

Reading Society of Model Engineers

Registered Charity (CIO) 1163244

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

AGM Agenda

The tenth Annual General Meeting of the charity will be held in the RSME Clubhouse, 82 Bath Road, Reading RG30 2BE on 23rd October 2025 at 19.30 for the following purposes:

- 1.** To accept apologies for absence.
- 2.** To note the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 2024 and any matters arising.
- 3.** To accept the Presidents Report 2024/2025
- 4.** To accept Section reports
- 5.** To accept the Trustees Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2025
- 6.** To receive and accept the Trustees Financial Statements and Accounts for year ended 31st March 2025
- 7.** To consider and vote on any motions proposed.
- 8.** To elect Trustees
- 9.** To present the Presidents Cup
- 10.** To transact any other business as agreed by the Chair

2. Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 2024

John Billard gave an opening address and explained his position as Chair of the meeting meant he was not acting as chair of the trustees, but as chair of the AGM.

There was a minute's silence for club members who have passed away in the last year.

2.1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr A Bray Mr E Brown Mr P Jennings

Mr A Midwinter Mr A Thatcher

2.2. Minutes of 2023 RSME AGM.

The Chair recommended to the meeting that the 2023 minutes be formally accepted, and this was agreed.

2.3. Matters Arising:

The following matters arising were noted in section 9 of the minutes of the 2023 AGM:

A member asked whether it would be possible to replace the sink and pan in the members toilet? - *This has been resolved by cleaning.*

A member asked if there is a planned end date for when work on the raised track carriages will be complete. - *Maintenance work to the carriages is ongoing.*

A member asked if the club is still planning to get a defibrillator? - *Now installed in the lobby.*

A member asked if the club should have a first aid person. *The club has decided not to pursue as it would be difficult to have first aiders who are available to attend all events.*

A member said the first aid box needs restocking. *This has been done, and the first aid box is now regularly checked.*

A member asked if more could be done to improve communication amongst members. - *This is recognised as an ongoing issue.*

A request was made for a Christmas card to be arranged for Les Dawson. - *Done*

A member asked what is being done about future planning for the club - *This is a standing item at Trustee meetings.*

A member asked when the workshop refurbishment will be complete. - *Now complete.*

A member asked if a hearing loop is being fitted to the clubhouse. –

Now fitted.

A member raised a question about safety precautions to prevent a locomotive from running away from a train. - *The Trustees confirmed they are satisfied with the current arrangements. (At the 2024 meeting a member questioned what would happen in the case of a runaway electric locomotive and it was pointed out the club controllers all have sprung loaded speed regulators, which turn off the power if the controller is dropped.)*

2.4 The following reports for 2023/24 were received by the meeting:

- Presidents Report
- Prospectus Editor's Report
- Parks and Gardens

2.5 The Chair recommended to the meeting that the Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024 be formally accepted, and this was agreed.

2.6. Financial statements and accounts 2023/24

John Billard confirmed the Trustees have approved the financial accounts for 2023/24.

The Chair recommended to the meeting that the Financial Statements and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 be accepted, and this was agreed.

2.7. To consider and vote on any motions proposed

Peter Culham presented the following motion:

“The Trustees recommend that the raised track extension should be formally terminated. RSME does not have the resources to sustain it and it would severely affect our car park which is essential for our present activities. Accordingly, the RSME restricted funds shall be released and monies returned to those who have donated for this purpose.”

Some members were concerned about terminating this project when so much time and effort have already been put into the raised track extension. A member asked if it would be possible for the track extension to still be an aspiration for the club or whether it would be possible to contract out the construction work. The AGM chair reminded the meeting the motion could

only be accepted or rejected and if it is accepted there is nothing to stop a new project to build a raised track extension in the future.

The motion was put to a vote. 14 members voted to accept the motion and 6 members voted against the motion. The Chair confirmed the motion was accepted.

2.9. Election of Trustees

The Chair advised that nominations had been received for three trustees who were due to retire in rotation at this meeting and there is one unfilled Trustee vacancy. The Chair advised that nominations had been received for:

Ernest Brown (Jim) John Billard Mike Chalmers

There being no other nominations, these were declared elected. This means there are now seven serving trustees.

Miriam Farley has been acting as a co-opted trustee to provide legal advice and will be co-opted again for 2024-25.

John Billard reminded members they are invited to attend and observe trustee meetings. These are listed in the Prospectus calendar.

2.10. Presidents Cup

The President's Cup is awarded to a club member to recognise service given to the club by a member over the previous 12 months. The 2024 Presidents Cup was awarded jointly to Mike Sinclair and Alan Thatcher. .

