

Acre Wood Charitable Trust

England & Wales · Charity number 1162801

Details

Other names	GROVE PARK CHARITABLE TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2015-07-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. To advance the education of the pupils at Acre Wood Academy in Crowborough, East Sussex, by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities not statutorily required to be funded for education at the school.2. For the public benefit to advance the education (including social and physical training) of people under the age of 25 in East Sussex in such way as the Charity Trustees think fit, including by - Awarding to such persons grants for specific items to support the person's access to education due to their disability- Awarding funds to the school to support the children's educational development3. To further such charitable purposes for the benefit of children who attend Acre Wood Academy, and for those under 25 years who have previously attended Acre Wood Academy, or formerly Grove Park School, as the Charity Trustees think fit.4. The relief of children in need due to their disability at Acre Wood Academy by such charitable means as the Charity Trustees think fit.

Activities: To further the education of pupils at Grove Park School, by the provision of facilities, activities and resources not required to be provided by the Local Authority. To further such charitable purposes for the benefit of the children who attend Grove Park school and those under 25 years who have attended Grove Park school previously as for the Charity trustees think fit

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£6,288	£13,152	-	-
2024-08-31	£25,893	£35,354	-	-
2023-08-31	£68,654	£64,272	-	-
2022-08-31	£8,420	£11,004	-	-
2021-08-31	£16,036	£11,471	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Galyer Hayling	Chair	2024-10-17
Alison Marie Pritchard		2023-07-20
Aylish Hallifax		2024-10-17
Hazel Louise Kenway		2025-10-16
Laura Louise Longhurst		2025-10-16
Linda Ann Pannell		2025-05-27
Samantha Berkery		2026-01-12
Susan Margaret Kemp		2018-11-08
Victoria Beekhuizen		2023-07-20

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the

Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Victoria Beekhuizen Patricia Gray Tora Hearn Susan Kemp Marie Pritchard Michael Theobald
Chairperson	Michael Theobald
Secretary	Susan Kemp
Treasurer	Patricia Gray
Principal Office	Grove Park School Church Road Crowborough TN6 1BN
Bank	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Charity Registration Number	1162801
Independent Examiner	Luke Woodhams FCCA TN6 Ltd Pine Grove Enterprise Centre Pine Grove Crowborough East Sussex TN6 1DH

Grove Park Charitable Trust

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their Report with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2024.

The Grove Park Charitable Trust (the Charity) was entered on the Charity Commission's register on 23rd July 2014 although was not fully active at that point. The registered charity number is 1162801. The Charity operates under the terms of a Trust Deed dated 23rd July 2015.

Objectives and Activities

- To further the education of pupils at Grove Park School, by the provision of facilities, activities and resources not required to be provided by the Local Authority.
- For the public benefit to advance the education (including social and physical training) of people under the age of 25 in East Sussex in such ways as the Charity Trustees think fit, including by awarding to such persons grants for specific items to support the person's access to education due to their disability.
- Awarding funds to the school to support the children's education development.
- To further such charitable purposes for the benefit of the children who attend Grove Park School and those under 25 years who have attended Grove Park School previously as for the Charity Trustees think fit.
- The relief of children in need due to their disability at Grove Park by such charitable means as the Trustees see fit.

This is the eighth year of operation of the Charity and the financial statements attached are in respect of the year ended 31st August 2024.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Charity has continued to gather funds, but has not actively raised funds using the professional fund-raiser as the Charity did not receive any requests for fundraising for major projects from Grove Park School. During the year the final payment for the immersive reality space was made and while there were a few teething issues with this area, it is now in use and enjoyed by the pupils.

The garden space continues to be supported by the Charity and it is expected that the allocated funding will continue during the next financial year. As reported previously, older students are actively involved with the projects which helps them to develop and enhance their everyday living skills.

Class based bids were received during the year and the Charity again supported the 6th form Prom, which took place at Crowborough Rugby Club and as there were so few leavers the whole of the 6th form was invited, which was, of course, very well received.

The Charity also received a bid to support Attention Autism which is a class-based activity called "What's in the bin" which involves fun sensory toys and gadgets to engage the pupils. This scheme has been rolled out through the primary phase and the teacher running the programme is training other phases to use it. While many of our pupils are on the autistic spectrum, other pupils enjoy the stimulation and fun interactions offered by this programme.

