, received any remuneration or reimbursed expenditure during the period.

The Trustee Mr M Swan is employed by Slade Legal as a senior solicitor. Slade Legal have been engaged to provide legal services to the Trust. There were no accrued costs at the year-end in relation to these services (2023: £168).

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	241,972	216,645
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	68,462	68,328

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise other debtors and cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise other creditors and accruals excluding deferred income.

13. LEASES

The Charity earns rental income by leasing its property to a tenant under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than one year	60,000	60,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	90,000	150,000
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>150,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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14. COMPARATIVE SOFA

	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>2023 Total £</i>
<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>				
<i>Investment income</i>	-	11,692	111,653	123,345
<i>Rental income</i>	-	-	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
<i>Total incoming resources</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,692</u>	<u>171,653</u>	<u>183,345</u>
<i>RESOURCES EXPENDED</i>				
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>				
<i>Investment management</i>	12,030	-	8,020	20,050
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Scholarships awarded</i>	-	14,182	134,088	148,270
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	-	-	485	485
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	-	-	<u>4,700</u>	<u>4,700</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>12,030</u>	<u>14,182</u>	<u>147,293</u>	<u>173,505</u>
<i>Net incoming resources before investment (losses)</i>	(12,030)	(2,490)	24,360	9,840
<i>Investment gains / (losses)</i>	<u>(233,943)</u>	<u>(11,937)</u>	-	<u>(245,879)</u>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	(245,973)	(14,427)	24,360	(236,039)
<i>Fund balances brought forward</i>	<u>4,419,568</u>	<u>141,934</u>	<u>747,513</u>	<u>5,309,015</u>
<i>Fund balances carried forward</i>	<u>4,173,595</u>	<u>127,507</u>	<u>771,873</u>	<u>5,072,976</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and associated notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 22 January 2025

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1159943

Accounts

CHARITY NO: 1159943

**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE
TRUST**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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M Swan
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T Tabrah
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CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES

P Hughes (resigned 14 July 2022)
A Snow (appointed 5 September 2022,
resigned 27 February 2023)
C Walsh (appointed 27 February 2023)

TREASURER TO THE TRUSTEES

T van der Meijden (resigned 21 July 2022)
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READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that period and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Structure, Objects and governance.

The Trust was registered on 14 January 2015 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On 31 March 2015, all the assets and undertaking of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation (Charity Registration Number 309024) were transferred to the Trust together with those of the Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity (Number 307987).

The former Foundation comprised a number of Gifts made over an extended period, of which the earliest and most important were by Richard Aldworth in 1646, Sir Thomas Rich in 1666 and William Malthus in 1700. The Foundation operated under a scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the Charities Act 1960 dated 30 April 1964, which consolidated all the underlying gifts, and subsequent amendments.

The first Objects of the Trust, reflecting the Objects of the former Foundation, are:

- (i) to provide premises for the Reading Blue Coat School being a day school near Reading in which religious instruction in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England shall be given.
- (ii) the award of scholarships, bursaries or maintenance allowances to beneficiaries tenable at the School or at any University or other place of learning who may reside within a ten mile radius of the School.
- (iii) the provision of items, services or facilities at three specified Infants or Primary Schools in Reading known as the National Schools of Reading, as well as any other school within a ten mile radius of the School at the CIO's discretion.

The former Foundation also contained a fund known as the Matheson Scholarship fund which is governed by the Will of the late David M Matheson. This provides for the income of the fund to be first applied to the education of children of Clergy in the Church of England at the Reading Blue Coat School, but in the event of there being no suitable applicants the Trustees have discretion to utilise the income in accordance with the above objects. The Trustees have discretion to utilise the capital of the fund should the income be insufficient to provide the benefits. Whilst the Trustees would resist any such application of capital, the fund is technically under the category of Expendable Endowment.

The second Object of the Trust reflects the objects of the former Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity which was constituted by a Deed of Gift dated 26 March 1640. This separate fund is to provide financial assistance to young people between the ages of 8 to 30 inclusive, educated in, residing in, or from the vicinity of Reading, to support them in training for a trade or vocation through the making of grants.

The governance and management of the Trust is carried out in accordance with its constitution. There are four ex-officio trustees who have the power to co-opt not less than five and not more than ten additional trustees. The ex-officio trustees are: the Vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary, Reading; the Vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Laurence, Reading; the Head of the Reading Blue Coat School; and the Bursar of Reading Blue Coat School. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, neither vicar was able to take up these posts during the year. Co-opted trustees serve for a period of five years.

During the year the Trustees conducted a review of the grant making process of the Archbishop Laud Foundation in order to widen the scope of eligible beneficiaries and improve the effectiveness of the grant giving process. The original intentions of the Foundation have been retained.

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Grant making policy

The Charity has three principal grant making objectives:

- (i) The Charity grants money to the Reading Blue Coat School for its bursary scheme. Scholarships and Bursaries are awarded to individual applicants by a Committee of Trustees and Officers of the School who determine the awards of up to 100% of fees following an assessment of educational potential, merit and the financial means of applicants.
- (ii) The Charity makes further grants to the three schools known as the National Schools of Reading as determined by the Trustees on an annual basis.
- (iii) The Charity also makes grants ranging from £300 up to £1,000 to individuals who meet the criteria within the second object of the Trust.

Investment policy

The Trust's funds are invested to produce an attractive financial return with an acceptable level of risk over the long term. The primary investment objective is to generate a high and sustainable annual income (net of investment management fees) to support the grant making objects, whilst striking a balance between generating long-term income and capital returns. With the rental income from the School providing more than 30% of the normal annual income expended, the Trustees are able to accept a medium to higher level of risk with regard to long term investments in order to grow the real capital value of the funds over time. The Trust's constitution provides for the lease to the School of the freehold land, in meeting its first objectives, but otherwise does not place any restriction on the investment policy of the Trustees.

Portfolio investments are managed on a discretionary basis whereby the investment manager has control over the investments within the formal guidelines of the investment policy of the Trust. An investment sub-committee of Trustees sets the investment objectives and risk profile for the Trust and monitors performance. The investment funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of equities, mutual funds, bonds with a prudent cash balance held in order to meet unforeseen bursarial requirements. Whilst the Trustees have chosen not to invest directly into tobacco stocks there are no ethical restrictions on investments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that it is important to maintain and add to reserves when possible, in order to fulfil the first object of the Charity over the long run. In doing so, the Trustees take into account the School's ability to make its own contribution to bursaries, which can be affected by many factors including the economy and the need for investment in new or improved facilities, as they have agreed that the Trust should endeavour to cover, where possible, any shortfall to avoid qualifying pupils being denied support. Through this process, the Charity helps to provide bursarial support to a number of pupils at the school. Fifty pupils are currently in receipt of bursaries.

Review of the Year

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Investment Performance

The three investment funds showed a decrease in value over the course of the year.

The General Fund value at year-end was £3,339,994 (2022: £3,564,138)

The Matheson Fund value at year-end was £354,725 (2022: £387,720)

The Archbishop Laud Fund value at year-end was £29,940 (2022: £32,822)

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Investment Performance (continued)

The property assets held by the Charity, namely the freehold land occupied by the School, were professionally re-valued at year-end in 2020 at £1,200,000. The prior year valuation has been carried forward for this year. The rental income from Reading Blue Coat School increased to £60,000 (2022: £56,500).

