



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

RATHMELL SCHOOL TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1188700

Charity's principal address

THE OLD SCHOOL, HESLEY LANE

RATHMELL

SETTLE

Postcode

BD24 0LA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rosemary Hyslop	Chair		R. Hyslop
2	Jacqueline Frankland	Treasurer		J. Frankland
3	Keith Mothersdale	Ordinary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rosemary Hyslop	
Jacqueline Frankland	
Keith Mothersdale	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	RCM Associates Ltd	Green Farm Barn, The Green, Rathmell, BD24 0JX

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

3 Trustees all who live within 7 miles of the school

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

By invitation following a Trustees Special Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

In November 2022 the Trustees accepted a Reverter Claim by the descendants of Mr C J Geldard, Cattleside, Rathmell who originally owned the land (1869) for the site of the school now standing, much evidence to support this has been provided. They advised the Dept for Education (DfE) of this which resulted in the s.554 Application by Leeds Diocese being suspended. However, Leeds Diocese Board of Finance Ltd (LDBF) dispute the Reverter Claim and want the DfE to authorise them to start proceedings to seize the site for disposal as and when they choose. In March 2023 LDBF raised a claim in Leeds High Court against the Trustees personally, papers were served in June 2023 and the case is pending.

The Trustees immediately sought legal advice and Kings Counsel advised that there is no case against them by LDBF and that LDBF should withdraw their claim immediately, however they will not. No evidence to the contrary has been forthcoming from LDBF or their solicitors.

The Charity Commission and the DfE have been kept informed of matters and despite many requests for guidance and help, they have stated they cannot intervene until the dispute is resolved. Until then the Trustees continue to maintain the premises, keep it insured and in good order for the benefit and enrichment of the local community.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the charity are to protect and care for all property and grounds known as and associated with Rathmell School Trust. This includes the former primary school, the School House and School Field and the provision of facilities to support the enrichment of the local community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We provide a safe and secure facility for our local community to use as they may require. We have utilised the former classrooms as private office/work rooms for local business people in order to provide a secure income which is to be used for the maintenance, insurance and general costs of the Trusts (as authorised by the Trustees) and have new tenants in the School House as of October 2023. This enables the Trust to be financially sustainable.

We are able to offer educational (academic or vocational) support and provide a safe place for this and other activities for our community as they may wish.

The trust is financially strong and can meet all its commitments as required.

We, the Trustees have all received, read and accepted the statutory declaration as required by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees are committed to care for all the property associated with the Trust and be financially prudent to protect the long-term success, viability and stability of the Trust.

We have a group of local volunteers who support the Trust activities and offer different skills to us as we may require them.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have been able to engage with our local community members by providing a food service once a month whilst reviewing the needs of our locality which has allowed us to offer support, help and care and to be of service when required.

We have provided a safe place for local business owners to continue their work and support their families and for local groups to use the facilities to support their work (ie: Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust). As and when they need to work online we have full access to the B4RN ultra-high speed fibre optic network to enable people of any age to access the internet which not all domestic residences have the capability to do.

We are happy to host Rathmell Young Farmers Club and they have regularly used the school for their club meetings and continue to do so.

We also host a variety of vocational educational classes to support the interests and well-being of local residents in and around the area.

A small number of local children have used the quiet spaces for additional educational support in preparation for the GCSE exams.

Children are able to play and cycle safely within the confines of the playground and sports field area and this has helped them and their parents with their own physical and mental health care.

We have hosted several first aid courses for local groups to help them care for the local community as well as support for other medical services if required.

We aim to continue to offer support to our widespread, local community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Prudent financial management ensures we retain at least one third of our annual revenue as reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

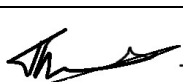
The charity received donations and other funds from crowd-funding and other campaigns towards the unexpected cost of legal fees to defend and protect the trustees against the legal action taken by LDBF against the trustees personally. The trustees believe it is fundamentally against the best interests of the village charity for LDBF to continue their action. The charity supports local activities and people and the beneficiaries are solely the local residents, (and in particular the children of the local residents who are encouraged to take advantage of the premises for their own educational advancement). Day-to-day operational and over-head funding is generally self-sourced.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jacqueline Frankland

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

21/10/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
RATHMELL SCHOOL TRUST

No (if any)
1188700

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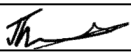
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/12/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rental Income	15,598	-	-	15,598	16,727
CDC Grants	-	-	-	-	2,000
Bank Interest Received	91	-	-	91	10
Munch & Mingle	7,172	-	-	7,172	7,845
COIF Income	234	-	-	234	311
Donations	15,654	-	-	15,654	30
Loans from Trustees	12,000	-	-	12,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,749	-	-	50,749	26,923
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,749	-	-	50,749	26,923
A3 Payments					
Repairs & Maintenance	11,991	-	-	11,991	2,557
Light, Heat & Power	4,936	-	-	4,936	6,736
Insurance	1,345	-	-	1,345	1,282
Munch & Mingle Provisions	4,556	-	-	4,556	6,577
Rent, Rates & Sewage	693	-	-	693	596
Computer, Telephone & Broadband costs	456	-	-	456	381
Legal Fees	37,918	-	-	37,918	-
Accountancy	702	-	-	702	624
Sundries	1,384	-	-	1,384	1,788
Sub total	63,981	-	-	63,981	20,541
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,981	-	-	63,981	20,541
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,232	-	-	- 13,232	6,382
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,682	-	-	21,682	15,300
Cash funds this year end	8,450	-	-	8,450	21,682

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Bank Account	2,926	-	-
	Business Premium Account	5,524	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	8,450	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	COIF Fund - 16877001T	Unrestricted	-	635
	COIF Fund - 42303001T	Unrestricted	-	971
	COIF Fund - 986310001T	Unrestricted	-	9,552
			-	-
			-	11,158
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	School Site	Unrestricted	-	120,000
	School House	Unrestricted	-	350,000
	Field	Unrestricted	-	75,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	545,000
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Jacqueline Frankland	21/10/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Rathmell School Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1188700

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

R. McCool

Date: 21/10/2024

Name:

Richard Christopher McCool

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

FCA

Address:

RCM Associates Limited

Green Farm Barn, The Green, Settle

BD24 0JX

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.

None to report.