

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**  
**FOR**  
**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

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**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

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**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

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## MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Much Hadham Pre-School (formerly Much Hadham Playgroup) is a registered charity and a member of the Early Years Alliance (the trading name of the Pre-school Learning Alliance). We aim to provide care, education, and fun for the pre-school aged children of Much Hadham and the surrounding area and are regulated by Ofsted.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102). The report includes an account of those activities undertaken by the charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit. They have also complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

The committee members for the year 2023/24:

Mrs Rebecca McMurray (Chair) (joined 18 January 2024)

Mrs Louise Ansell

Mrs Aaron Hansen (Treasurer)

Mrs Camilla Hart (joined 14 September 2022) (resigned 3 July 2024)

Mrs Maria Pavlou (joined 14 September 2022)

Mrs Charlotte Lant (joined 18 January 2023)

Mrs Sarah McKenna (joined 7 March 2024)

Mrs Katie Gale (joined 3 July 2024)

The Committee was elected for a term of one year, and most will become eligible for re-election, provided they have not already served more than 6 years. **60% of the Committee must be parents of children at Pre-School at the time of their election.** Election is by voting by all attending the Annual General Meeting. All parents of Pre-School children are invited to that meeting.

### Chairman's Report

Much Hadham Pre-School ("MHPS") operates in a purpose-built building in the grounds of St Andrew's CofE Primary School ("St Andrew's School"). The building and the land on which it stands is owned by the Diocese of St Albans, which also owns St. Andrew's School. MHPS has a 50-year lease over the building at a rent of £10 per annum. This lease gives MHPS the right to use the building until 12:45pm each day. St Andrew's School has the right to use the building in the afternoons. However, St Andrew's School opened its own Early Years Foundation Unit in September 2011 which means that it no longer uses the Pre-School building. Therefore, with the agreement of St Andrew's School, MHPS continues to have sole use of the building and runs additional lunch club and afternoon sessions to complement St Andrew's Schools Early Years Foundation Unit, which only runs in the mornings. Accordingly, many of the children attending St Andrew's Early Years Foundation Unit in the mornings make use of the Pre-School lunch club and afternoon sessions on at least one day of the week. In addition, since September 2019 MHPS runs breakfast and after-school clubs to support the families of St Andrew's School.

St Andrew's School has a duty to maintain the building but budgetary constraints within St Andrew's School and the close working relationship and co-operation between St Andrew's School and Much Hadham Pre-School have meant that, in practice, Much Hadham Pre-School has always largely met the cost of maintenance of the building. As St Andrew's is not currently using the building the running costs fall to Much Hadham Pre-School.

## **MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

#### ***Day to Day***

In the year to August 2024, MHPS has continued to run the following sessions 5 days per week during term time:

**for pre-school age children (over 2 years to the September they start school reception)**

- a morning session from 9am-12pm for any children
- a lunch club from 12pm to 1pm for any children over 3 years; and
- an afternoon session from 1pm to 3pm again for any children over 3 years;

**for any children aged 3 years and above attending St Andrew's School and MHPS:**

- a breakfast club (including breakfast) from 7.30am to 9am; and
- an after-school club (including a light meal) from 3.00pm to 6pm on Mondays to Fridays

Numbers have risen in all sessions after the lower numbers experienced following the COVID years and are now very healthy. Advertising in local parish magazines, a number of Bishops Stortford papers including The Independent and Salad Days and in local shops, supermarkets and the library could have all contributed to the increase in numbers. Numbers are particularly high in both the breakfast and after-school clubs.

#### ***Staff***

- The MHPS staff as at the year ending August 2024 are:
- Mrs Maria Pavlou (Manager, Early Years Foundation degree);
- Mrs Jayne Clarke (Deputy Manager and Senco, NVQ Level 3);
- Mrs Alison Kitson (NVQ Level 2);
- Mrs Marlene Bilson (SENCO and NVQ Level 2);
- Mrs Joanne Raffill (QTS);
- Ms Charlotte Hartnell (NVQ Level 2)
- Mrs Julia Kendle (NVQ Level 3)
- Mrs Cathy O'Sullivan (NVQ Level 3)
- Mrs Marie Rannow (NVQ Level 3)
- Mrs Alison Woodley (Administrator)
- Mrs Renata Godfrey (club supervisor)
- Ms Lucy Hartnell (club supervisor)

Staffing levels have enabled us to have at least 4 members of staff per day when required and to cover the additional breakfast and after-school sessions offered. As necessary, staff have attended additional professional development training as appropriate including safety and first aid training in this financial year. All staff hold valid first aid certificates, child protection knowledge is up to date and appropriate staff hold the necessary food hygiene certificate.