In addition to the above funds held with the Investment Manager, the Charity also maintained cash balances at the year-end to the value of £191,878. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum sum of £50,000 should be retained on bank deposit to meet any immediate demand on reserves.

After movements in the values of land and investments, the endowed funds of the General Fund stood at £3,921,319 (2022: £4,143,351), the Matheson fund £229,337 (2022: £250,395) and the Archbishop Laud Fund £22,940 (2022: £25,822). These endowed funds will continue to be invested to produce income to meet the Charity's objects.

Achievements, financial review and future plans

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Bursaries and Grants

In recent years, the Trustees have entered into an informal arrangement whereby the Charity makes an agreed contribution to the overall cost of bursaries with the School providing the balance. This has enabled 50 (2022: 44) bursaries to be paid to successful applicants in this period. Awards from the General Fund were maintained at £125,000 (2022: £125,000) to the Reading Blue Coat Bursary Scheme. Awards from the Matheson Fund were made at £14,000 (2022: £28,000) for bursarial support of children of Clergy at the school. Grants made to the National Schools of Reading were maintained at £4,500.

Incoming Resources

The Trustees report incoming resources, net of investment management fees and governance costs, of £153,825 (2022: £179,125).

Transfers to Reserves

Restricted Fund Reserves of £127,507 (2022: £141,934) were held in relation to the Matheson Fund and £14,870 (2022: £14,368) held in relation to the Archbishop Laud Fund.

Any annual surplus funds available are held as a School Scholarship Fund. At year-end the Scholarship Fund held an undistributed balance of £757,003 (2022: £733,145).

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Achievements, financial review and future plans (continued)

Future Plans

The charity has no changes planned with regard to its activities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees on 15/11/2023


C Hubbard
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

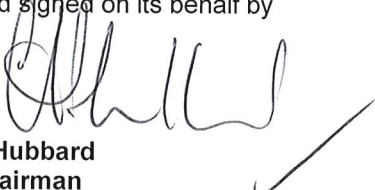
	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Investment income	2	-	11,692	111,653	123,345	152,908
Rental income	3	-	-	60,000	60,000	56,500
Total incoming resources		-	11,692	171,653	183,345	209,408
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of raising funds						
Investment management		12,030	-	8,020	20,050	22,556
Charitable activities						
Scholarships awarded	4	-	14,182	134,088	148,270	160,527
Archbishop Laud Grants	4	-	-	485	485	-
National Schools of Reading	4	-	-	4,700	4,700	4,700
Total resources expended		12,030	14,182	147,293	173,505	187,783
Net incoming resources before investment gains/losses		(12,030)	(2,490)	24,360	9,840	21,625
Revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains / (losses)	6	(233,943)	(11,937)	-	(245,879)	248,558
Net movement in funds	9	(245,973)	(14,427)	24,360	(236,039)	270,183
Fund balances brought forward	9	4,419,568	141,934	747,513	5,309,015	5,038,832
Fund balances carried forward	9	4,173,595	127,507	771,873	5,072,976	5,309,015

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes		2023		2022
		£		£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	5		1,200,000		1,200,000
Investments	6		<u>3,724,659</u>		<u>3,984,680</u>
			4,924,659		5,184,680
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	24,767			26,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>191,878</u>			<u>165,357</u>
			216,645		191,857
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(68,328)</u>			<u>(67,522)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>148,317</u>		<u>124,335</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>5,072,976</u>		<u>5,309,015</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Capital General Fund	9		2,721,319		2,943,351
Capital Archbishop Laud	9		22,940		25,822
Property	9		1,200,000		1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	9		229,337		250,395
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Matheson Scholarship	9		127,507		141,934
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
School Scholarship	9		757,003		733,145
Archbishop Laud	9		<u>14,870</u>		<u>14,368</u>
			<u>5,072,976</u>		<u>5,309,015</u>

Approved by the trustees on 15/11/2023
 And signed on its behalf by


C Hubbard
 Chairman

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reading Blue Coat and Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going Concern

The charity has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Having regard to the above, the Trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimation and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

d) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as each liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, for example, governance costs.

Charitable expenditure is reported under the following sub headings:

- Scholarships awarded.
- Archbishop Laud Grants
- National Schools of Reading

g) Grants - Scholarships

Scholarships payable are recognised as expenditure in the year in which a binding commitment to make payments is entered into.

h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are where specific conditions are imposed by the donor which restricts the use of unspent funds. The income is taken directly to the relevant restricted funds.

The endowment fund represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally quoted investments and freehold properties. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

The expendable endowment fund is similar to that of the endowed fund. However, the trustees have the power to apply both capital and income arising on the fund in accordance with the Matheson will. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Tangible Fixed Assets

These are represented by freehold land and are held under the revaluation model.

i) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently valued at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value

l) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Equity and GILT edged stocks - General Account	110,242	138,609
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Matheson Bequest	11,692	13,063
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Archbishop Laud	987	1,159
Deposit interest	<u>424</u>	<u>77</u>
	<u>123,345</u>	<u>152,908</u>

3. RENTAL INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Reading Blue Coat School	<u>60,000</u>	<u>56,500</u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4a. RESOURCES EXPENDED – CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2023

	Direct £	Governance £	Total £
Scholarships	125,000	9,088	134,088
Matheson Scholarship	<u>14,000</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>14,182</u>
Total scholarships	139,000	9,270	148,270
Archbishop Laud Grants	485	-	485
National Schools of Reading	<u>4,500</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>4,700</u>
	<u>143,985</u>	<u>9,470</u>	<u>153,455</u>

2022

<i>Scholarships</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>7,345</i>	<i>132,345</i>
<i>Matheson Scholarship</i>	<u><i>28,000</i></u>	<u><i>182</i></u>	<u><i>28,182</i></u>
<i>Total scholarships</i>	<i>153,000</i>	<i>7,527</i>	<i>160,527</i>
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	-	-	-
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	<u><i>4,500</i></u>	<u><i>200</i></u>	<u><i>4,700</i></u>
	<u><i>157,500</i></u>	<u><i>7,727</i></u>	<u><i>165,227</i></u>

Governance costs:

	2023 £	2022 £
Clerk and Treasurer's Honorarium	4,300	3,200
Independent Examiners Fee	3,676	4,346
Professional fees	1,288	-
Sundry items	<u>206</u>	<u>181</u>
	<u>9,470</u>	<u>7,727</u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land £
At 1 April 2022	1,200,000
Revaluation	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,200,000</u>

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets substantially relate to freehold land on which the school buildings stand.