2.11. Any Other Business - as agreed by the Chair

2.11.1 - A Christmas lunch is being arranged for the 19th of December 2024.

2.11.2 - A concern was raised about members not attending the AGM due to it occurring on a dark evening. A possible solution is to have the AGM at the weekend during the day. - Action trustees to consider for 2025.

2.11.3 - A member asked if some form of lighting could be provided at the entrance to assist with opening and closing the site in the dark. Action - trustees to consider.

2.11.4 - Members who are in full time employment find it difficult to participate in the Wednesday workday activities. A member asked if it would be possible to arrange weekend working parties? - Action trustees to consider.

2.11.5 - A member asked if the club could introduce a process for disposing of assets? This would have two purposes - 1. To alert members that an asset that they might believe is useful to the club is being disposed of. 2. To offer the asset to all club members at a fair market price. Action - trustees to consider.

2.11.6 - A member asked what was happening about maintenance of the raised track. Action – trustees

2.11.7 - A member requested improvements to the raised track unloading ramp, such that a member can unload/load a locomotive on their own. Also can the area around the ramp be marked as a no waiting area. - Action – trustees

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024/2025

I am pleased to present my report as RSME president for the past year. I look back on it as a year of success with members working hard to make it so. The club running days are central to what we do. Private parties have continued to play an important role albeit on a slightly reduced basis so it's not to press too hard on our willing members. The club boiler inspector Nigel Penford is always kept busy, and I would like to pay tribute to the work he does for us.

The monthly public running days have reached new heights of activity which brings a good income for us. I must not forget the efforts that go into this, and this includes the early setting up and the later putting away. It must be remembered that membership of the club includes a commitment to help its operations and the more we have the lighter the load particularly on days like this. After much work the running of the raised track carriages has improved considerably. I would like to thank all the members who have been involved in this success.

Two years ago, we reduced our subscriptions to a simple £20 a year for nearly all members. Recruitment of members is the most important thing we do, and I believe this has helped this increase. This includes several younger people. These are the future of our club.

Much of the work which goes on around our site is unseen despite its importance. We are grateful to our gardening gang for this everlasting task. These operate mainly on Wednesdays and the work by others includes essential site maintenance. This continues weekly and entails vital track improvements including sleeper replacement on the raised track which is a huge task. At ground level work is having to be done to keep the track stable and level. On a more mundane basis painting is being undertaken around the site which

includes the railings - a massive task. I remain surprised and impressed by the level of skills and dedication shown by our members.

As president I have been able to see the work of our trustees throughout the year during the monthly meetings. This involves formal duties in respect of the Charity Commission and dealing with the everyday items that constantly require attention. Every trustee deserves our thanks for the time which is put in on our behalf. But it should not be forgotten that much of this heavy work has been done by the same few people who are not getting any younger. There is a plea for more volunteers as the club cannot be sustained indefinitely on the present basis.

In conclusion I recall the Open Day held in June where we were able to welcome several fellow clubs with their engines. Our site looked a picture within its park setting. Our tracks were busy that day and I was pleased to hear many compliments about the way we operate and the smoothness of our railways. We have no worries of tenure, and we have a good membership base including very hard-working people. We are very lucky to be part of the Reading Society of Model Engineers.

John Billard, President

4. Section Reports

4.1 Editor Prospectus

Twelve issues of the PROSPECTUS have again been produced this year all just about to schedule apart from the June 2025 issue which was delayed because of technical problems in the editorial office.

Contributions have remained a continued problem resulting in reduced pages. I am nevertheless thankful to all contributors some writing at short notice.

PROSPECTUS reflects the interest shown in it by members. As before I would welcome all items including some non-railway topics from time to time reflecting the wide interests that I know exist among the membership.

I have continued to submit copies to MODEL ENGINEER & WORKSHOP for inclusion in its Club Notes.

Electronic posting has a vital role and I would like to thank Stuart Kidd and Stephen Millward for their help in the distribution to the membership. Hard copies are produced and sent by Royal Mail to members who require them.

Please help by contributing. Everyone has a tale to tell. Editor permitting, almost any subject may be acceptable to suit our readership.

The July 2025 edition of PROSPECTUS is the 240th produced under my editorship. I have decided that I shall retire as editor upon reaching the 250th. I hope that a new editor can be found to continue as before.

John Billard

Editor

4.2 OO Group

OO GROUP REPORT 2025

The past year has seen a start in the OO group's activities towards building an alternative and smaller terminus on the branch line extension. We have been able to salvage 3 baseboards from the former N gauge group and have designed a 3-platform station with passenger and goods facilities, also a turntable. This action has come at a time when we have a growing number of younger members joining us. The old layout is working perfectly well and is popular.

