

ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 519688

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [02113575](#)

Registered 1988-01-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 4 The charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to the following:(i) to promote for the benefit of the public the furtherance of education, training, knowledge and understanding of all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young, disadvantaged or facing the risk of social exclusion) through and in all aspects of sound, television and digital media; and(ii) To advance in life and help young people through providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Activities: Providing training and educational resources for young people and people from disadvantaged groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£246,006	£162,756	-	-
2024-03-31	£140,069	£195,631	-	-
2023-03-31	£119,610	£181,457	-	-
2022-03-31	£258,212	£171,621	-	-
2021-03-31	£170,618	£153,831	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
YAQUB RAHMAN	Chair	
Ben Robert Broadhurst		2025-10-23
Dr Margaret Webster		2021-07-15
KEIR ASHTON		
Kelly Pennington		2014-07-03

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Accounts

Registered number: 2113575

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Ariel Trust Limited

Independently Examined Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES

Keir Ashton
Dr Margaret Webster
Yaqub Rahman
Kelly Pennington
Lauren Howells (resigned 14/03/2025)
Ben Broadhurst (appointed 23/10/2025)

SECRETARY

Keir Ashton

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COMPANY NUMBER

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**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2025

The trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued in January 2022).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was to promote education, training and knowledge through multi media .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are provided in these accounts on page 1.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 13 January 1988, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association and on the winding up of the Charity each member will contribute £1.

Ariel Trust Limited has a Committee of Trustees, which normally meets every six weeks. The Board sets out and approves the policies to be adopted to achieve the Charity's objectives. In setting these policies the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The policies and the day to day management of the Charity are implemented by the Executive Director. The charity has a Development Plan, which it is using to focus on immediate, medium and long term aims. The work programme as detailed in the plan is developed and delivered by the executive director and the assistant director, supported by the staff team and a number of professional support workers.

Recruitment of Trustees is based upon diversity and equal opportunities. As a Board the Trustees represent the voluntary, public and private sectors. The Trustees are from wide ranging professional backgrounds including education, human resources, administration, legal and business and marketing.

Induction of new Trustees involves a detailed introductory programme where the new Trustee receives copies of Strategic and Business Planning documents, the financial statements and all other relevant policies and issues of the organisation and has time to discuss these with the Board and Executive Management. Board Away Days are normally held at least once per year when strategy is on the agenda. The Away Day is also an opportunity for training and updating Trustees on important matters. When training needs are identified an action plan is put in place and appropriate training delivered.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The company is committed to the principle of equal opportunities, and is striving to become an equal opportunities employer and service provider.

Ariel recognises that it is necessary to take positive steps to ensure that all people benefit from equal opportunities, whether when acting as an employer, providing services or working with people as individuals or in groups.

Ariel is committed to the development and expansion of positive policies to promote equal opportunities in employment regardless of workers' colour, age, class, employment status, disability, gender, marital status, nationality, parental status, religious beliefs and sexual orientation. This principle will apply in respect of all conditions of work including rates of pay, hours of work, holiday entitlement, work allocation, guaranteed earning, sick pay, maternity pay, paternity pay, recruitment, training, promotion and redundancy.

Ariel has committed itself to adopting work practices which would enable people to attain a quality of life which is consistent with being equal members of society. Ariel requires that all of its staff and Trustees promote this equal opportunities policy through its work and services.

TRUSTEES

The names of the present trustees and all who held office during the year are shown on page 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charity's Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Charity, Dr Margaret Webster and Kelly Pennington retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Volunteers

The trustees are the charity's volunteers and the Trust is grateful for their support and service.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Ariel Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key Personnel are:

Executive Director: Paul Ainsworth

Assistant Director: Helen Johnson

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The directors consider the board of directors who are the trustees and the senior management team comprising the executive director and the assistant director in charge of directing controlling running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed and reflects the level of skill experience and knowledge for the roles and remuneration levels in the sector.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The following sub committees have been established with the intention that they will take advantage of the specialist skills of a number of the trustees and allow for more focused work on these areas between board meetings.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed concern business risk and operating risk and in particular raising adequate funds or generating sufficient income to cover costs. The Board confirms that the day to day reporting systems and controls operated and regularly monitored by the organisation are designed to mitigate those risks. The Charity regularly reviews and updates risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the Charity are:

(i) To promote for the benefit of the public the furtherance of education, training, knowledge and understanding of all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young, disadvantaged or facing the risk of social exclusion) through and in all aspects of sound, television and digital media; and

(ii) To advance in life and help young people through providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

A review of the objects has been carried out in line with the development of the charity's activities and a mission statement has been agreed:

- To improve the quality of education. We will develop models of best practice based on multimedia projects tackling social themes. At the heart of our work is an evidence-based approach designed to motivate and engage young people changing their attitudes, behaviour and levels of achievement.