The property was valued on a fair value basis by Dunster & Morton in March 2020. A carrying amount of £300,000 (2022 £300,000) would have been recognised if the land had been carried under the historic cost model.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Listed investments:		
Market Value at 1 April 2022	3,974,663	3,368,307
Additions	19,648	2,511,502
Disposals	(98,812)	(2,153,704)
Net Investment gain/(loss)	<u>(245,879)</u>	<u>248,558</u>
	3,649,620	3,974,663
Cash held by Stockbroker	<u>75,039</u>	<u>10,017</u>
Market value at 31 March 2023	<u>3,724,659</u>	<u>3,984,680</u>
Historic Cost	<u>3,582,193</u>	<u>3,582,193</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>24,767</u>	<u>26,500</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	<u>68,328</u>	<u>67,522</u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9a. FUNDS

2023

	<i>1 April 2022</i>	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment losses	Resources expended	31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,943,351	-	-	(210,002)	(12,030)	2,721,319
Archbishop Laud	25,822	-	-	(2,882)	-	22,940
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	<u>250,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,058)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,337</u>
	<u>4,419,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(233,942)</u>	<u>(12,030)</u>	<u>4,173,596</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson Scholarship	<u>141,934</u>	<u>11,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,937)</u>	<u>(14,182)</u>	<u>127,507</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	733,145	170,666	-	-	(146,808)	757,003
Archbishop Laud	<u>14,368</u>	<u>987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(485)</u>	<u>14,870</u>
	<u>747,513</u>	<u>171,653</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(147,293)</u>	<u>771,873</u>
Total	<u>5,309,015</u>	<u>183,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(245,879)</u>	<u>(173,505)</u>	<u>5,072,976</u>

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

- a) In 2022, the trustees took the decision to reverse the designated fund back into the Scholarship fund and discontinue the annual transfer of 25% of the net incoming resources.
- b) The balance on the property fund is aligned with the value of fixed assets held. Any surplus or deficit in any year is transferred to the Capital fund.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9b. COMPARATIVE FUNDS

2022	1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>ENDOWMENT</i>						
Capital	2,723,487	-	-	233,398	(13,534)	2,943,351
Archbishop Laud Property	25,822	-	-	-	-	25,822
Matheson Scholarship	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
	<u>241,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250,395</u>
	<u>4,190,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,715</u>	<u>(13,534)</u>	<u>4,419,568</u>
<i>RESTRICTED</i>						
Matheson Scholarship	<u>151,210</u>	<u>13,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,843</u>	<u>(28,182)</u>	<u>141,934</u>
<i>UNRESTRICTED</i>						
Scholarship Designated	72,776	195,186	611,250	-	(146,067)	733,145
Archbishop Laud	611,250	-	(611,250)	-	-	-
	<u>13,209</u>	<u>1,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,368</u>
	<u>697,235</u>	<u>196,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(146,067)</u>	<u>747,513</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>5,038,832</u>	<u>209,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,558</u>	<u>(187,783)</u>	<u>5,309,015</u>

10a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2023	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	2,973,596	125,388	625,675	3,724,659
Current assets	-	6,786	209,859	216,645
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,667)</u>	<u>(63,661)</u>	<u>(68,328)</u>
	<u>4,173,596</u>	<u>127,507</u>	<u>771,873</u>	<u>5,072,976</u>

10b. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2022	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	3,219,568	137,325	627,787	3,984,680
Current assets	-	9,275	182,582	191,857
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,666)</u>	<u>(62,856)</u>	<u>(67,522)</u>
	<u>4,419,568</u>	<u>141,934</u>	<u>747,513</u>	<u>5,309,015</u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11. TRUSTEES BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees or any persons connected with them, received any remuneration or reimbursed expenditure during the period.

The Trustee Mr M Swan is employed by Slade Legal as a senior solicitor. Slade Legal have been engaged to provide legal services to the Trust. Accrued costs at the year end in relation to these services were £168.

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	216,645	191,857
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	63,328	62,522

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise other debtors and cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise other creditors and accruals excluding deferred income.

13. LEASES

The Charity earns rental income by leasing its property to a tenant under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than one year	60,000	60,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	150,000	210,000
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>210,000</u>	<u>270,000</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14. COMPARATIVE SOFA

	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>2022 Total £</i>
<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>				
<i>Investment income</i>	-	13,063	139,845	152,908
<i>Rental income</i>	-	-	<u>56,500</u>	<u>56,500</u>
<i>Total incoming resources</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,063</u>	<u>196,345</u>	<u>209,408</u>
<i>RESOURCES EXPENDED</i>				
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>				
<i>Investment management</i>	13,534	-	9,022	22,556
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Scholarships awarded</i>	-	28,182	132,345	160,527
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>4,700</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>13,534</u>	<u>28,182</u>	<u>146,067</u>	<u>187,783</u>
<i>Net incoming resources before investment (losses)</i>	(13,534)	(15,119)	50,278	21,625
<i>Investment gains</i>	<u>242,715</u>	<u>5,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,558</u>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	229,181	(9,276)	50,278	270,183
<i>Fund balances brought forward</i>	<u>4,190,387</u>	<u>151,210</u>	<u>697,235</u>	<u>5,038,832</u>
<i>Fund balances carried forward</i>	<u>4,419,568</u>	<u>141,934</u>	<u>747,513</u>	<u>5,309,015</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and associated notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

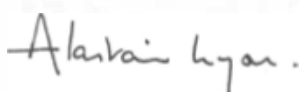
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 1 December 2023

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

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Accounts

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**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE
TRUST**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Reading Blue Coat School Holme Park Sonning Lane Sonning Reading RG4 6SU
TRUSTEES	C Hubbard (Chairman from 4 November 2021) H Williams (Chairman until 3 November 2021) P Thompson P Bertram A Gray A J Guy (resigned 11 May 2021) M Swan P Gillibrand (appointed 3 November 2021) T Tabrah (ex-officio from 16 August 2021) P Thomas
CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES	L Jones (appointed 11 June 2020, resigned 8 September 2021) P Hughes (appointed 11 October 2021, resigned 14 July 2022) A Snow (appointed 5 September 2022)
TREASURER TO THE TRUSTEES	T van der Meijden (resigned 21 July 2022) K Nicholson (appointed 5 September 2022)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1159943
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Crowe U.K. LLP Aquis House 49 – 51 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1PL
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank PLC 1-2 Market Place Reading RG1 2EQ
SOLICITORS	Blandy & Blandy 1 Friar Street Reading RG1 1DA
INVESTMENT ADVISORS	Quilter Cheviot Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4AB

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2022 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that period and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was registered on 14 January 2015 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On 31 March 2015, all the assets and undertaking of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation (Charity Registration Number 309024) were transferred to the Trust together with those of the Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity (Number 307987).

The former Foundation comprised a number of Gifts made over an extended period, of which the earliest and most important were by Richard Aldworth in 1646, Sir Thomas Rich in 1666 and William Malthus in 1700. The Foundation operated under a scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the Charities Act 1960 dated 30 April 1964, which consolidated all the underlying gifts, and subsequent amendments.

The first objects of the Trust, reflecting the objects of the former Foundation, are:-

- (i) to provide premises for the Reading Blue Coat School being a day school near Reading in which religious instruction in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England shall be given.
- (ii) the award of scholarships, bursaries or maintenance allowances to beneficiaries tenable at the School or at any University or other place of learning who may reside within a ten mile radius of the School.
- (iii) the provision of items, services or facilities at three specified Infants or Primary Schools in Reading known as the National Schools of Reading.