We continue with a running evening on the first Tuesday of the month when we put up the extension branch line and terminus. This has already attracted a lot of attention among other club members, some of whom have never seen the layout in its entirety since it was only ever seen when it was taken to Club exhibitions some time ago. The main object of this layout was to entertain our group members and provide a stimulus to encourage new members. Other Tuesday evenings are set aside for repairs, modifications and other maintenance.

Mike Sinclair

4.3 Parks and Gardens

RSME gardening 2024-25

After a wet winter there is much blossom and bright green foliage around our railway. While wildflowers seem reluctant to grow for us much of our other plantings seem to be thriving and growing. Our western mixed hedge is particularly fine and has been covered in blossom. The Bath Road hedge after a very slow start is now looking more promising.

The bed by the clubhouse door has filled in nicely, kept in order by Jim Cusworth's structures. Many of the plants are associated with departed members. Harold' Eadie's Christmas tree is now growing cones and dwarfs the house it came from. Brian Haddenham was responsible for most of the hazels which are now substantial bushes.

Ongoing maintenance is carried out by our members.

Thanks to Andrew Day and John Evans for all their grass mowing and strimming, and to Charles Benham for his diligent planting and watering. Autumn leaf clearing is an 'All Hands' operation and thanks to all those who take part. The leaves go into our refurbished compost heaps before being applied as mulch in a steady form of recycling. Thanks also to the club for providing us with the tools for the job. In the coming year we will continue to add to and maintaining the plantings, and members plant contributions are always welcome.

George Saffrey

5. Trustees Annual Report 2024/2025.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commissions Guidance – on Charity reporting and accounting.

5.1 Summary of the objects of the RSME as set out in its governing documents.

- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Reading and surrounding areas the provision of facilities for recreation or leisure time occupation in the field of model engineering and allied subjects.
- To promote the education of young people aged 12 to 16, on the subjects of basic engineering, modelling skills and miniature railway operation.
- To advance the education of the public in general, in model engineering, and in the building, operation and maintenance of miniature locomotives

5.2 Activities undertaken by the RSME for the public benefit in relation to the objects.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees always keep in mind the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance and have due regard to it when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance relates.

5.3. Governance and management arrangements

The Reading Society of Model Engineers is a Registered Charity (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) number 1163244, with liability limited to an amount not exceeding £1 (one pound) per member in event of the winding up of the charity.

The principal governance document is the Constitution dated 2nd July 2015, which was adopted at the General Meeting of the society held on 17th September 2015.

5.3. Trustees function and duties

The trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO.

It is the duty of each charity trustee: to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions as a trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be the most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

The CIO has power to do anything which is calculated to further its objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so.

‘All decisions concerning the charity are taken by all the trustees, acting collectively and as a team.’ (See ‘The Essential Trustee’ - Charity Commission)
However, the decisions need not be unanimous, a majority decision is sufficient. Any decision of the trustees is final.

5.4 Charity trustees

The (7) trustees of the CIO are:

Ernest Brown (Treasurer), Michael Chalmers, Peter Culham, Stuart Kidd, (Secretary to the Trustees) Nigel Penford, John Billard (Trustee Chair), Donald Pickett.

Election of Trustees

At every Annual General Meeting of the members of the CIO, one third (three at present) of the elected trustees retire from office. The trustees, who retire, are those who have been longest in office. The vacancies so arising will be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting. The trustees retiring by rotation at this AGM are.

Peter Culham Stuart Kidd Nigel Penford

There are therefore a total of three trustee vacancies at this AGM.

5.5 Appointment of Officers

President

The President acts as the “figurehead” of the Society.

The post of President will be held by a member of long standing and be well respected within the club. The President acts as a figurehead of the RSME. The President does not have a vote at Trustee meetings.

The President will serve for a period of three years, or earlier if the holder wishes to renounce the position. This may be extended with the agreement of members.

John Billard was appointed in October 2022 to serve as our President for a period of three years, or shorter should he wish to renounce the position, This may be extended with the agreement of members.

Vice President

The post of Vice President is awarded to recognise Members who have had a significant impact on the development of the charity. There are currently two Vice Presidents, Mike Sinclair and Jim Brown. It is not the current intention of the trustees to make further appointments.

Trustee Secretary

The Secretary is appointed by the trustees for such time (normally 12 months) as they may think fit. The role of the Secretary is to provide administrative support to the trustees. The post does not have any executive powers.

