

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 2023-24**

From 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023    Period start date    To 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024    Period end date

Charity name: HOLDSWORTH CLUB OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF LAW IN THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Charity registration number: 507598

Registered address: Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT

Trustees: George Applebey and Birmingham Law School.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

The principal objects of the charity are to further the educational aims of the Law School and the professional aims of all students interested in a legal vocation and to promote communication with the legal profession including the judiciary, the Bar and practising solicitors in order to widen the students' knowledge and experience with regard to career opportunities and prospects.

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.

The main activities include:

1.        arranging careers events for law and other students in the University interested in a career in the law.
2.        Arranging networking events for law and other students in the University interested in a career in the law.
3.        Building a community of support for the law students through membership of the Club.
4.        Building a community of support and development for the law students through membership of Holdsworth Club sporting teams and competitions.
5.        Hosting the Holdsworth Club annual lecture by an eminent judge or other legal professional and making that lecture available to the public either in written or other recorded form for the benefit of those interested in a career in the law.

6. Providing opportunities to develop legal and law related skills with peer mentoring support from other law students.
7. Providing opportunities to volunteer in the Club for students who wish to develop their leadership ready for a career in the legal profession.

## **Achievements and performance**

During this year the Holdsworth Club:

- Has reviewed its governance and procedures to ensure that it is meeting its charitable objectives fully. In order to assist with this a senior legal academic has conducted an independent review for the Club, and has made a number of recommendations including about how records are kept, how information is shared between the student committee and trustees. He also recommended some minor amendments to the constitution of the Club, which following discussion with the Student Committee will be brought forward to a subsequent AGM or EGM with a view to implementation if accepted.
- The Club elected a new student committee of volunteer office holders who met regularly to run the Holdsworth Club.
- The Trustees met with the student committee, as needed, to provide advice and support.
- The Club provided a range of careers events free of charge to students.
- It provided a number of networking opportunities with legal professionals and with would-be lawyers.
- It continued the work of the Club and provided opportunities for students to join and become part of a community of lawyers, both student and alumni.
- It provided peer mentoring and tutoring support to student members.
- We paused the Holdsworth Club annual lecture again this year and instead focused on redeveloping the Holdsworth Club Ball with annual address by a leading legal figure. Next year we hope to reintroduce the Holdsworth Club Annual Lecture in addition.

## **Structure**

The Holdsworth Club structure has remained the same during the period of review. It is proposed that there may be some amendments to the governing document in future years to give better effect to the charitable objectives of the Holdsworth Club. We are intending actively to pursue during the 2024-25.

## **Financial Review**

The Club does not have any debts. It also does not hold any investments and it is not a custodian trustee. It does not hold reserves but has cash on hand in order to ensure at least a year of continued activities against the charitable objectives. It has changed its accounting practices so that the Club is able to submit its accounts in-keeping with Charity Commission requirements.

**Details of senior office holders**

The Student Chair of the Holdsworth Club: Miles Owen Simpson

The Student Treasurer of the Holdsworth Club: Finlay Davison

The Student Vice-Chair of the Holdsworth Club: Alyssa Loveres

The Student Secretary of the Holdsworth Club: Waleed Hassan



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

13th June 2023

To

12th June 2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Student supporters and ticket sales	40,634	-	-	40,634	32,570
External donors and sponsors	13,817	-	-	13,817	10,340
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>54,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,450</b>	<b>42,910</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>54,450</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,450</b>	<b>42,910</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Holdsworth Club Activity Costs	49,104	-	-	49,104	45,222
Holdsworth Club Running Costs	2,110	-	-	2,110	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>51,215</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,215</b>	<b>45,222</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,215</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,215</b>	<b>45,222</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>2,313</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>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>14,572</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,572</b>	<b>11,336</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>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	14,572	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		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
		G. Applebey (approved via email on file with	George Applebey	24th January 2025



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of	HOLDSWORTH CLUB OF THE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF LAW IN THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM		
On accounts for the year ended	2024	Charity no (if any)	507598
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **12 / 06 / 2024**.

### 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: 

Date: 11/04/2025

Name: Georgia May Foster

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

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)  
Master of Business Management

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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.**