The former Foundation also contained a fund known as the Matheson Scholarship fund which is governed by the Will of the late David M Matheson. This provides for the income of the fund to be first applied to the education of children of Clergy in the Church of England at the Reading Blue Coat School, but in the event of there being no suitable applicants the Trustees have discretion to utilise the income in accordance with the above objects. The Trustees have discretion to utilise the capital of the fund should the income be insufficient to provide the benefits. Whilst the Trustees would resist any such application of capital, the fund is technically under the category of Expendable Endowment.

The second object of the Trust reflects the objects of the former Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity which was constituted by a Deed of Gift dated 26 March 1640. This separate fund is to provide financial assistance to young people up to the age of 30, educated in, residing in, or from the vicinity of Reading, to support them in training or education through the making of grants.

The governance and management of the Trust is carried out in accordance with its constitution. There are four ex-officio trustees who have the power to co-opt not less than five and not more than ten additional trustees. The ex-officio trustees are: the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary, Reading; the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Laurence, Reading; the head of the Reading Blue Coat School; and the bursar of the Reading Blue Coat School. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, neither vicar was able to take up these posts during the year. Co-opted trustees serve for a period of five years.

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Grant making policy

The Charity has three principal grant making objectives:

- (i) The Charity grants money to the Reading Blue Coat School for its bursary scheme. Scholarships and Bursaries are awarded to individual applicants by a Committee of Trustees and Officers of the School who determine the awards of up to 100% of fees following an assessment of educational potential, merit and the financial means of applicants.
- (ii) The Charity makes further grants to the three schools known as the National Schools of Reading as determined by the Trustees on an annual basis.
- (iii) The Charity also makes grants up to £1,000 to individuals who meet the criteria within the second object of the Trust.

Investment policy

The Trust's funds are invested to produce an attractive financial return with an acceptable level of risk over the long term. The primary investment objective is to generate a high and sustainable annual income (net of investment management fees) to support the grant making objects, whilst striking a balance between generating long-term income and capital returns. With the rental income from the school providing more than 30% of the normal annual income expended, the Trustees are able to accept a medium to higher level of risk with regard to long term investments in order to grow the real capital value of the funds over time. The Trust's constitution provides for the lease to the School of the freehold land, in meeting its first objectives, but otherwise does not place any restriction on the investment policy of the Trustees.

Portfolio investments are managed on a discretionary basis whereby the investment manager has control over the investments within the formal guidelines of the investment policy of the Trust. An investment sub-committee of Trustees sets the investment objectives and risk profile for the Trust and monitors performance. The investment funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of equities, mutual funds, bonds with a prudent cash balance held in order to meet unforeseen bursarial requirements. Whilst the Trustees have chosen not to invest directly into tobacco stocks there are no ethical restrictions on investments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that it is important to maintain and add to reserves when possible in order to fulfil the first object of the Charity over the long run. In doing so, the Trustees take into account the School's ability to make its own contribution to bursaries, which can be affected by many factors including the economy and the need for investment in new or improved facilities, as they have agreed that the Trust should endeavour to cover, where possible, any shortfall to avoid qualifying pupils being denied support. Through this process, the Charity helps to provide bursarial support to a number of pupils at the school. Forty-six pupils are currently in receipt of bursaries.

Investment Performance

The three investment funds all recovered in value somewhat from the prior year set back. The change in capital values over the year is shown below.

The General Fund value at year-end was £3,564,138 (2021: £3,264,350)

The Matheson Fund value at year-end was £387,720 (2021: £362,561)

The Archbishop Laud Fund value at year-end was £32,822 (2021: £25,822)

The property assets held by the Charity, namely the freehold land occupied by the School, were professionally re-valued at year-end in 2020 at £1,200,000. The prior year valuation has been carried forward for this year. The rental income from Reading Blue Coat School increased to £60,000 per year from 1 September 2021 (2021: £51,600).

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Investment Performance (continued)

In addition to the above funds held with the Investment Manager, the Charity also maintained cash balances at the year-end to the value of £165,357. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum sum of £50,000 should be retained on bank deposit to meet any immediate demand on reserves.

After movements in the values of land and investments, the endowed funds of the General Fund stood at £4,143,351 (2021: £3,923,487), the Matheson fund £250,395 (2021: £241,078) and the Archbishop Laud Fund £25,822 (2021: £25,822). These endowed funds will continue to be invested to produce income to meet the Charity's objects.

Achievements, financial review and future plans

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Bursaries and Grants

In recent years, the Trustees have entered into an informal arrangement whereby the Charity makes an agreed contribution to the overall cost of bursaries with the School providing the balance. This has enabled 44 (2021: 42) bursaries to be paid to successful applicants in this period and 37 (2021: 46) applications to be approved for 2022/23. Awards from the General Fund were maintained at £125,000 (2021: £125,000) to the Reading Blue Coat Bursary Scheme. Awards from the Matheson Fund were made at £28,000 (2021: £nil) for bursarial support of children of Clergy at the school. Grants made to the National Schools of Reading were maintained at £4,500.

Incoming Resources

The Trustees report incoming resources, net of investment management fees and governance costs, of £179,125 (2021: £178,977).

Transfers to Reserves

The trustees have taken the decision to reverse the designated fund back into the Scholarship Fund and discontinue the annual transfer of 25% of the net incoming resources.

Restricted Fund Reserves of £141,934 (2021: £151,210) were held in relation to the Matheson Fund and £14,368 (2021: £13,209) held in relation to the Archbishop Laud Fund.

Any annual surplus funds available are held as a School Scholarship Fund. At year-end the Scholarship Fund held an undistributed balance of £733,145 (2021: £72,776).

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Achievements, financial review and future plans (continued)

Future Plans

The charity has no changes planned with regard to its activities.

By Order of the Board of Trustees on 9 November 2022

**C Hubbard
Chairman**

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	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Investment income	2	-	13,063	139,845	152,908	156,063
Rental income	3	-	-	56,500	56,500	51,600
Total incoming resources		-	13,063	196,345	209,408	207,663
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of raising funds						
Investment management		13,534	-	9,022	22,556	20,611
Charitable activities						
Scholarships awarded	4	-	28,182	132,345	16,527	132,875
Archbishop Laud Grants	4	-	-	-	-	300
National Schools of Reading	4	-	-	4,700	4,700	4,700
Total resources expended		13,534	28,182	146,067	187,783	158,486
Net incoming resources before investment gains/losses		(13,534)	(15,119)	50,278	21,625	49,177
Revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Investment gains / (losses)	6	242,715	5,843	-	248,558	381,426
Net movement in funds	9	229,181	(9,276)	50,218	270,183	430,603
Fund balances brought forward	9	4,190,387	151,210	697,235	5,038,832	4,608,229
Fund balances carried forward	9	<u>4,419,568</u>	<u>141,934</u>	<u>747,513</u>	5,309,015	5,038,832

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes		2022		2021
		£	£		£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	5		1,200,000		1,200,000
Investments	6		<u>3,984,680</u>		<u>3,652,733</u>
			5,184,680		4,852,733
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	26,500			38,788
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>165,357</u>			<u>209,261</u>
			191,857		248,049
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8		<u>(67,522)</u>		<u>(61,950)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>124,335</u>		<u>186,099</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>5,309,015</u>		<u>5,038,832</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Capital General Fund	9		2,943,351		2,723,487
Capital Archbishop Laud	9		25,822		25,822
Property	9		1,200,000		1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	9		250,395		241,078
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Matheson Scholarship	9		141,934		151,210
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
School Scholarship	9		733,145		72,776
Designated	9		-		611,250
Archbishop Laud	9		<u>14,368</u>		<u>13,209</u>
			<u>5,309,015</u>		<u>5,038,832</u>

Approved by the trustees on 9 November 2022
And signed on its behalf by

C Hubbard
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reading Blue Coat and Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going Concern

The charity has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Having regard to the above, the Trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

c) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimation and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

d) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as each liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, for example, governance costs.