During the year the Christmas Fayre and Summer BBQ very successfully took place and GPCT were delighted to be able to assist in organising the raffle at both events which were very well supported by parents and friends of the school.

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Trustees' Report continued

A secondary phase class and their teacher and teaching assistants went to London to see the Egyptians at one of the museums. However, the train journey and seeing Tower Bridge were the real high spots of the day, and GPCT were delighted to have been able to fund this adventure.

The Masons continue to give GPCT and Grove Park School wonderful support and the Chair and Committee Member attended the Sussex Masonic Charity Event in Brighton where they were given an award, which was most unexpected.

On the management side, Marie Pritchard has taken on the Marketing and Publicity role and has been working hard at elevating the profile of the Charity. Mike Theobald, Chair, and Tricia Gray, Secretary, will be standing down as Trustees at the AGM both feeling that it was important the new Trustees joined the board to bring different ideas.

Financial review

GPCT continues to support the school with requests for funding which are requested using a formal bid request form. Additional equipment has been purchased by the Forest School and a stand for the hydro pool has been ordered.

The Trustees would like to thank Mr. and Mrs Richardson for their continued support. In addition to funds raised through the Christmas Fayre and BBQ, the Trust now receives interest from the CAF Bank which holds the bank accounts. Easy fundraising and gift aid payments have also added to the funds.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees consider applications for grants from Grove Park School at their regular meetings.

Investment Policy

The aim of the Trustees is to donate most of the funds raised to Grove Park School within 12 months of receipt, and it is anticipated that funds held in Reserves at the end of the reporting period will be donated to Grove Park School within the near future to meet identified needs that meet the objectives of the Charity. Accordingly, funds are being held in a bank account awaiting disbursement.

The Trustees are empowered by the Trust Deed to make longer term investment decisions should the circumstances deem it appropriate.

Structure, Governance and Management

The number of Trustees still stand at 6 which is within the constitution requirement. In the event that it was determined that there was a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining Trustees. The Board of Trustees share responsibility for the induction of any new Trustees, which involves awareness of the Trustee's responsibilities, sharing of the governing document, administrative procedures and the history and philosophical approach of the Charity. A new Trustee would receive copies the previous year's annual report and account and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know".

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Trustees' Report continued

Annually, the Trustees review the risks they face. With no property, no investments other than bank deposits, no employees and continuity of Trustees, risk is assessed to be extremely low and Charity insurance is not deemed necessary.

Finally, as the outgoing Chair of the Trustees, I would like to thank all the Trustees who have given me so much support over my period of my chairmanship. I know the Charity will continue supporting Grove Park School and providing the pupils and students with experiences and adventures that would otherwise not be possible

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 17/10/24 and signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M G Theobald', written in a cursive style.

Michael G Theobald
Chairperson of Trustees

Grove Park Charitable Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Grove Park Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 Charity'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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.



L W Woodhams FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

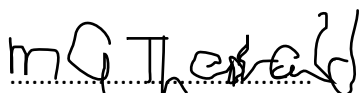
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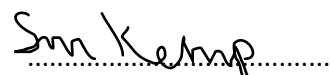
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Grove Park Charitable Trust
(Registered number: 1162801)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	31.08.2024 £	31.08.2023 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	27,960	37,421
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Net current (liabilities)/assets	<u>27,960</u>	<u>37,421</u>
Represented By:		
Restricted funds		
Soft Play Area/Outside Space	3,043	7,869
Sensory Project	872	21,701
Unrestricted funds	<u>24,045</u>	<u>7,851</u>
Total funds	<u>27,960</u>	<u>37,421</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


 Michael Theobold (Chair)


 Susan Kemp (Treasurer)