Ariel Trust offers services to members of the public, with the emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged. These services focus on using creativity and digital media to build skills and resilience, with a focus on communication skills. The organisation does this by:

- i) Delivering education projects for young people
- ii) Listening to the voices of young people and co-creating educational films and activities based on what they tell us
- iii) Publishing high quality online resources for schools based on the ideas and experiences of the young people we work with

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iv) Delivering training for teachers to support them to deliver best practice in prevention education using Ariel's online resources and skills-based approach

In delivering the activities the Charity is supported by a voluntary Board of Trustees. The Charity does not have any other volunteer programme.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Developments during 2024/25

Ariel went into 2024/25 with a delivery plan focused on continuing to deliver significant outcomes for young people across Merseyside. This focused on the launch of our new lottery funded programme and continued work supported by MVRP. Our lottery project was able to commence work in schools from Day 1, as a result of our decision to maintain our staff team, including our sessional team.

During the first months of the year, we were successful in securing an additional two-year investment from Paul Hamlyn Foundation; this project began in August and enabled us to offer part-time contracts to our sessional staff. This meant we also needed to recruit a new intake of sessional staff, and three new members joined the team in the Autumn. They have brought a range of skills and energy to their work and have quickly understood our approach and are already adding considerable value to our work.

Ariel continued its strategic teacher training work through support from Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership. During the year we were able to maintain our reach into one third of primary schools on Merseyside. We also began to develop a new programme aimed at a younger, Key Stage 1 cohort, opening up the potential of scaling up our impacts for children through multi-year delivery in our partner schools.

During the year, we invested significant management time into developing a new project based on a need identified by Merseyside Police; the need to develop a positive, preventative approach to the sharing of indecent images by and between children. Through a process of detailed consultation with the Police, teachers, parents and then children we have developed a new script and programme of works. A active fundraising strategy has secured funding to ensure that developing and launching this programme will be a key focus of our work in 2025/26.

Key Issues in Next Period

We enter 2025/26 in a strong position. Grant funded programmes from TNL Communities Fund and Paul Hamlyn Foundation and statutory support from Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership mean we have a balanced budget and an increase operational team. We have a challenging but exciting programme of delivery planned including face-to-face work, regular teacher training and the development of new resources in both Key Stages 1 and 2.

However, the political changes since the general election mean that this is expected to be the final year of funding through the VRP. Our grant funding from Paul Hamlyn will also end in early 2026/27. We are therefore pro-actively focused on our medium term fundraising plan, developing a detailed plan of applications and building links with key statutory partners to position us to have the best chances of securing the funds needed to maintain our impacts for children.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities is on page 11.

Total incoming resources were £246,006 (2024 £140,069). Total resources expended were £162,756 (2024 £195,631). The net incoming resources for the year were £83,250 (2024 net outgoing resources £55,562). The charity generated a surplus on the unrestricted funds of £5,174 (2024 deficit £34,624) which has increased the accumulated surplus carried forward on the unrestricted fund to £71,730. Total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025 are £151,746 (2024 £68,496) being unrestricted funds £71,730 (2024 £66,556) and restricted funds of £80,016 (2024 £1,940).

The unrestricted funds comprise designated funds set aside for business reorganisation of £53,400 (2024 £48,213) and the general fund of £18,330 (2024 £18,343).

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year there were no political or charitable donations.