Charitable expenditure is reported under the following sub headings:

- Scholarships awarded.
- Archbishop Laud Grants
- National Schools of Reading

g) Grants - Scholarships

Scholarships payable are recognised as expenditure in the year in which a binding commitment to make payments is entered into.

h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are where specific conditions are imposed by the donor which restricts the use of unspent funds. The income is taken directly to the relevant restricted funds.

The endowment fund represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally quoted investments and freehold properties. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

The expendable endowment fund is similar to that of the endowed fund. However, the trustees have the power to apply both capital and income arising on the fund in accordance with the Matheson will. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Tangible Fixed Assets

These are represented by freehold land and are held under the revaluation model.

i) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently valued at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value

l) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Equity and GILT edged stocks - General Account	138,609	<i>139,977</i>
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Matheson Bequest	13,063	<i>14,807</i>
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Archbishop Laud	1,159	<i>1,178</i>
Deposit interest	<u>77</u>	<u><i>101</i></u>
	<u>152,908</u>	<u><i>156,063</i></u>

3. RENTAL INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Reading Blue Coat School	<u>56,500</u>	<u><i>51,600</i></u>

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4a. RESOURCES EXPENDED – CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2022

	Direct £	Governance £	Total £
Scholarships	125,000	7,345	132,345
Matheson Scholarship	<u>28,000</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>28,182</u>
Total scholarships	153,000	7,527	160,527
Archbishop Laud Grants	-	-	-
National Schools of Reading	<u>4,500</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>4,700</u>
	<u>157,500</u>	<u>7,727</u>	<u>165,227</u>

2021

<i>Scholarships</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>7,693</i>	<i>132,693</i>
<i>Matheson Scholarship</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>182</i>
<i>Total scholarships</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>7,875</i>	<i>132,875</i>
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	<u><i>4,500</i></u>	<u><i>200</i></u>	<u><i>4,700</i></u>
	<u><i>129,800</i></u>	<u><i>8,075</i></u>	<u><i>137,875</i></u>

Governance costs:

	2022 £	2021 £
Clerk and Treasurer's Honorarium	3,200	<i>3,200</i>
Independent Examiners Fee	4,346	<i>2,820</i>
Professional fees	-	<i>1,920</i>
Sundry items	<u>181</u>	<u><i>135</i></u>
	<u>7,727</u>	<u><i>8,075</i></u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land £
At 1 April 2021	1,200,000
Revaluation	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,200,000</u>

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets substantially relate to freehold land on which the school buildings stand.

The property was valued on a fair value basis by Dunster & Morton in March 2020. A carrying amount of £300,000 (2021 £300,000) would have been recognised if the land had been carried under the historic cost model.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Listed investments:		
Market Value at 1 April 2021	3,368,307	2,968,997
Additions	2,511,502	303,381
Disposals	(2,153,704)	(285,497)
Net Investment gain/(loss)	<u>248,558</u>	<u>381,426</u>
	3,974,663	3,368,307
Cash held by Stockbroker	<u>10,017</u>	<u>284,426</u>
Market value at 31 March 2022	<u>3,984,680</u>	<u>3,652,733</u>
Historic Cost	<u>3,582,193</u>	<u>2,839,627</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	<u>26,500</u>	<u>38,788</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	<u>67,522</u>	<u>61,950</u>

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9a. FUNDS

2022

	<i>1 April 2021</i>	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,723,487	-	-	233,398	(13,534)	2,943,351
Archbishop Laud	25,822	-	-	-	-	25,822
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>241,078</u>	-	-	<u>9,317</u>	-	<u>250,395</u>
	<u>4,190,387</u>	-	-	<u>242,715</u>	<u>(13,534)</u>	<u>4,419,568</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>151,210</u>	<u>13,063</u>	-	<u>5,843</u>	<u>(28,182)</u>	<u>141,934</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	72,776	195,186	611,250	-	(146,067)	733,145
Designated	611,250	-	(611,250)	-	-	-
Archbishop Laud	<u>13,209</u>	<u>1,159</u>	-	-	-	<u>14,368</u>
	<u>697,235</u>	<u>196,345</u>	-	-	<u>(146,067)</u>	<u>747,513</u>
Total	<u>5,038,832</u>	<u>209,408</u>	-	<u>248,558</u>	<u>(187,783)</u>	<u>5,309,015</u>

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

- a) The trustees have taken the decision to reverse the designated fund back into the Scholarship fund and discontinue the annual transfer of 25% of the net incoming resources..
- b) The balance on the property fund is aligned with the value of fixed assets held. Any surplus or deficit in any year is transferred to the Capital fund.

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9b. COMPARATIVE FUNDS

2021	1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,408,776	-	-	327,078	(12,367)	2,723,487
Archbishop Laud	21,308	-	-	4,514	-	25,822
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>209,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,078</u>
	<u>3,839,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>363,403</u>	<u>(12,367)</u>	<u>4,190,387</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>118,562</u>	<u>14,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,023</u>	<u>(182)</u>	<u>151,210</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	67,528	191,678	(40,793)	-	(145,637)	72,776
Designated	570,457	-	40,793	-	-	611,250
Archbishop Laud	<u>12,331</u>	<u>1,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>13,209</u>
	<u>650,316</u>	<u>192,856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(145,937)</u>	<u>697,235</u>
Total	<u>4,608,229</u>	<u>207,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>381,426</u>	<u>(158,486)</u>	<u>5,038,832</u>

10a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2022	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	3,219,568	137,325	627,787	3,984,680
Current assets	-	9,275	182,582	191,857
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,666)</u>	<u>(62,856)</u>	<u>(67,522)</u>
	<u>4,419,568</u>	<u>141,934</u>	<u>747,513</u>	<u>5,309,015</u>

10b. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2021	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	2,990,387	121,483	540,863	3,652,733
Current assets	-	29,727	218,322	248,049
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(61,950)</u>	<u>(61,950)</u>
	<u>4,190,387</u>	<u>151,210</u>	<u>697,235</u>	<u>5,038,832</u>

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11. TRUSTEES BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees or any persons connected with them, received any remuneration or reimbursed expenditure during the period.

There have been no related party transactions in the period.

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	191,857	<i>248,049</i>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	62,522	<i>57,650</i>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise other debtors and cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise other creditors and accruals excluding deferred income.

