



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 14 August 2023 to 5 April 2024

Charity name: Reading Ancient Schoolroom

Charity registration number: 1204349

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	As set out in its constitution, the object of the CIO is to advance education for the public benefit by offering re-enactments, workshops, and other communications about ancient schools and ancient education more generally to children, teachers, parents and other interested parties.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Between August and April we provided the following fully costumed events to schools who paid for them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Witham Hall School (Lincolnshire) on 30<sup>th</sup> November: c. 30 pupils in year 5 plus c. 10 in year 8.</li><li>• Eltham College (London) on 9<sup>th</sup> January: c. 60 pupils.</li><li>• Cheam School (Berkshire) on 22<sup>nd</sup> February: c. 60 pupils in year 6.</li><li>• Reading School (on campus at the University of Reading) on 11<sup>th</sup> March: 35 pupils in year 9</li><li>• Cokethorpe School (Oxfordshire) on 22<sup>nd</sup> March: c. 80 pupils in year 8.</li></ul> <p>We also did a fully costumed, mostly free event with the help of (and on the premises of) Oxford University Classics Outreach, on 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December. The attendees were King Alfred's Academy in Wantage (14 pupils in year 8), St John Fisher (25 pupils in year 5), Cokethorpe School (15 pupils in year 9), a children's choir, a GCSE Latin class run by the university outreach service, and an open session for families in the area.</p> <p>We also provided some free uncostumed events to schools in the Reading area.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Over this reporting period the schoolroom has given over 350 children the opportunity to immerse themselves in antiquity, as well as offering more than a hundred others a less immersive experience. The participants and their teachers/parents/guardians have responded with great enthusiasm, both about how much they learned and about how much fun that learning was. People who worked for the schoolroom also learned a lot and enjoyed the experience; we now have a pool of 30 trained teachers, 21 of whom started working in the schoolroom this year. Every school that invited us this past year has asked for another booking this year. We expanded our offering by launching a Romano-British schoolroom as well as the Roman Egypt one with which we started.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There was a net cash inflow for the year of £2,816. Excluding the transfer-in of funds from the previous schoolroom association at inception of the CIO of £2,084, the net cash inflow for the year was £732. Funds at the year end were £2,816. The trustees consider that the schoolroom's financial position fully supports its continuation as a going concern.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves in case of emergencies such as loss, damage or theft of equipment needed to operate the schoolroom.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No fund is in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees have identified no such uncertainties.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	'Foundation' model constitution dated 14 August 2023.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The current trustees are all 'first trustees', appointed on registration of the CIO. New trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Reading Ancient Schoolroom
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1204349
Charity's principal address	27 Bridge Street Oxford OX2 0BA

### 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	Eleanor Dickey	Chair		Appointed as a first trustee on registration of CIO.
2	Emma Aston			Appointed as a first trustee on registration of CIO.
3	Christa Gray			Appointed as a first trustee on registration of CIO.
4	Marigold Norbye			Appointed as a first trustee on registration of CIO.
5	John Charles Stewart			Appointed as a first trustee on registration of CIO.
6	Daniela Colomo		14 August 2023-16 January 2024	Appointed as a first trustee on registration of CIO.

### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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### Declarations

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

#### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Eleanor Dickey	Charles Stewart
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date	18 August 2024
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

14-Aug-23

To

05-Apr-24

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Transfer in from Schoolroom association	2,084	-	-	2,084	-
Fees from events	2,159	-	-	2,159	-
Donations and Gift Aid	137	-	-	137	-
Sale of schoolroom-related materials (primary purpose trading)	105	-	-	105	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments to schoolroom assistants	400	-	-	400	-
Volunteers' expenses	201	-	-	201	-
DBS checks	102	-	-	102	-
Bank charges	28	-	-	28	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Schoolroom equipment	721	-	-	721	-
Purchase of schoolroom-related materials for sale	216	-	-	216	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank balance	2,746	-	-
	Cash	70	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Schoolroom equipment	Unrestricted	-	25,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Eleanor Dickey</i>	Eleanor Dickey	18 Aug 2024
<i>John Charles Stewart</i>	John Charles Stewart	18 Aug 2024