

**ASSISTING BERKSHIRE CHILDREN TO READ (CIO)
REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025**

ASSISTING BERKSHIRE CHILDREN TO READ (CIO)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs Hannah McNicholl (Chair) Mrs Pauline Harper (Deputy Chair) Mr Stephen Smith (Treasurer) Mr Michael Edwards Mrs Jenny Cooney Mr Adrian Meldrum Mrs Claire Herriott Ms Leorah Stewart Mr Paul Dieppe (passed away 3 rd June 2024)
Operational Management Committee	Mrs Hannah McNicholl Mr Stephen Smith Mrs Marcia Rowlinson
Patrons	James Carter Julie Cohen Dan Freedman A.F. Harrold
Ambassador	Katie Fforde
Registered Charity Number	1184968
Accountants	C F Limited 20 Woods Road Caversham Reading RG4 6NA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period from April 1st 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity are to advance the education and self-confidence of children in Berkshire, particularly by helping them overcome reading difficulties and thereby promoting their general well-being.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

As we celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2024, this year has been one of growth, resilience, and deep impact for ABC to read. Reflecting on our journey, we are reminded of the vital role that literacy plays in shaping a child's future. With the support of our dedicated volunteers, generous funders, and committed schools, we have helped hundreds of children gain the confidence and skills they need to thrive.

ABC to read's core objective is to ensure that every child struggling with literacy receives individualised, one-to-one reading support. Our achievements this year included:

- Expanding into new schools to reach more children in need.
- Delivering specialist training to volunteers, including:
 - 60 volunteers trained to support neurodivergent children.
 - 35 volunteers trained in bereavement support, recognising that many children we work with have lost a parent or sibling at a young age.
- Running buddy workshops, equipping older pupils with the skills to support younger readers, helping to develop both literacy and leadership skills in schools.
- Delivering parent workshops, empowering families with practical strategies to support their children's reading at home.
- Raising awareness of the literacy crisis and advocating for better support for struggling readers.
- Strengthening governance and partnerships to improve our impact and sustainability.

ABC to read measures the outcome of our reading for 5-11 years old by asking schools and volunteers to comment on the changes observed in the children we support. The results are that 97% of children improved in their attitude to reading and 96% of children's self-confidence and self-esteem increased. Schools have reported that our buddy workshops have helped strengthen peer-to-peer reading support, improving reading outcomes across different age groups. Parents attending our workshops have gained greater confidence in supporting their children's literacy at home, creating a stronger foundation for long-term reading success.

This year, we have also focused on expanding our reach and enhancing our governance and recognition, including:

- Welcoming a new Advisory Panel, bringing together experienced education leaders to help us address the challenges faced by local schools.
- Achieving multiple awards, demonstrating the quality and impact of our work:
 - Reading Advice Network (RAN) Quality Standard – recognising our exceptional literacy support.
 - Highly Commended in the Zurich Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Awards – celebrating our efforts in inclusive literacy support.
 - Safe and Sound governance kitemark renewal – reaffirming our commitment to safeguarding and accountability.
 - Bronze CSR Accreditation – highlighting our commitment to social responsibility.
- Commitment to ethical fundraising – as a proud member of the Fundraising Regulator, we uphold the highest standards of transparency, integrity, and best practice in our fundraising efforts.

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This year also brought moments of deep sadness with the passing of Paul Dieppe, our much-loved friend and a trustee since 2004, and Chair for over seven years. Paul played a pivotal role in shaping ABC to read and championing our mission. His passion, dedication, and vision have left a lasting impact on our charity and the many children whose lives he helped change. In his honour, we were proud to present the first Paul Dieppe Award to one of our dedicated RBWM volunteers, recognising outstanding commitment to our cause. Paul's legacy will continue to inspire us in all that we do.

As we look to the future, we remain ambitious in our mission to help every child become a confident reader. Our priorities for the coming year include:

- Recruiting and training more volunteers to meet growing demand.
- Expanding our buddy and parent workshops to reach more families and schools.
- Strengthening partnerships with local businesses, funders, and educational organisations.
- Maintaining our high standards of governance and ethical fundraising as a member of the Fundraising Regulator.

Thank you to our volunteers, funders, staff, trustees, and supporters who continue to make our work possible. Together, we are changing lives, one page at a time.