FIXED ASSETS

The movements on fixed assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

RESERVES POLICY

The organisation is run on a not for profit basis but for prudent management and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities the Board aims to maintain a level of free reserves (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2025 were £18,319 (2024 £18,332). A total of £53,400 is prudently set aside that could be used for the purpose of reorganisation as described in the notes to the accounts.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategy for Long-term Sustainability

Our long-term strategy continues to focus on maintaining a diverse income profile. The change of Government means it is expected that Violence Reduction Partnerships will cease to exist at the end of 2025/26, however it is clear violence prevention remains a priority for the new Government and that they are committed to a Public Health approach, so we are optimistic that there will continue to be opportunities for us. Our current focus is on continuing to collect evidence to demonstrate our impacts and working with partners to ensure relevant strategic plans focus on the need for evidence-based practice.

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We continue to have an active strategy of fundraising from Trusts and Foundations, particularly in relation to innovation and business development. Specifically, we are planning new applications to BBC Children in Need, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Awards for All as our top priorities alongside exploring the opportunities of continuation funding from our existing funders.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

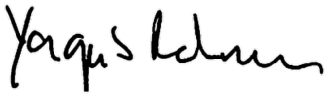
During the period, Julie Guinan FCCA of Harvey Guinan LLP acted as independent examiner to Ariel Trust Limited. A resolution to reappoint her will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

SMALL COMPANY RULES

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/10/2025



Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2025 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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 accounts to be reached.

..........Independent Examiner Julie Guinan FCCA

Date: 23/10/2025

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025**

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/03/2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Income from Investments	1,409	-	1,409	1,511
Income from charitable activities	5,615	238,982	244,597	138,558
Total Income	7,024	238,982	246,006	140,069
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	1,850	160,906	162,756	195,631
Total Expenses	1,850	160,906	162,756	195,631
Net Income	5,174	78,076	83,250	<i>(55,562)</i>
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	5,174	78,076	83,250	<i>(55,562)</i>
Total funds brought forward	66,556	1,940	68,496	124,058
Net funds carried forward	71,730	80,016	151,746	68,496

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	11	11
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	15,933	1,753
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>146,002</u>	<u>74,667</u>
		161,935	76,420
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>10,200</u>	<u>7,935</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>151,735</u>	<u>68,485</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>151,746</u>	<u>68,496</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8	18,330	18,343
Designated funds		53,400	48,213
Restricted funds	9	<u>80,016</u>	<u>1,940</u>
		<u>151,746</u>	<u>68,496</u>

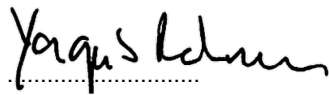
For the year ending 31/03/2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 23/10/2025 and signed on their behalf by



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Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

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 particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Designated funds are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures and fittings 15% Straight Line

Equipment 15-33% Straight Line

1g. Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1h. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company including grant income. The company is not registered for vat.

1i. Recognition Of Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1)The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and (4) The amount can be measured reliably

1j. Debtors Policy

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

1k. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account

1l. Creditors And Provisions Policy

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

1m. Financial Instruments Policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1n. Assets And Liabilities Policy

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1o. Preparation Basis Policy

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 FRS102 (issued January 2022) and the Companies Act 2006. Ariel Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1p. Going Concern Basis Accounts Preparation

Based upon the Charity Business Plan, Budgets, the successful outcome of targeted fundraising, bidding for new delivery contracts and funds and contracts raised to date, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	124,314	108,807
Social security costs	4,141	8,117
Pension costs	7,064	8,317
	<u>135,519</u>	<u>125,241</u>

The average weekly numbers of employees during the year were as follows:

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	No.	No.
Management and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No Director/ Trustee received expenses, fees or remuneration for their services as directors. The Company contributes to individual employee defined contribution pension schemes with assets held separately from the company managed by an insurance company.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024 nil). The key management personnel were the executive director and assistant director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £65,074 (2024 £82,200).

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3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Pension contributions	7,064	8,317
	<u>7,064</u>	<u>8,317</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 01/04/2024	3,503	4,371	7,874
At 31/03/2025	<u>3,503</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>7,874</u>
Depreciation			
At 01/04/2024	3,493	4,370	7,863
At 31/03/2025	<u>3,493</u>	<u>4,370</u>	<u>7,863</u>
Net Book Amounts			
At 31/03/2025	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
At 31/03/2024	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	14,262	-
Other debtors	1,671	1,741
	<u>15,933</u>	<u>1,741</u>

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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Taxation and social security	3,091	3,389
Other creditors	<u>7,109</u>	<u>4,546</u>
	<u><u>10,200</u></u>	<u><u>7,935</u></u>

7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2025 there were 5 members.