Treasurer

The trustees may from time to time appoint a Treasurer or Honorary Treasurer

Trustee Chair

The trustees may from time to time appoint a Chair of the trustees.

5.6 Safeguarding of Children and Young People

It is the policy of the trustees of the RSME that:

The child's welfare is paramount.

All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse

All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

The RSME Child Protection Code of Practice based on recommendations from the NSPCC was last reviewed by the trustees in 2021, Two trustees have attended seminars on Child Protection issues at Reading Voluntary Service

Five trustees and three members have been DBS checked.

The Trustees last reviewed the Code of Practice in 2024

5.7. Membership

Membership at the end of March 2024 was 91 full members and 5 junior.

6. Financial Statements and Accounts

6.1 Examination of accounts

Independent Examiner

The trustees use a checklist provided by the Charity Commission to undertake an internal annual review of our financial controls against the legal and good practice recommendations of the Audit Commission. (See CC8)

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees considered that audits under the Charities Act, were not required for either 2023/24 or 2024/25. The trustees however agreed that an independent examination was required.

The trustees appointed an Independent Examiner who has carried out an examination of the charity's accounts in accordance with the General Directions given by the Audit Commission.

Following her examination of the 2023/24 accounts, the Independent Examiner reported that no matters had come to her attention which gave her cause to believe that in any material respect the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

6.2. Summary of accounts

6.3. Receipts and Payments 01/ 04/2024 to 31/ 03/2025

The report is set out on form CC16a. Copy of form distributed with the Trustees Annual Report for member approval

6.4. Accounting Convention and Practice

The trustees have agreed that the accounts will be prepared on a receipts and payments basis. This is the simpler of the two methods recommended by the Charity Commission.

The coding structure for the income and expenditure reflects Charity Commission recommendations.

The trustees have also kept under review the internal financial controls of the Society, against the legal requirements and good practice for a charity, as set out in guidance from the Charity Commissioners.

- All financial documents are retained in the clubhouse.
- Wherever possible BACS is now used for payments and card terminals for receipts. The latter have proved very successful at Public Running.
- New procedures for the provision of floats for Public Running etc. and the counting and reconciliation of cash income have been introduced.

6.5. Trustees Remuneration and Benefits

There was no trustee's remuneration, or other benefits, or expenses paid for the year ended 31/3 /2025. All trustees give their time voluntarily. None of the trustees hold title to any property belonging to the RSME.

6.6. Income

Birthday Parties and Public Running and Santa days

The RSME's principal sources of income are through the organisation of Birthday Parties, operation of the miniature railway and Santa days. Income for the year 2024/25 was Birthday Parties £5775, (£7440- 2023/24) and Public Running £9455, (£10922 – 2023/24). Santa produced £7992 of income with expenses of £4653 giving a surplus of £3339 (surplus 2023/24 £2613).

Subscriptions

Subscription income for the year 2024/25 amounted to £1780 and £1660 for 2023/24. Subscriptions have been reduced to £20 across the board with juniors free.

The trustees have delegated authority to the Membership Secretary to approve concessionary subscription rates where applicable.

Grant Aid

No grant aid was received in the year ended 31/03/2025.

6.7. Expenditure

The main items of expenditure (over and above our normal annual running costs of insurances etc.) during the financial year are included in the accounts under various headings.

Purchase of Assets.

Defibrillator	£1198
Workshop refurbishment	£5964

The project to refurbish the Workshop was started in March 2023 and £3940 was spent in that financial year. The total expenditure over the last two years therefore amounts to £9904 against a budget agreed at the outset by the Trustees of £10,000

Electricity

It is difficult to compare expenditure year on year. In the year ending 31/03/2023 our electricity tariff was greatly increased but government subsidy was available for part of the year and only three quarterly bills were received. The final quarters bill £1042, was not received until April 2023. For the last 3 years the bills received were as follows.

2022/23	£806 (only 3 quarters)
2023/24	£2881 (5 quarters)
2024/25	£1400 (4 quarters)

A new 3-year fixed tariff has been agreed from 1/5/2025 which should see our bills fixed at approximately £1650 per annum until 30/4/2028 providing usage remains at current levels.

Truck and Loco maintenance

Total expenditure under this heading was £2021 with £1385 attributable to Raised Track passenger trucks. Of the remainder £410 was for a new controller

for one of the battery electric locomotives and the rest for small items for the electrics and Ground level passenger trucks.

Other Expenditure

Governance costs totalling were incurred totalling £397, being Independent Examiners fee £360, Federation membership £10, and travel costs re Federation AGM of £27.