13. LEASES

The charity earns rental income by leasing its property to a tenant under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Not later than one year	60,000	<i>55,800</i>
Later than one year and not later than five years	210,000	<i>240,000</i>
Later than five years	-	<i>30,000</i>
	<u>270,000</u>	<i><u>325,800</u></i>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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14. COMPARATIVE SOFA

	<i>Endowment Funds</i> £	<i>Restricted Funds</i> £	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	<i>2021 Total</i> £
<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>				
<i>Investment income</i>	-	14,087	141,256	156,063
<i>Rental income</i>	-	-	51,600	51,600
<i>Total incoming resources</i>	-	14,087	192,856	207,663
<i>RESOURCES EXPENDED</i>				
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>				
<i>Investment management</i>	12,367	-	8,244	20,611
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Scholarships awarded</i>	-	182	132,693	132,875
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	-	-	300	300
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	-	-	4,700	4,700
<i>Total resources expended</i>	12,367	182	145,937	158,486
<i>Net incoming resources before investment (losses)</i>	(12,367)	14,625	46,919	49,177
<i>Investment (losses)</i>	363,403	18,023	-	381,426
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	351,036	32,648	46,919	430,603
<i>Fund balances brought forward</i>	3,839,351	118,562	650,316	4,608,229
<i>Fund balances carried forward</i>	4,190,387	151,210	697,235	5,038,832

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and associated notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

A R Lyon
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Date: 21 November 2022

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

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**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE
TRUST**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Reading Blue Coat School Holme Park Sonning Lane Sonning Reading RG4 6SU
TRUSTEES	H Williams (Chairman) P Thompson P Bertram A Gray A J Guy (resigned 11 May 2021) C Hubbard M Swan S Jackson (ex-officio to 12 March 2021) T Tabrah (ex-officio from 16 August 2021) J Elzinga (ex-officio to 31 August 2020) P Thomas (ex-officio from 01 September 2020)
CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES	A West (resigned 16 June 2020) L Jones (appointed 11 June 2020, resigned 8 September 2021) P Hughes (appointed 11 October 2021)
TREASURER TO THE TRUSTEES	T van der Meijden
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1159943
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Crowe U.K. LLP Aquis House 49 – 51 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1PL
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank PLC 1-2 Market Place Reading RG1 2EQ
SOLICITORS	Boyes Turner LLP Abbots House Abbey Street Reading RG1 3BD
STOCKBROKERS	Quilter Cheviot Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4AB

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2021 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that period and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was registered on 14 January 2015 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. On 31 March 2015, all the assets and undertaking of the Reading Blue Coat School Foundation (Charity Registration Number 309024) were transferred to the Trust together with those of the Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity (Number 307987).

The former Foundation comprised a number of Gifts made over an extended period, of which the earliest and most important were by Richard Aldworth in 1646, Sir Thomas Rich in 1666 and William Malthus in 1700. The Foundation operated under a scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the Charities Act 1960 dated 30 April 1964, which consolidated all the underlying gifts, and subsequent amendments.

The first objects of the Trust, reflecting the objects of the former Foundation, are:-

- (i) to provide premises for the Reading Blue Coat School being a day school near Reading in which religious instruction in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England shall be given.
- (ii) the award of scholarships, bursaries or maintenance allowances to beneficiaries tenable at the School or at any University or other place of learning who may reside within a ten mile radius of the School.
- (iii) the provision of items, services or facilities at three specified Infants or Primary Schools in Reading known as the National Schools of Reading.

The former Foundation also contained a fund known as the Matheson Scholarship fund which is governed by the Will of the late David M Matheson. This provides for the income of the fund to be first applied to the education of children of Clergy in the Church of England at the Reading Blue Coat School, but in the event of there being no suitable applicants the Trustees have discretion to utilise the income in accordance with the above objects. The Trustees have discretion to utilise the capital of the fund should the income be insufficient to provide the benefits. Whilst the Trustees would resist any such application of capital, the fund is technically under the category of Expendable Endowment.

The second object of the Trust reflects the objects of the former Archbishop Laud Non-Educational Charity which was constituted by a Deed of Gift dated 26 March 1640. This separate fund is to provide financial assistance to young men and young women between the age of 16 to 30 inclusive, educated in, residing in, or from the vicinity of Reading, to support them in training for a trade or vocation through the making of grants.

The governance and management of the Trust is carried out in accordance with its constitution. There are four ex-officio trustees who have the power to co-opt not less than five and not more than ten additional trustees. The ex-officio trustees are: the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary, Reading; the vicar of the ecclesiastical parish of St Laurence, Reading; the head of the Reading Blue Coat School; and the bursar of the Reading Blue Coat School. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, neither vicar was able to take up these posts during the year. Co-opted trustees serve for a period of five years.

During the year, the Trustees conducted a review of the grant making process of the Archbishop Laud Foundation in order to widen the scope of eligible beneficiaries and improve the effectiveness of the grant giving process. The original intentions of the Foundation have been retained.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Grant making policy

The Charity has three principal grant making objectives:

- (i) The Charity grants money to the Reading Blue Coat School for its bursary scheme. Scholarships and Bursaries are awarded to individual applicants by a Committee of Trustees and Officers of the School who determine the awards of up to 100% of fees following an assessment of educational potential, merit and the financial means of applicants.
- (ii) The Charity makes further grants to the three schools known as the National Schools of Reading as determined by the Trustees on an annual basis.
- (iii) The Charity also makes grants ranging from £300 up to £1,000 to individuals who meet the criteria within the second object of the Trust.

Investment policy

The Trust's funds are invested to produce an attractive financial return with an acceptable level of risk over the long term. The primary investment objective is to generate a high and sustainable annual income (net of investment management fees) to support the grant making objects, whilst striking a balance between generating long-term income and capital returns. With the rental income from the school providing more than 30% of the normal annual income expended, the Trustees are able to accept a medium to higher level of risk with regard to long term investments in order to grow the real capital value of the funds over time. The Trust's constitution provides for the lease to the School of the freehold land, in meeting its first objectives, but otherwise does not place any restriction on the investment policy of the Trustees.

Portfolio investments are managed on a discretionary basis whereby the investment manager has control over the investments within the formal guidelines of the investment policy of the Trust. An investment sub-committee of Trustees sets the investment objectives and risk profile for the Trust and monitors performance. The investment funds are invested in a diversified portfolio of equities, mutual funds bonds with a prudent cash balance held in order to meet unforeseen bursarial requirements. Whilst the Trustees have chosen not to invest directly into tobacco stocks there are no ethical restrictions on investments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that it is important to maintain and add to reserves when possible in order to fulfil the first object of the Charity over the long run. In doing so, the Trustees take into account the School's ability to make its own contribution to bursaries, which can be affected by many factors including the economy and the need for investment in new or improved facilities, as they have agreed that the Trust should endeavour to cover, where possible, any shortfall to avoid qualifying pupils being denied support. Having regard to the above factors, the Trustees have a policy, reviewed annually, of allocating 25% of the main scholarship fund's "net incoming resources" to a designated reserve. Through this process, the Charity helps to provide bursarial support to a number of pupils at the school. Forty-two pupils are currently in receipt of bursaries.

Investment Performance

The three investment funds all recovered in value somewhat from the prior year set back. The change in capital values over the year is shown below.

