

BLACKBURN RAGGED SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity Commission Reference No. 216247

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Professional Advisors

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Report

The trustees of Blackburn Ragged School (Charity Commission Reference Number 216247) have pleasure in presenting their Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Principal aims and objectives:

The Blackburn Ragged School was originally established under a trust deed dated 9 September 1895 to provide support for the needy children of the borough. On 8 August 2001 under an order from the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, it was merged with Blackburn and District Crippled Children's Aid Society. The object of the combined charity is to further the religious and other charitable purposes of the United Reformed Church in Blackburn and the surrounding area.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives and in considering its future activities.

The Charity's principal address is Kingsway, Greenhurst Place, Blackburn, BB2 1NA.

Main activities, achievements and financial performance:

Throughout the 2023-2024 period covered by these accounts we have continued in much the same way as the previous year. Church services have been both traditional and some new expressions of worship, especially Messy Church which has become a regular feature of the work we support. This encourages families to come together for craft activities, a cooked meal and worship on a particular theme once a month. Pastoral care has been a priority for the many elderly people we have associated with us and many funerals have taken place.

Jointly sponsored events with our sister church at Woodlands have included a thriving weekly Carers and Toddlers group and Scouts (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers).

For adults the weekly Warm and Welcome meeting held each Thursday afternoon brings together a number of people to enjoy a social time in which they partake in table games and jig saws and on occasions a 'special' afternoon when we may have some visiting entertainment. A plentiful supply of tea and cake is made available and on other occasions a buffet meal. Additional community events are held at the festival times.

Some support has been made available to those in need and especially the homeless with hand and feet warmers and other gifts to the Foodbank and Nightsafe, a young person's day and night care centre.

Our main source of income continues to come from those whom we serve by regular giving by way of donations and from the annual Christmas market.

Reserves policy:

The charity holds reserves, largely represented by income generating investments, to provide a contribution towards the recurring annual charitable expenditure. The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees annually.

Custodian Trustee:

The United Reformed Church (North Western Province) Trust Limited is the custodian trustee of the charity.

Managing Trustees

The Elders for the time being, of the Blackburn Ragged School United Reformed Church, are the managing trustees. The following acted in that capacity during the period covered by the accounts:

Mr A Barnes
Mrs M Fish
Mrs C Kirkham
Mrs J Brown
Mrs M Molloy

Miss E Palin

Future trustees will be appointed by existing trustees.

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Trustees' Report

Pastor

Mr A Barnes

Address

Kingsway
Greenhurst Place
Blackburn
BB2 1NA

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs C Kirkham

Mr A Barnes

Date: 12. 12. 24

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blackburn Ragged School

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of the 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(2) 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(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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.



Helen Binns FCA

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Date: 8 January 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	
Receipts				
Income from donations and legacies	13,718	-	13,718	13,758
Woodlands salary contribution	13,042	-	13,042	12,623
Income from investments	9,611	-	9,611	7,925
Receipts from sales of investments	-	-	-	30,000
Total receipts	<u>36,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,371</u>	<u>64,306</u>
Payments				
Charitable activities				
Salaries	(19,657)	-	(19,657)	(20,441)
Ministry and Mission Fund	(10,002)	-	(10,002)	(10,065)
Rental and Service Charge for Kingsway	(12,077)	-	(12,077)	(12,077)
Repairs and maintenance	(51)	-	(51)	(720)
Stationery and postage	(680)	-	(680)	(1,497)
Insurance	(401)	-	(401)	(352)
Travelling and motor expenses	(180)	-	(180)	(279)
Sundries	(3,940)	-	(3,940)	(4,343)
Donations	(3,083)	-	(3,083)	(2,980)
Bank charges	(163)	-	(163)	(161)
Accountancy fees	(1,482)	-	(1,482)	(2,730)
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	<u>(51,716)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,716)</u>	<u>(55,645)</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	<u>(15,345)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,345)</u>	<u>8,661</u>
Reconciliation				
Cash funds brought forward	23,930	-	23,930	15,269
Cash funds carried forward	<u>8,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,585</u>	<u>23,930</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

		<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Endowment £	Total £	Total
Fixed assets at cost					
Fixtures and Fittings	3	15,633	-	15,633	17,112
Investments	4	142,426	45,000	187,426	187,426
		158,059	45,000	203,059	204,538
Current assets					
Bank		8,585	-	8,585	23,930
		8,585	-	8,585	23,930
Net Current Assets		8,585	-	8,585	23,930
Net assets		166,644	45,000	211,644	228,468
The funds of the charity:					
Endowment		-	45,000	45,000	45,000
Unrestricted	6	166,644	-	166,644	183,468
		166,644	45,000	211,644	228,468

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs C Kirkham

Mr A Barnes

Date:

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

2 Funds of the charity

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of Blackburn Ragged School that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the Blackburn Ragged School.

Endowment funds are in relation to permanent funds set aside, as a result of a sale of a manse in 1985. These funds are to be held permanently, to generate investment income for the day to day expenses.

3 Fixtures and Fittings

	Cost £
Cost as at 1 April 2023	17,112
Disposals	(1,479)
Cost as at 31 March 2024	<u>15,633</u>

4 Investments

	Cost £
<u>Castlefield Income units</u>	
Cost as at 1 April 2023	187,426
Cost as at 31 March 2024	<u>187,426</u>

The market value of the investments as at 31 March 2024 was £216,756 (2023 - £223,088)

5 Endowment Funds

During previous periods the managing trustees decided to utilise the bank balance for day to day operations rather than realise income generating investments. Accordingly £45,000 of the investments have been designated as relating to the endowment fund in place of the consumed bank balance.

6 Unrestricted Funds

The trustees prepare a receipts and payments account showing the movement on cash funds. To further aid understanding of the financial position they also supply a statement of assets.

The movement on the unrestricted funds shown on the asset statement is-

	£
As at 1 April 2023	183,468
Net cash surplus from the receipts and payments account	(15,345)
Disposal of fixtures and fittings at cost	(1,479)
As at 31 March 2024	<u>166,644</u>