

Trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2021

Trustees

The Charity is wholly run voluntarily and managed by a committee who are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hold office until the next AGM. Those elected to serve at the 2019 AGM were:

Officers

Mrs Emma Thistleton	Chair
Mrs Claire Tree	Vice-chair
Mrs Swazi Rodgers	Secretary
Dr Melanie Bruguier	Treasurer

Ordinary Committee Members

Dr Ruth Clery
Mrs Bhama Dicker
Mrs Catherine Gardiner
Miss Heidi Harrison
Mrs Susan Johnson
Ms Diane Nignan
Mrs Alice Pead (resigned 1 September 2020)
Ms Sara Pevsner
Mr Ahmet Ratip
Mrs Sarah Rihal
Mrs Kathryn Sinclair
Mrs Kavitha Whitley

The committee was assisted by non-voting co-opted members, teacher representatives from both the Senior and Junior schools as well as by class representatives across the school community.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is an association governed by a constitution dated 07 January 2016. All parents and/or guardians of present pupils are members of the Association and are entitled to vote in elections for the Committee.

The objectives of the Charity are to advance the educational needs of the pupils at Royal Russell School and develop effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school. This is done by organising community activities which also raise funds to financially assist in the provision of equipment and facilities at the school. This means that all pupils at the school benefit from additional resources and experiences. All facilities/resources funded by The 1853 Society are available to pupils either universally or on an age basis in the case of specific Junior or Senior School funding or on the basis of interest in the case of funding for clubs.

Achievements and performance

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all events in 2020-21 were cancelled or postponed. The only fundraising activity during 2020-2021 was a Uniform Shop, selling good quality second hand uniform at reasonable prices, which was able to operate on a non-contact basis until restrictions lifted. The Ball originally planned for Spring 2020, was postponed until Spring 2021 but was postponed, yet again, until Spring 2022. Whilst a large number of ticket holders are prepared to wait a number of refund requests have been processed.

The 1853 Society also runs a vibrant subsidised events programme to meet one of its objectives: to develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school. These events usually include an outdoor cinema, a Senior School Disco for years 7 and 8, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the Junior School. However, only the Easter Egg hunt for the Junior School children could proceed.

Financial review

The 1853 Society made a loss of £755 on fundraising activities in the year due to the cost (£2,465) of refunding some Ball tickets. Demand for Ball tickets is always high so ticket sales will likely be regained. Meanwhile, the Uniform Shop continued to improve and raised £2,069. Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt cost £358.

The 1853 Society funded a repair and upgrade of the Junior School's adventure playground costing £18,280 as well as the purchase of a new pirate ship which cost £4,679. The Senior School was also supported by funding new, improved stage lights for the Performing Arts Centre at a cost of £10,163. During the 2020-21 financial year The 1853 Society also agreed to pay £4,505 towards RAF uniform for CCF, this commitment will be carried forward to the 2021-2022 financial year.

At the end of the 2020-2021 period, cash balances were £113,669. The 1853 Society is committed to paying £4,505 towards RAF uniform for CCF. With an operating reserve of £10,000 and a marketing budget of £2,000, the funds available for donations at the end of the 2020-2021 period are £97,164.

The 1853 Society hope to resume a full calendar of events starting with a Christmas Fair in 2021 and will consider any further funding requests received via the headmasters.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit in preparing this report.

Signed on behalf of the committee by



Emma Thistleton
Chair

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of The 1853 Society on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021, charity number 1167263, set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 matter has come to my attention

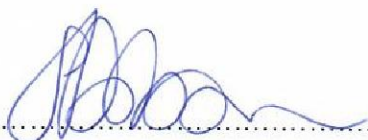
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature



Date 3/11/2021

Name L.H. SAMANTHA DOBSON

Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 August 2021

	<i>Note</i>	2021	2020	2019	2018
		Total funds	Total funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Fundraising	1	2,069	24,520	41,178	48,165
Subscriptions		31,130	19,460	29,240	30,863
Interest & bank payments		-	106	18	6
Donations	1	-	-	-	-
Receipts relating to a previous year		-	800	-	2
Total receipts		33,200	44,886	70,436	79,036
Payments					
Fundraising expenses	2	2,823	10,171	19,935	24,902
Administrative costs		175	823	2,036	1,350
Monies given to school	3	33,122	-	10,306	22,434
Monies given to external charities		-	915	149	918
Perishable stock		-	619	944	1,257
Payments relating to previous year		-	334	100	-
Payments relating to future year		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		36,120	12,860	33,469	50,860
Net receipts/(payments)					
Cash funds at start of year		116,589	84,564	47,597	19,421
Cash funds at end of year		113,669	116,589	84,564	47,597

The accounts on pages 6 to 9 were approved by the Trustees at a virtual meeting on 4 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by



Emma Thistleton
Chair

Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 31 August 2021

	<i>Note</i>	2021	2020	2019	2018
		Total funds	Total funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Cash at bank	4	113,669	117,174	78,619	47,473
Uncleared credits		-	-	10,364	500
Total cash funds		<u>113,669</u>	<u>117,174</u>	<u>88,983</u>	<u>47,973</u>
Other monetary assets					
Receipts from fundraising received after the year end		-	-	-	1,234
Receipts from subscriptions received after the year end		-	-	-	10,113
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,346</u>
Liabilities					
Agreed donations to school		4,505			
Uncleared cheques		-	134	4,420	11,591
Other bills due		-	450	-	131
Total liabilities		<u>4,505</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>4,420</u>	<u>11,722</u>
Operating reserve		12,000			
Available funds at end of year		<u>97,164</u>	<u>116,589</u>	<u>84,564</u>	<u>47,597</u>

NOTES

Fundraising events	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>				
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2019	2018
	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts	Net Receipts	Net Receipts	Net Receipts
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Event						
Russellian Ball	-	2,465	(2,465)	6,054	14,916	16,572
Christmas Fair	-	-	-	7,504	6,779	6,700
Uniform	2,069	-	2,069	1,640	2,090	1,621
Murder Mystery	-	-	-	-	-	996
Quiz Night	-	-	-	-	-	929
Barn Dance	-	-	-	-	(319)	420
Sale of excess stock	-	-	-	-	1	4
Disco	-	-	-	-	(313)	(305)
Easter Egg Hunt	-	358	(358)	(209)	(370)	(396)
Comedy Night	-	-	-	(639)	-	(827)
Cinema	-	-	-	-	(1,540)	(2,451)
Car Boot sale	-	-	-	-	-	-
Race Night	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>2,069</u>	<u>2,823</u>	<u>(755)</u>	<u>21,243</u>	<u>21,243</u>	<u>23,263</u>

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Monies given to school	<i>Note 3</i>			
	2021	2020	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Adventure playground repair	18,280	-	-	-
PAC stage lighting	10,163	-	-	-
Junior School pirate ship	4,679	-	-	-
Climbing walls for Junior School	-	-	6,372	-
Futsal equipment	-	-	2,500	-
Biomedical careers day	-	-	1,434	-
Sports pavilion funding	-	-	-	20,000
Laser Cutter for DT department	-	-	-	1,434
Competition grade trampoline	-	-	-	1,000
Total	33,122	-	10,306	22,434

Note 4 – Latest statement date 01 September 2021