17.10.24
 Date

17.10.24
 Date

Grove Park Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	General Funds £	Restricted Soft Play Area / Outside Space £	Restricted Sensory Project £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income					
Donations	15,533	-	5,000	20,533	63,520
Gift Aid	210	-	-	210	275
General Fundraising	4,564	-	-	4,564	4,640
Easy fundraising	145	-	-	145	101
Amazon Fundraising	-	-	-	-	118
Bank Interest Received	441	-	-	441	-
Total income	20,893	-	5,000	25,893	68,654
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3,331	4,827	24,704	32,862	54,830
Raising funds	1,053	-	1,125	2,178	9,208
Bank Charges	50	-	-	50	-
Independent Examiner	264	-	-	264	234
Total expenditure	4,698	4,827	25,829	35,354	64,272
Net income/(expenditure)	16,195	(4,827)	(20,829)	(9,461)	4,382
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	16,195	(4,827)	(20,829)	(9,461)	4,382
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	7,851	7,869	21,701	37,421	33,039
Total funds carried forward	24,046	3,042	872	27,960	37,421

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 August 2024

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting & Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005)
- And with Accounting Standard FRS102

2. Donations

Donations are credited to the accounts when actually received by the Charity.

Donations received towards the Sensory Project were as follows;

Bernard Sunley Foundation	£5,000
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3. Fundraiser's Fees

These fees are paid in accordance with the contract between the Charity and Rutherford Fundraising Consultancy based on donations actually received by the Charity.

4. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses in the year.

5. Reserves

The General Reserve is unrestricted and is designated by the trustees in accordance with the principal objectives of the Charity.

The balance of the Restricted Reserves for the Outside Space Project is to be used to contribute to the ongoing costs of maintaining the garden.

The balance of the Restricted Reserves for the Sensory Project is to be used for the final costs of the Sensory Project.

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Bank	Barclays Bank 1 High Street Crowborough TN6 2QA
Charity Registration Number	1162801
Independent Examiner	Luke Woodhams FCCA TN6 Ltd Pine Grove Enterprise Centre Pine Grove Crowborough East Sussex TN6 1DH

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- The relief of children in need due to their disability at Grove Park by such charitable means as the Trustees see fit.

This is the seventh year of operation of the Charity and the financial statements attached are in respect of the year ended 31st August 2023.

Achievements and Performance

The year included in this report has been one of change with regards to the management of the Charity. In March 2023 Angela Wellman, Chairperson, and Kat Pond, stepped down as Trustees for personal reasons. Both Trustees had been part of the Charity from the beginning and their involvement with the Trust has been much appreciated. Michael Theobald agreed to take on the role as Chairperson. Victoria Beekhuizen and Marie Pritchard were appointed Trustees at the meeting held on 20th July.

With a change of leadership, the Trustees in conjunction with Jules Campion, Headteacher, agreed a strategy to ensure the link between the school staff and parents was placed on a more formal footing.

Links with the local community have been enhanced during the year with Grove Park School being successfully nominated as Cumnor House Schools' charity. Grove Park has been involved a number of different ways with Cumnor House from being invited to a musical evening, quiz night and Christmas and Summer Fayres. The link between the schools also took place at pupil level with exchange days which were most successful.

The Masons have continued with their valuable support providing sponsorship for both the sensory project and general funds.

With support from both the Masons and Cumnor House School, along with other donors and sponsors noted in the financial report, the sensory room project at Primary school was completed during the summer holiday period. Pupils will soon be able to benefit from this state-of-the-art facility.

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Trustees' Report continued

The garden area is maturing very well with the poly tunnels in full use and providing an abundance of produce. Senior students are actively involved in the running of the garden taking care of the equipment and learning skills. The Charity was delighted to receive donations of £127.50 during the year from the sale of plants. GPCT continues to support this project through regular donations to the school to cover costs and this will continue into the new financial year.

6th form students enjoyed the annual prom which was held at Crowborough Rugby Club and GPCT made its usual donation to the school to cover Christmas presents and activities.

The first Christmas Fayre since Covid was a spectacular success and made the largest profit ever. The BBQ was replaced this year with a Picnic and was also a great success and enjoyed by all, despite the weather.

Financial review

GPCT continues to support the school with requests for funding and a formal bid request form is working well. Classes at Primary school bid for learning mats which was agreed along with a request to pay for coach transport for senior pupils and students to attend a sports competition. The Charity continues to support the Forest School and the garden project.

Trustees would like to thank Mr. and Mrs Richardson for the continued support to the Charity with regular monthly donations and from Mr. and Mrs Pritchard for donations for Makaton. Crowborough Town Council presented the Trust with a cheque for £615.44 from the Mayor's charity. Kindly, Crowborough Rotary donated £250 to make up for the cancellation of the Crowborough Fireworks Display.