In October 2023 staff contracts were changed, moving full time employees from hourly rate contracts to salaried employees. In addition to the new contracts, employees were given six weeks of holiday pay. Moving the standard contract to 15 hours a week, for 45 weeks of the year (39 working weeks plus 6 holiday weeks). Staff on low hours remain on the hourly rate contracts. In addition, staff salaries were increased in April 2024 by 50p.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

In summer 2024, the building was inspected for Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in line with government guidance. No RAAC was identified within the Much Hadham Pre-School premises, and no further action was required.

Much Hadham Pre-School continues to be very proud of its excellent staff and continues to be committed to their training and development. The Committee thank all of our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

#### ***Fundraising and Events***

Each term MHPS has held fundraising events including: The Pumpkin Party, which raised approx £300, our Christmas wreath making which raised approx £800, the annual Lambing morning, and a yoga and sound bath evening in March 2024.

In June 2024 MHPS hosted its bi-annual ball. The ball is the biggest fundraiser for MHPS and this year raised approx £12,000.

Fundraising is an area that is continually considered and reviewed by the committee for the upcoming year, ensuring that the Much Hadham Pre-School is viable.

Our Assisted Places Scheme funded by our fundraising events remained able to offer 2 assisted places for children who were in need during this financial year.

#### ***Expenditure***

This year, there has been no huge expenditure needed on the building.

The Much Hadham Pre-School Committee continues to be conscious that the costs of maintaining the Pre-School building in future years will have to be substantially (if not wholly) borne by Much Hadham Pre-School. The Committee therefore continue to reserve funds for this purpose.

#### ***General***

The Much Hadham Pre-School Committee continued the appointment of Day Coral Mead to carry out the administrative aspects of the Treasurer role such as book keeping, salaries, pensions, invoicing etc and thanks them for their diligence in their role.

In 2023/24 the Trustees discussed potential expansion to the Pre-School. At this stage this is not something we are progressing with but will continue to review throughout the year.

Finally, a huge thank you to all members of the Much Hadham Pre-School Committee for all their efforts this year. All members of the Committee have worked very hard and have been most generous with their time and skills and MHPS is indebted for the support.

## **MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Statement of Financial Activities which follows has been reported on by an Independent Examiner.

As at 31 August 2024, the Pre-School had unrestricted funds of £101,061.

For the year ended 31 August 2024, Much Hadham Pre-School generated a surplus of £15,995 compared to a negative movement of £12,758 in the prior year.

Our income of £213,771 included (i) £171,836 of childcare funding provided via Hertfordshire County Council and fees paid by parents or employer childcare vouchers for sessions not covered by Government funding; (ii) bank interest of £627; and (iii) other income of £40,871.

There was a total expenditure in the year of £197,776. Our main costs were salaries (£112,967), utilities (£8,594), building improvement and maintenance (£2,972), catering (£6,258), *which is shown in the accounts as 'Snacks, Milk etc.'*, and materials & equipment (£6,352).

This was our first year of profits since 2019; while the preschool has been close to even on income and outgoing in the last few years, it has been on the loss side of the line each time, so it is heartening to see us on the 'right' side!

That being said, there were two big factors that gave us the surplus this year; firstly, the ball which accounts for £12K of the £16K surplus, and secondly we had no big expenditures on maintenance. We do have some big maintenance spends coming in the 2024-2025 year.

We increased staff salaries by about 6% in April 2024 in line with the rise in living wage. Staff salaries are the main cost of running the preschool, making up more than 60% of our spending, they are also crucial to what the preschool does, and we are committed to making sure they are well rewarded for the excellent work they do.

We kept our fees unchanged over this period, reflecting our desire to keep the preschool as affordable as possible. In the future our fees will be revised as necessary based on our finances.