8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	18,343	7,024	(1,850)	(5,187)	18,330
Designated Reserve Fund	38,213	-	-	5,187	43,400
Contingent Liabilities Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>66,556</u>	<u>7,024</u>	<u>(1,850)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,730</u>

Designated Reserve Fund

Funds for possible employment termination costs likely to be incurred should the charity cease to operate or have to reduce its activities. This is reviewed annually to ensure that the charity's liabilities are as informed as possible.

Contingent Liabilities Fund

Funds designated for general contingencies including restructuring the service or reducing activities.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
LCVS Community Impact Fund	1,940	-	(1,940)	-	-
High Sherriff's Trust	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership	-	56,250	(51,250)	-	5,000
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	89,500	(58,339)	-	31,161
Liverpool City Council OCAIT	-	5,000	(2,050)	-	2,950
PH Holt Foundation	-	9,250	-	-	9,250
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	46,882	(42,727)	-	4,155
LCVS UK SPF	-	4,600	(4,600)	-	-
	<u>1,940</u>	<u>238,982</u>	<u>(160,906)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,016</u>

Garfield Weston Foundation

Funds for sharing an evidence based approach to violence prevention

LCVS Community Impact Fund

Funds for science project - Using forum theatre to develop community cohesion

High Sherriff's Trust

Funds for a drama club for 9-12 year olds on sharing explicit images.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership

Funds for projects aimed at tackling violent crime and exploitation.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Funds for the development of professional development programmes for teachers, which promote our forum theatre approach to anti-violence education

Liverpool City Council OCAIT

Funds for the online child abuse investigation team activity

PH Holt Foundation

Funds to develop digital resources to engage and motivate young people in learning

The National Lottery Community Fund

Funds to work with young people

LCVS UK SPF

Funds for the resilience and capacity project

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the year.

11. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements in these accounts.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ariel Trust Limited a company limited by guarantee with charitable status is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales, and has its registered office and principal place of business at The Florence Institute, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool L8 4RF. The principal activity of the company is to engage young people in educational resources.

13. RESOURCES INCOMING

	2025	2024
Investment Income: Bank Interest Receivable	1,409	1,511
Voluntary Income: Donations	5,615	300
Charitable Activities:		
National Lottery Community Fund	46,882	-
LCVS UK SPF (2024 Community Impact Fund)	4,600	2,880
Police Crime Commissioner Safer Streets	-	46,998
High Sherriff's Trust	2,500	2,080
Liverpool City Council OCAIT	5,000	-
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership - INOK	56,250	66,300
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	89,500	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	25,000	20,000
P H Holt Foundation	9,250	-
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14. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	11
Net Current Assets	71,719	80,016	151,735
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	71,730	80,016	151,746
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15. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Support costs include insurance, stationery, office supplies, telephone, internet, staff training, sundries, professional fees and subscriptions.

	2025	2024
Direct Costs	6,424	50,931
Premises	5,736	5,809
Staff Costs including direct and management	135,519	125,241
Marketing	800	576
Support Cost:Admin Overheads	11,607	10,438
Finance costs	402	416
Governance Costs : Independent Examination/Audit	2,268	2,220
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	162,756	195,631
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16. TAXATION

No taxation is provided due to the company's charitable status.

ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 519688

Accounts

Registered number: 2113575

Charity number: 519688

Ariel Trust Limited

Independently Examined Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024**

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**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2024

The trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued in January 2022).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was to promote education, training and knowledge through multi media .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are provided in these accounts on page 1.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 13 January 1988, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association and on the winding up of the Charity each member will contribute £1.

Ariel Trust Limited has a Committee of Trustees, which normally meets every six weeks. The Board sets out and approves the policies to be adopted to achieve the Charity's objectives. In setting these policies the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The policies and the day to day management of the Charity are implemented by the Executive Director. The charity has a Development Plan, which it is using to focus on immediate, medium and long term aims. The work programme as detailed in the plan is developed and delivered by the executive director and the assistant director, supported by the staff team and a number of professional support workers.