The school organised a sponsored walk which raised £959 with some contributions gift aided which will be included in the next claim.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees consider applications for grants from Grove Park School at their meetings. The Charity receives requests for funds for specific projects at Grove Park and where appropriate, initiates fundraising through its contracted fundraisers.

Investment Policy

The aim of the Trustees is to donate most of the funds raised to Grove Park School within 12 months of receipt, and it is anticipated that funds held in Reserves at the end of the reporting period will be donated to Grove Park School within the near future to meet identified needs that meet the objectives of the Charity. Accordingly, funds are being held in a bank account awaiting disbursement.

The Trustees are empowered by the Trust Deed to make longer term investment decisions should the circumstances deem it appropriate.

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The number of Trustees still stand at 6 which is within the constitution requirement. In the event that it was determined that there was a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining Trustees. The Board of Trustees share responsibility for the induction of any new Trustees, which involves awareness of the Trustee's responsibilities, sharing of the governing document, administrative procedures and the history and philosophical approach of the Charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the

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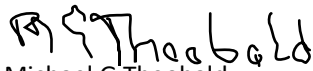
Trustees' Report continued

previous year's annual report and account and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know".

Annually, the Trustees review the risks they face. With no property, no investments other than bank deposits, no employees and continuity of Trustees, risk is assessed to be extremely low and Charity insurance is not deemed necessary.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 19.10.23 and signed on their behalf.



Michael G Theobald
Chairperson of Trustees

Grove Park Charitable Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Grove Park Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 Charity'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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

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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.



**L W Woodhams FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant**

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Date: 12 October 2023

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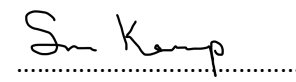
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	31.08.2023 £	31.08.2022 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	37,421	33,039
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
Net current (liabilities)/assets	<u>37,421</u>	<u>33,039</u>
Represented By:		
Restricted funds		
Soft Play Area/Outside Space	7,869	9,889
Sensory Project	21,701	17,114
Unrestricted funds	<u>7,851</u>	<u>6,036</u>
Total funds	<u>37,421</u>	<u>33,039</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Michael Theobold (Chair)


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Susan Kemp (Treasurer)

19.10.23
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Date

19.10.23
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Date

Grove Park Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	General Funds £	Restricted Soft Play Area / Outside Space £	Restricted Sensory Project £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income					
Donations	2,322	-	61,198	63,520	6,268
Gift Aid	275	-	-	275	96
General Fundraising	4,513	127	-	4,640	1,847
Paypal Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Easyfundraising	101	-	-	101	116
Amazon Fundraising	118	-	-	118	92
Total income	7,329	127	61,198	68,654	8,419
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4,712	2,147	47,971	54,830	10,060
Raising funds	568	-	8,640	9,208	710
Independent Examiner	234	-	-	234	234
Total expenditure	5,514	2,147	56,611	64,272	11,004
Net income/(expenditure)	1,815	(2,020)	4,587	4,382	(2,585)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,815	(2,020)	4,587	4,382	(2,585)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	6,036	9,889	17,114	33,039	35,624
Total funds carried forward	7,851	7,869	21,701	37,421	33,039

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 August 2023

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting & Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005)
- And with Accounting Standard FRS102

2. Donations

Donations are credited to the accounts when actually received by the Charity.

Donations received towards the Sensory Project were as follows;

The Albert Hunt Trust	£3,000
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust	£3,000
Sussex Masonic Charities	£4,998
Crowborough Beacon Lodge	£1,100
The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	£10,000
The Clothworkers Foundation	£32,000
David Solomon Trust	£500
Southover Manor Educational Trust	£4,100
Rank Foundation	£2,500

3. Fundraiser's Fees

These fees are paid in accordance with the contract between the Charity and Rutherford Fundraising Consultancy based on donations actually received by the Charity.

4. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses in the year.

5. Reserves

The General Reserve is unrestricted and is designated by the trustees in accordance with the principal objectives of the Charity.

The balance of the Restricted Reserves for the Outside Space Project is to be used to contribute to the ongoing costs of maintaining the garden.

The balance of the Restricted Reserves for the Sensory Project is to be used for the final costs of the Sensory Project.