

CHARITY NO: 1159943

**READING BLUE COAT AND ARCHBISHOP LAUD CHARITABLE
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**

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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>	<u>5,483,446</u>	<u>5,072,976</u>
Fund balances carried forward	9	<u>4,526,490</u>	<u>149,204</u>	<u>819,741</u>	<u>5,495,435</u>	<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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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> </u>	<u> </u>
	<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').

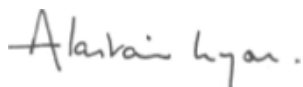
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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