

# **Rivers LPC**

## **Report & Accounts**

**Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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Miss Jeredyne Stanley

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### Future Plans

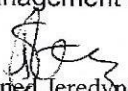
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Signed Jeredyn Stanley  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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### Income & Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

|                                          | Notes | 2020/21                 |
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### Notes 2

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Computer accessories

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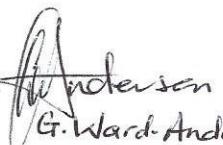
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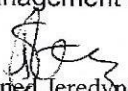
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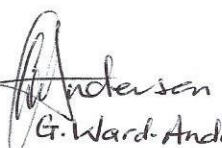
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
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Charity Name  
Rivers LPC

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1164574

**Set out on pages**

5 & 6

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

**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").

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

08/02/2022

**Name:**

Gershon Ward-Anderson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

MAAT  
(Full Member of the Association of Accounting Technician)

**Address:**

18 Key House

Kennington Park Estate, Bowling Green Street

London SE11 5TT

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.