The Trustees would like to thank the following organisations for grants made to ABC to read: Reading University, John Sykes Foundation, Slough CVS, Groundwork UK, Bracknell Town Council, Winnersh Parish Council, Warfield Parish Council, Edmund Godson Charity, Greenham Trust, Binfield Parish Council, Hungerford Town Council, The Grocers' Charity, Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council, Speen Parish Council, Magdalen Hospital Trust, Charvil Parish Council, The Rectory Foundation, One Slough Community Fund, Berkshire Community Foundation, The Sackler Trust, Sovereign Network Group, Thatcham Town Council, The J J Charitable Trust, Beedon Parish Council, Woodley Town Council, The Early Charity, The Swire Charitable Trust, Finchampstead Parish Council, Wokingham Lions, Tesco Stronger Starts, The Four Barrows Foundation, Abri/Silva Homes, The Shanly Foundation, Berkshire Community Foundation through Pargiter Trust, The Syder Foundation, Pangbourne College Community, The Wakeham Trust, Colefax Charitable Trust, Project Spark Trust, Berkshire Masonic Charity, The John Horseman Trust, The Promotion of English Trust, The Sobell Foundation, Future Scope Charitable Trust, Zurich's Innovation in Diversity Awards, Newbury Foundation Committee, Monica Rabagilati, The Silver Lady Fund, St Nicholas Hurst Parish Council and The Balacqua Charitable Trust.

The Trustees would like to thank Phyllis Court in Henley-on-Thames for making ABC to read their Charity of the Year and for their generous donation. The Trustees would also like to thank the following for their donations: Penningtons Manches Cooper, The Friendship Society, Eton Action Charities, Kingdom Rooms, Compton Parish Council, Invesco, Wise Music Foundation, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Thatcham Parochial Charities, St Laurence Church Charities and Rotary Club of Reading Abbey.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements. The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

The Charity operates two main bank accounts. The Charity current account is with Lloyds and is the main account for the receipt of funds and donations made and can contain funds of both an unrestricted and restricted nature. This account is used for the day-to-day running of the charity. The Charity retains the majority of its reserves in a COIF Charities Fund with CCLA that generates a small amount of interest each month.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve-month's expenditure in order to honour our signed agreements with schools and volunteers to ensure we can provide a full year of support to children when they start the programme and to ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities for a minimum of 12 months while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

Assisting Berkshire Children to read is a CIO and is governed by a constitution dated was adopted on the 27th of June 2019 and amended on the 13th of August 2019.

The charity is not politically aligned.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs Hannah McNicholl (Chair)

Mrs Pauline Harper (Deputy Chair)

Mr Stephen Smith (Treasurer)

Mr Michael Edwards

Mrs Jenny Cooney

Mr Adrian Meldrum

Mrs Claire Herriott

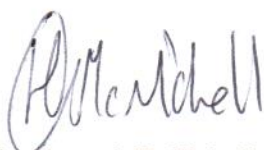
Mr Paul Dieppe (passed away 3rd June 2024)

Ms Leorah Stewart

The Board of Trustees meet once each school term. Decisions are made on a simple majority basis unless Constitutional or legal requirements mandate a greater majority.

All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge. None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the Charity was a party during the period.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs Hannah McNicholl

Chair of Trustees

Dated:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSISTING BERKSHIRE CHILDREN TO READ (CIO)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Assisting Berkshire Children to read (the Charity) for the period between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

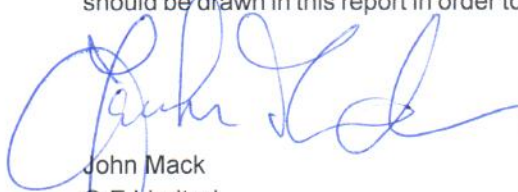
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



John Mack
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20 Woods Road
Caversham
Reading
RG4 6NA

Dated: 03-07-2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and similar income	3	81,710	-	81,710	50,705
Restricted grants	4	-	64,259	64,259	22,044
Other grants	5	39,516	-	39,516	35,718
Interest received from COIF Charity Fund		7,204	-	7,204	7,286
Total incoming resources		128,431	64,259	192,690	115,752
<u>Resources Expended:</u>					
Cost of purchase of tangible assets		-	-	-	2,300
Governance costs		3,770	-	3,770	3,531
Total		3,770	-	3,770	5,831
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		124,661	64,259	188,920	109,921
<u>Charitable Expenditure</u>					
Volunteers' expenses including training, recruitment & books	4	-	43,821	43,821	28,696
Running Costs	6	4,496	-	4,496	4,769
Managing and administering the charity	7	87,651	-	87,651	100,251
Total Charitable Expenditure		92,147	43,821	135,968	133,716
Total resources expended		95,917	43,821	139,737	139,247
Net movement in funds for period		32,514	20,438	52,952	(19,195)
Fund balances at 01 April 2024		140,845	4,872	145,717	164,912
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		173,359	25,310	198,669	145,717

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

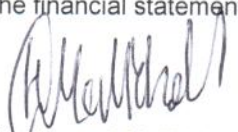
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	4,360	5,450
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	9	975	1,065
Cash at bank and in hand	10	198,864	146,361
Total		199,838	147,426
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	6,619	7,159
Net current assets		193,219	140,267
Total assets less current liabilities		198,669	145,717
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		173,359	140,845
Restricted funds		25,310	4,872
		198,669	145,717

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 3rd July 2025


 Mrs Hannah McNicholl
 Chair of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Assisting Berkshire Children to read is a CIO governed by a constitution adopted on the 27th June 2019 and amended on the 13th August 2019.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies (Cont.)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Cost of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Furniture and fittings – 20% per annum