The General Fund value at year-end was £3,264,350 (2020: £2,866,389)

The Matheson Fund value at year-end was £362,561 (2020: £302,726)

The Archbishop Laud Fund value at year-end was £25,822 (2020: £21,308)

The property assets held by the Charity, namely the freehold land occupied by the School, were professionally re-valued at year-end in 2020 at £1,200,000. The prior year valuation has been carried forward for this year.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT
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Investment Performance (continued)

In addition to the above funds held with the Investment Manager, the Charity also maintained cash balances at the year-end to the value of £209,262. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum sum of £50,000 should be retained on bank deposit to meet any immediate demand on reserves. Higher than usual cash reserves were held during the year under review in light of the potential need to provide additional bursaries through the COVID-19 crisis.

After movements in the values of land and investments, the endowed funds of the General Fund stood at £3,923,487 (2020: £3,608,776), the Matheson fund £241,078 (2020: £209,267) and the Archbishop Laud Fund £25,822 (2020: £21,308). These endowed funds will continue to be invested to produce income to meet the Charity's objects.

Achievements, financial review and future plans

In considering its activities for the year the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Bursaries and Grants

In recent years, the Trustees have entered into an informal arrangement whereby the Charity makes an agreed contribution to the overall cost of bursaries with the School providing the balance. This has enabled 42 (2020: 43) bursaries to be paid to successful applicants in this period and 46 (2020: 41) applications to be approved for 2021/22. Awards from the General Fund were maintained at £125,000 (2020: £125,000) to the Reading Blue Coat Bursary Scheme. A decision on the award from the Matheson Fund was pending at year-end. Grants made to the National Schools of Reading were maintained at £4,500.

The Trustees agreed that, rather than travel related grants, the Archbishop Laud Foundation would fund the purchase of laptops to the value of £300 for two qualifying recipients.

Incoming Resources

The Trustees report incoming resources, net of investment management fees and governance costs, of £178,977 (2020: £204,708). As expected, the substantial cuts to company dividends paid in 2020 had an impact on the Charity's income during the reporting period.

Transfers to Reserves

Reflecting lower income earned in the reporting year, the Trustees agreed a transfer to the General Fund Designated Reserves for the year of £40,793 (2020: £46,393) representing 25% of General Fund 'net incoming resources'.

Where appropriate there is a general policy of transferring 25% of 'net incoming resources', depending on the level of investment income and bursarial support. The transfer has remained at this level for a number of years and as a result the Charity has accumulated substantial Designated reserves. Designated Reserves may only be used for bursarial support if required and at year-end were valued at £611,250 (2020: £570,457). In addition, Restricted Fund Reserves of £151,210 (2020: £118,562) were held in relation to the Matheson Fund and £13,209 (2020: £12,331) held in relation to the Archbishop Laud Fund.

Any annual surplus funds available after transfer to Reserves and reinvestment into the investment portfolios are held as a School Scholarship Fund. At year-end the Scholarship Fund held an undistributed balance of £72,776 (2020: £67,528).

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Achievements, financial review and future plans (continued)

Future Plans

The charity has no changes planned with regard to its activities.

COVID-19

The principal direct impact of the COVID pandemic on the Charity has been a fall in income from investments over the year. Whilst the capital values of the investment portfolios have rebounded from their March 2020 lows, it is likely that the dividend income from these portfolios may remain below prior year levels for some time. However, the Charity's investment portfolios are professionally managed with a view to generating an attractive level of income and growing the real value of capital and income over the long term. The portfolios are invested in a diversified spread of liquid, higher quality, mostly UK listed companies which should provide real returns ahead of inflation over the long term. Whilst it is likely that COVID and its after effects will be with us for some time, the Charity's governance, assets and flexible reserve policies should stand it in good stead and enable the Charity to continue meet its long-term objectives.

By Order of the Board of Trustees on 3 November 2021

H Williams
Chairman

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Investment income	2	-	14,807	141,256	156,063	181,906
Rental income	3	-	-	51,600	51,600	51,600
Total incoming resources		-	14,807	192,856	207,663	233,506
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of raising funds						
Investment management		12,367	-	8,244	20,611	22,433
Charitable activities						
Scholarships awarded	4	-	182	132,693	132,875	144,300
Archbishop Laud Grants	4	-	-	300	300	605
National Schools of Reading	4	-	-	4,700	4,700	4,700
Total resources expended		12,367	182	145,937	158,486	172,038
Net incoming resources before investment gains/losses		(12,367)	14,625	46,919	49,177	61,468
Revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	725,355
Investment gains / (losses)	6	363,403	18,023	-	381,426	(487,832)
Net movement in funds	9	351,036	32,648	46,919	430,603	298,991
Fund balances brought forward	9	3,839,351	118,562	650,316	4,608,229	4,309,238
Fund balances carried forward	9	<u>4,190,387</u>	<u>151,210</u>	<u>697,235</u>	5,038,832	<u>4,608,229</u>

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes		2021		2020
		£	£		£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	5		1,200,000		1,200,000
Investments	6		<u>3,652,733</u>		<u>3,190,423</u>
			4,852,733		4,390,423
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	38,788			34,187
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>209,261</u>			<u>259,195</u>
		248,049			293,382
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8		<u>(61,950)</u>		<u>(75,576)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>186,099</u>		<u>217,806</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>5,038,832</u>		<u>4,608,229</u>
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Capital General Fund	9		2,723,487		2,408,776
Capital Archbishop Laud	9		25,822		21,308
Property	9		1,200,000		1,200,000
Matheson Scholarship	9		241,078		209,267
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Matheson Scholarship	9		151,210		118,562
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
School Scholarship	9		72,776		67,528
Designated	9		611,250		570,457
Archbishop Laud	9		<u>13,209</u>		<u>12,331</u>
			<u>5,038,832</u>		<u>4,608,229</u>

Approved by the trustees on 3 November 2021
And signed on its behalf by

H Williams
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 - 16 form part of these accounts

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Reading Blue Coat and Archbishop Laud Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going Concern

In their assessment of going concern the Trustees have considered the current and developing impact on the charity as a result of the COVID19 virus. This has not had a significant, immediate impact on the charity's operations although investment returns have been diminished but the Trustees are aware that if the current situation becomes prolonged then this may change.

It is likely that the dividend income from these portfolios will remain depressed for some time to come. However, the Charity's investment portfolios are professionally managed with a view to generating the target level of income and growing the real value of capital and income over the long term and the portfolios are invested in a diversified spread of liquid, higher quality, mostly UK listed companies

Having regard to the above, the Trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements

c) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimation and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

d) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as each liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, for example, governance costs.

Charitable expenditure is reported under the following sub headings:

- Scholarships awarded.
- Archbishop Laud Grants
- National Schools of Reading

g) Grants - Scholarships

Scholarships payable are recognised as expenditure in the year in which a binding commitment to make payments is entered into.

h) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are where specific conditions are imposed by the donor which restricts the use of unspent funds. The income is taken directly to the relevant restricted funds.