Card processing fees (Sum Up) incurred were £285 in 2024/25 (1.69% of sales) and £97 in 2023/24

6.8. Liabilities

As at 31/03/2025 there were no liabilities outstanding

6.9. Unrestricted and restricted funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by a donor, or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

6.10. Trustees' policy on Reserves

At the end of the financial year the accumulated funds amounted to £53,620. The Trustees, as part of their Reserves Policy, have agreed to aim to hold at between £10,000 and £15,000 in reserves at the year end. These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur. The remaining balance of the cash held at the bank, £38,620 has been provisionally allocated by the trustees against the following projects in 2025/26:

- Restricted funds	£5,193
- Raised track renewal	£5,000
-Ground Level Track renewal	£5,000
-Unloading ramp	£1,000
Tree survey	£1,000
-90 day fixed deposit	£10,000

-Unallocated

£11,407

6.11. Gift Aid

The RSME has registered with the HMRC for Gift Aid. Records are being kept of significant donations. Work has commenced on a claim to be submitted during 2025/6.

6.12. Grants

The organisation does not have a grant making policy to either external organisations or individuals. The trustees will support members should they wish to organise a Fund-raising event for a locally based charity, using the club's facilities on not more than one occasion in a year.

Jim Brown

Treasurer

Stuart Kidd

Secretary to RSME Trustees

Reading Society of Model Engineers				CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/04/2024	to	31/03/2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS	Small Donations (Gift Aid)	882			882	489
	Gift Aid Donations	100			100	150
	Donations Other	828			828	1112
FUND RAISING TRADING	Birthday Parties	5775			5775	7440
	Santa Specials	7992			7992	6932
	Other Income	420			420	2317
CHARITABLE TRADING	Refreshments	1497			1497	1408
	Subscriptions	1780			1780	1660
	Public Running	9455			9455	10922
	Members Activities	22			22	308
OTHER RECEIPTS	Bank Interest	644	79		722	591
Sub total (Gross Income)		29395	79	0	29473	33329
A2 Asset and investment sales						
	SALE OF FIXED ASETS	175			175	100
	SALE OF INVESTMENTS	0			0	0
Sub total;		175	0	0	175	100
Total Receipts		29570	79	0	29648	33429
A3 Payments						
FUND RAISING TRADING						
	BIRTHDAY PARTIES	426			426	550
	SANTA SPECIALS	4653			4653	4319
	OTHER EVENTS	512			512	0
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					0	
	REFRESHMENTS	1498			1498	1196
	YOUNG ENGINEERS	0			0	0
	GOVERNANCE COSTS	397			397	1691
	MEMBERS ACTIVITIES	201			201	633
	CLUBHOUSE	941			941	1233
	ELECTRICITY	1400			1400	2881
	INSURANCES	4539			4539	4332
	RENT AND RATES	1281			1281	1005
	PRINTING/ STATIONERY COMMS	869			869	1389
	RAISED TRACK	41			41	141
	GROUND LEVEL	234			234	468
	LOCO AND TRUCK MAINTENACE	2021			2021	2663
	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	408			408	2018
	WORKSHOP AND STORAGE	6068			6068	1509
	CONSUMABLES	558			558	563
	Card reader fees	285			285	97
Sub total;		26333	0	0	26333	26687
A2 Asset and investment purchases						
	Raised Track project	0			0	0
	Purchase of assets	1199			1199	6369
	Purchase Of investments					
Sub total;		1199	0	0	1199	6369
Total Payments		27532	0	0	27531	33056
Net of receipts/(payments)		2038	79	0	2117	373
A5 Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end		46389	5114	0	51503	51130
Cash funds this year end		48427	5193	0	53620	51503

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	145		
	Barclays Bank current accounts	1604		
	Barclays Bank deposit accounts	46678	5193	
		48427	5193	0

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B2 Other monetary assets	NIL		

[illegible]

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Clubroom and associated buildings	Unrestricted		
	Clubroom equipment	Unrestricted		3660
	Workshop equipment	Unrestricted		6600
	Office equipment	Unrestricted		250
	Ground and raised track infrastructure	Unrestricted		28000
	Gardening equipment	Unrestricted		7950
	Miniature railway rolling stock	Unrestricted		59750
	Model railways and models	Unrestricted		10950
	Gazebos	Unrestricted		1500

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of approval

Stuart Kidd

E J BROWN	12/01/2026
S N KIDD	12/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Reading Society of Model Engineers

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no

1163244

Set out on pages

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act other than that disclosed below; 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 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 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.

Signed:

Date:

20th January 2026

Name:

Rachel Eden

Relevant professional qualification:	FCMA (Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
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	RG1 1NH

Section B	Disclosure
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