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies (Cont.)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and similar income				
		2025		2024
		£		£
School contributions		43,225		40,791
Sundry donations		38,485		9,914
Total		81,710		50,705
4 Restricted Grants				
2023/2024		Balance b/f	Amount	Balance
Grantors			Expended	c/f
Reading University	Recruitment and training of volunteers	4,372	4,372	-
Wokingham District Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	500	500	-
Grantor	Purpose	Grant Amount	Amount	Balance
			Expended	c/f
Reading University	Increase in living wage for Interns	210	210	-
John Sykes Foundation	Buddy training	2,000	2,000	-
Slough CVS	Recruitment and training of volunteers	750	750	-
Groundwork UK	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,000	1,000	-
Bracknell Town Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,000	1,000	-
Winnersh Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	250	250	-
Warfield Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	720	720	-
The Edmund Godson Charity	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,590	1,590	-
Barkham Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,500	1,500	-
Greenham Trust Ltd	Recruitment and training of volunteers	2,500	2,500	-
Binfield Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	500	500	-
Hungerford Town Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	50	50	-
The Grocers' Charity	Recruitment and training of 5 volunteers	3,118	3,118	-
Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	500	500	-
Speen Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	500	500	-
Magdalen Hospital Trust	Recruitment and training of 3 volunteers	1,500	1,500	-
The FSP Foundation	Recruitment and training of 2 volunteers	1,350	1,350	-
Charvil Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	360	360	-
Rectory Foundation	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,000	1,000	-
One Slough Community Fund	Recruitment and training of 5 volunteers	795	795	-

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Berkshire Community Foundation	Volunteer Coffee Mornings	1,700	1,700	-
Greenham Trust Ltd	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,783	783	1,000
The Sackler Trust	Recruitment and training of 20 volunteers	5,000	5,000	-
Sovereign Network Group	Recruitment and training of 10 volunteers	3,000	1,000	2,000
Thatcham Town Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	500	-	500
The J J Charitable Trust	Recruitment and training of volunteers	5,000	-	5,000
Beedon Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	100	100	-
Woodley Town Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,000	1,000	-
The Earley Charity	Recruitment and training of 10 volunteers	2,000	-	2,000
University of Reading	Intern recruitment: O Nobbs and S Mohapatra	3,203	1,518	1,685
The Swire Charitable Trust	Recruitment and training of volunteers	5,000	5,000	-
Finchampstead Parish Council	Recruitment and training of volunteers	360	360	-
Wokingham Lions Golden Award	Recruitment and training of 5 volunteers	500	500	-
Tesco Stronger Starts	Recruitment and training of volunteers	1,125	-	1,125
The Four Barrows Foundation	Recruitment and training of volunteers	3,000	-	3,000
Abri/Silva Homes	Recruitment and training of 18 volunteers	9,000	-	9,000
One Slough Community Fund	Recruitment and training of volunteers	795	795	-
Totals		64,259	43,821	25,310

5 Other grants

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
The Shanly Foundation	1,590	
Berkshire Community Foundation	5,000	
The Syder Foundation	2,000	
Pangbourne College Community	500	
The Wakeham Trust	350	
Colefax Charitable Trust	1,000	
Project Spark Trust	3,000	
Berkshire Masonic Charity	1,500	
The John Horseman Trust	3,000	
The Promotion of English Trust	1,000	
The Sobell Foundation	5,000	
Future Scope Charitable Trust	5,000	
Zurich's Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Awards	1,076	
Newbury Foundation Committee - SJP Charitable Foundation	1,000	
Monica Rabagliati (Kleinwork Hambros)	2,500	

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The Silver Lady Fund	1,500	
The Belacqua Charitable Trust	1,500	
St Nicholas Hurst Parish Council	500	
Berkshire Community Foundation	2,500	
Total	39,516	35,718
6 Running costs		
	2025	2024
Rent	3,406	3,406
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,090	1,363
Total	4,496	4,769
7 Management and administrative expenses		
Printing, postage, stationery & telephone	1,463	1,719
Staff salaries	80,103	94,739
Sundry expenses	6,085	3,792
Total	87,651	100,251
8 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
At 1 st April 2024	16,797	14,497
Additions during the period	-	2,300
Total	16,797	16,797
Depreciation		
At 1 st April 2024	11,347	9,984
Charge for the period	1,090	1,363
Total	12,437	11,347
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	4,360	5,450
9 Debtors and prepayments		
Insurance	317	296
School debtors	130	560
Other	528	209
Total	975	1,065
10 Cash at hand and in bank		
Lloyds current account	20,165	9,882
COIF Charity Trust Fund	178,610	136,406
Cash float	89	73

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FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

Total	198,864	146,361
11 Creditors: Amounts falling within 3 months		
Accountancy	2,840	2,620
Telephone accruals	160	170
Other accrued expenses	3,619	4,369
Total	6,619	7,159

12 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

13 Employees

The charity employed an average of nine staff during the year.

14 Retirement benefit schemes

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during period.