The endowment fund represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally quoted investments and freehold properties. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

The expendable endowment fund is similar to that of the endowed fund. However, the trustees have the power to apply both capital and income arising on the fund in accordance with the Matheson will. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments are attributable to the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Tangible Fixed Assets

These are represented by freehold land and are held under the revaluation model.

i) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently valued at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value

l) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Equity and GILT edged stocks - General Account	139,977	162,934
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Matheson Bequest	14,807	17,298
Equity and GILT edged stocks - Archbishop Laud	1,178	1,415
Deposit interest	101	259
	<u>156,063</u>	<u>181,906</u>

3. RENTAL INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Reading Blue Coat School	<u>51,600</u>	<u>51,600</u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4a. RESOURCES EXPENDED – CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2021

	Direct £	Governance £	Total £
Scholarships	125,000	7,693	132,693
Matheson Scholarship	<u>-</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>182</u>
Total scholarships	125,000	7,875	132,875
Archbishop Laud Grants	300	-	300
National Schools of Reading	<u>4,500</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>4,700</u>
	<u>129,800</u>	<u>8,075</u>	<u>137,875</u>

2020

<i>Scholarships</i>	<i>125,000</i>	<i>5,983</i>	<i>130,983</i>
<i>Matheson Scholarship</i>	<u><i>13,135</i></u>	<u><i>182</i></u>	<u><i>13,317</i></u>
<i>Total scholarships</i>	<i>138,135</i>	<i>6,165</i>	<i>144,300</i>
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	<i>605</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>605</i>
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	<u><i>4,500</i></u>	<u><i>200</i></u>	<u><i>4,700</i></u>
	<u><i>143,240</i></u>	<u><i>6,365</i></u>	<u><i>149,605</i></u>

Governance costs:

	2021 £	2020 £
Clerk and Treasurer's Honorarium	3,200	<i>3,200</i>
Independent Examiners Fee	2,820	<i>3,050</i>
Professional fees	1,920	-
Sundry items	<u>135</u>	<u><i>115</i></u>
	<u>8,075</u>	<u><i>6,365</i></u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land £
At 1 April 2020	1,200,000
Revaluation	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,200,000</u>

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets substantially relate to freehold land on which the school buildings stand.

The property was valued on a fair value basis by Dunster & Morton in March 2020. A carrying amount of £300,000 (2018 £300,000) would have been recognised if the land had been carried under the historic cost model.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed investments:		
Market Value at 1 April 2020	2,968,997	3,521,541
Additions	303,381	354,109
Disposals	(285,497)	(418,821)
Net Investment gain/(loss)	<u>381,426</u>	<u>(487,832)</u>
	3,368,307	2,968,997
Cash held by Stockbroker	<u>284,426</u>	<u>221,426</u>
Market value at 31 March 2021	<u>3,652,733</u>	<u>3,190,423</u>
Historic Cost	<u>2,839,627</u>	<u>2,859,006</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	<u>38,788</u>	<u>34,187</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	<u>61,950</u>	<u>75,576</u>

READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9a. FUNDS

2021

	<i>1 April 2020</i>	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,408,776	-	-	327,078	(12,367)	2,723,487
Archbishop Laud	21,308	-	-	4,514	-	25,822
Property	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>209,267</u>	-	-	<u>31,811</u>	-	<u>241,078</u>
	<u>3,839,351</u>	-	-	<u>363,403</u>	<u>(12,367)</u>	<u>4,190,387</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>118,562</u>	<u>14,807</u>	-	<u>18,023</u>	<u>(182)</u>	<u>151,210</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	67,528	191,678	(40,793)	-	(145,637)	72,776
Designated	570,457	-	40,793	-	-	611,250
Archbishop Laud	<u>12,331</u>	<u>1,178</u>	-	-	<u>(300)</u>	<u>13,209</u>
	<u>650,316</u>	<u>192,856</u>	-	-	<u>(145,937)</u>	<u>697,235</u>
Total	<u>4,608,229</u>	<u>207,663</u>	-	<u>381,426</u>	<u>(158,486)</u>	<u>5,038,832</u>

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

- a) The trustees have continued their policy of transferring 25% of the net income resources of the Unrestricted Scholarship Fund, before scholarship payments, into the designated fund to provide income to help maintain the real value of bursaries and scholarships.
- b) The balance on the property fund is aligned with the value of fixed assets held. Any surplus or deficit in any year is transferred to the Capital fund.

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9b. COMPARATIVE FUNDS

2020	1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Transfers	Investment gains	Resources expended	31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ENDOWMENT						
Capital	2,837,074	-	-	(428,298)	-	2,408,776
Archbishop Laud	27,332	-	-	(6,024)	-	21,308
Property	474,645	-	-	725,355	-	1,200,000
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>243,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,578)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,267</u>
	<u>3,582,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,455</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,839,351</u>
RESTRICTED						
Matheson						
Scholarship	<u>133,513</u>	<u>17,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,932)</u>	<u>(13,317)</u>	<u>118,562</u>
UNRESTRICTED						
Scholarship	57,244	214,793	(46,393)	-	(158,116)	67,528
Designated	524,064	-	46,393	-	-	570,457
Archbishop Laud	<u>11,521</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(605)</u>	<u>12,331</u>
	<u>592,829</u>	<u>216,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(158,721)</u>	<u>650,316</u>
Total	<u>4,309,238</u>	<u>233,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,523</u>	<u>(172,038)</u>	<u>4,608,229</u>

10a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2021	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	2,990,387	121,483	540,863	3,652,733
Current assets	-	29,727	218,322	248,049
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(61,950)</u>	<u>(61,950)</u>
	<u>4,190,387</u>	<u>151,210</u>	<u>697,235</u>	<u>5,038,832</u>

10b. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2020	Endowment £	Restricted £	Unrestricted	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Investments	2,639,351	113,952	437,120	3,190,423
Current assets	-	4,610	288,772	293,382
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(75,576)</u>	<u>(75,576)</u>
	<u>3,839,351</u>	<u>118,562</u>	<u>650,316</u>	<u>4,608,229</u>

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11. TRUSTEES BENEFITS AND TRANSACTIONS

None of the trustees or any persons connected with them, received any remuneration or reimbursed expenditure during the period.

There have been no related party transactions in the period.

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	248,049	293,382
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	57,650	71,276

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise other debtors and cash equivalents.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise other creditors and accruals excluding deferred income.

13. LEASES

The charity earns rental income by leasing its property to a tenant under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than one year	55,800	51,600
Later than one year and not later than five years	240,000	206,400
Later than five years	<u>30,000</u>	<u>77,400</u>
	<u>325,800</u>	<u>335,400</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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14. COMPARATIVE SOFA

	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>2020 Total £</i>
<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>				
<i>Investment income</i>	-	17,298	164,608	181,906
<i>Rental income</i>	-	-	51,600	51,600
<i>Total incoming resources</i>	-	17,298	216,208	233,506
<i>RESOURCES EXPENDED</i>				
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>				
<i>Investment management</i>	-	-	22,433	22,433
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Scholarships awarded</i>	-	13,317	130,983	144,300
<i>Archbishop Laud Grants</i>	-	-	605	605
<i>National Schools of Reading</i>	-	-	4,700	4,700
<i>Total resources expended</i>	-	13,317	158,721	172,038
<i>Net incoming resources before investment (losses)</i>	-	3,981	57,487	61,468
<i>Revaluation of fixed assets</i>	725,355	-	-	725,355
<i>Investment (losses)</i>	(468,900)	(18,932)	-	(487,832)
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	256,455	(14,951)	57,487	298,991
<i>Fund balances brought forward</i>	3,582,896	133,513	592,829	4,309,238
<i>Fund balances carried forward</i>	3,839,351	118,562	650,316	4,608,229

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and associated notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Date: 28 January 2022