## **MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

R McMurray  
Chair



Date: 14/01/2026



**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****For the Year ended 31 August 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Fund Playground Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Voluntary income from events	437	-	437	4,615
Charitable activities	171,836	-	171,836	162,426
Other trading activities- fundraising events	40,871	-	40,871	-
Investment income	627	-	627	329
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213,771</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>213,771</b>	<b>167,370</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Raising funds	33,120	-	33,120	-
Charitable activities	163,043	-	163,043	178,696
Governance costs	1,613	-	1,613	1,432
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>197,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,776</b>	<b>180,128</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>(12,758)</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>(12,758)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>85,066</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,066</b>	<b>97,824</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>101,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,061</b>	<b>85,066</b>

**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31 August 2024**

		<u>31.8.24</u>	<u>31.8.23</u>
	Notes	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	3	8,834	18,036
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Debtors	4	3,416	11,040
Cash at bank		<u>92,830</u>	<u>57,780</u>
		<u>96,246</u>	<u>68,820</u>
<b>CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>4,019</u>	<u>1,790</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>92,227</u>	<u>67,030</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		<u>101,061</u>	<u>85,066</u>
<b>FUNDS:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>101,061</u>	<u>85,066</u>
		<u>101,061</u>	<u>85,066</u>

**APPROVED AND AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:**

R McMurray  
Chair

Date: 14/01/2026

## **MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards including FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (Second Edition) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) (Second Edition) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

In accordance with FRS 102 (3.3 A), the Charity is a public benefit entity that has applied the "PBE" prefixed paragraphs.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income is generated from pre-school children attendance fees, and some are funded by the local Government grants.

##### **Grants**

Revenue grants are included in the Income and Expenditure Account in the year to which they relate. All other income is included in the year in which received.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Playground Equipment – 33.3% straight line  
Fixtures and Fittings – 33.3% straight line

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes; bank current accounts and bank deposit accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

## **MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

#### **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

#### **Financial Instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Trade (including rental) and other debtors and creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank, short-term bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less and bank overdrafts which are an integral part of the Charity's cash management.

Interest bearing bank loans, overdrafts and other loans which meet the criteria to be classified as basic financial instruments are initially recorded at the present value of cash payable to the bank, which is ordinarily equal to the proceeds received net of direct issue costs. These liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

#### **Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for specific purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

#### **Value Added Tax**

The charity is not registered for Value Added Tax. In these Financial Statements, where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

## **2. TAXATION**

The company is a registered charity as defined in the Charities Act 2011 and as such no taxation has been provided for on the charity's charitable activities.

**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

**3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b><u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u></b>	<b><u>Playground Equipment</u></b>	<b><u>Totals</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>COST:</b>			
As at 1 September 2023	34,781	17,107	51,888
Additions	<u>464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>464</u>
As at 31 August 2024	<u>35,245</u>	<u>17,107</u>	<u>52,352</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION:</b>			
As at 1 September 2023	16,745	17,107	33,852
Charge for year	<u>9,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,666</u>
As at 31 August 2024	<u>26,411</u>	<u>17,107</u>	<u>43,518</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE:</b>			
As at 31 August 2024	<u>8,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,834</u>
As at 31 August 2023	<u>18,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,036</u>

**4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING  
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>31.8.24</b>	<b>31.8.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees due	3,416	11,040
	<u>3,416</u>	<u>11,040</u>

**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING  
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>31.8.24</b>	<b>31.8.23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	624	8
Accrued expenses – Accountancy/Payroll	<u>3,395</u>	<u>1,782</u>
	<u>4,019</u>	<u>1,790</u>

## MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was trustees' remuneration of £18,012 for the year ended 31 August 2024 (2023: £16,697).

##### **Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

#### 7. STAFF COSTS

	<b>31.8.24</b> <b>£</b>	<b>31.8.23</b> <b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	111,627	111,393
Employer's pension	<u>1,340</u>	<u>1,299</u>
	<u>112,967</u>	<u>112,692</u>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
The average number of persons employed during the year was	10	11

**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024****8. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Fund Playground Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>General</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Voluntary income from events	4,615	-	4,615	8
<b>Charitable activities</b>	162,426	-	162,426	144,135
<b>Other</b>	329	-	329	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167,370</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,370</b>	<b>144,190</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>	178,696	-	178,696	181,762
<b>Governance costs</b>	1,432	-	1,432	1,363
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>180,128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,128</b>	<b>183,125</b>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(12,758)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,758)</b>	<b>(38,935)</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>(12,758)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,758)</b>	<b>(38,935)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>97,824</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,824</b>	<b>136,759</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>85,066</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,066</b>	<b>97,824</b>

**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**  
**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**MUCH HADHAM PRE-SCHOOL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 as set out on pages 7 to 13.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**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 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit go beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



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