Recruitment of Trustees is based upon diversity and equal opportunities. As a Board the Trustees represent the voluntary, public and private sectors. The Trustees are from wide ranging professional backgrounds including education, human resources, administration, legal and business and marketing.

Induction of new Trustees involves a detailed introductory programme where the new Trustee receives copies of Strategic and Business Planning documents, the financial statements and all other relevant policies and issues of the organisation and has time to discuss these with the Board and Executive Management. Board Away Days are normally held at least once per year when strategy is on the agenda. The Away Day is also an opportunity for training and updating Trustees on important matters. When training needs are identified an action plan is put in place and appropriate training delivered.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The company is committed to the principle of equal opportunities, and is striving to become an equal opportunities employer and service provider.

Ariel recognises that it is necessary to take positive steps to ensure that all people benefit from equal opportunities, whether when acting as an employer, providing services or working with people as individuals or in groups.

Ariel is committed to the development and expansion of positive policies to promote equal opportunities in employment regardless of workers' colour, age, class, employment status, disability, gender, marital status, nationality, parental status, religious beliefs and sexual orientation. This principle will apply in respect of all conditions of work including rates of pay, hours of work, holiday entitlement, work allocation, guaranteed earning, sick pay, maternity pay, paternity pay, recruitment, training, promotion and redundancy.

Ariel has committed itself to adopting work practices which would enable people to attain a quality of life which is consistent with being equal members of society. Ariel requires that all of its staff and Trustees promote this equal opportunities policy through its work and services.

TRUSTEES

The names of the present trustees and all who held office during the year are shown on page 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charity's Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Charity, Keir Ashton and Yaqub Rahman retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Volunteers

The trustees are the charity's volunteers and the Trust is grateful for their support and service.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Ariel Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key Personnel are:

Executive Director: Paul Ainsworth

Assistant Director: Helen Johnson

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The directors consider the board of directors who are the trustees and the senior management team comprising the executive director and the assistant director in charge of directing controlling running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed and reflects the level of skill experience and knowledge for the roles and remuneration levels in the sector.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The following sub committees have been established with the intention that they will take advantage of the specialist skills of a number of the trustees and allow for more focused work on these areas between board meetings.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed concern business risk and operating risk and in particular raising adequate funds or generating sufficient income to cover costs. The Board confirms that the day to day reporting systems and controls operated and regularly monitored by the organisation are designed to mitigate those risks. The Charity regularly reviews and updates risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the Charity are:

(i) To promote for the benefit of the public the furtherance of education, training, knowledge and understanding of all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young, disadvantaged or facing the risk of social exclusion) through and in all aspects of sound, television and digital media; and

(ii) To advance in life and help young people through providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

A review of the objects has been carried out in line with the development of the charity's activities and a mission statement has been agreed:

- To improve the quality of education. We will develop models of best practice based on multimedia projects tackling social themes. At the heart of our work is an evidence-based approach designed to motivate and engage young people changing their attitudes, behaviour and levels of achievement.

Ariel Trust offers services to members of the public, with the emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged. These services focus on using creativity and digital media to build skills and resilience, with a focus on communication skills. The organisation does this by:

i) Delivering education projects for young people

ii) Listening to the voices of young people and co-creating educational films and activities based on what they tell us

iii) Publishing high quality online resources for schools based on the ideas and experiences of the young people we work with

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iv) Delivering training for teachers to support them to deliver best practice in prevention education using Ariel's online resources and skills-based approach

In delivering the activities the Charity is supported by a voluntary Board of Trustees. The Charity does not have any other volunteer programme.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Developments during 2023/24

Ariel went into 2023/24 with a delivery plan focused on continuing to deliver significant outcomes for young people across Merseyside, despite the ending of our lottery contract. This required us to maintain our staff team, including our sessional team. As a result, our budget included a planned deficit supported by the reserves that had been built up during the previous two years. These accounts reflect that planned deficit.

Face-to-face delivery in school was supported by the final period of funding from Paul Hamlyn Foundation, enabling us to continue to work with local children and to improve our resources and teacher training offer. In 2023/24 this work focused on a new innovation; engaging parents as active participants in the forum theatre process.

Ariel continued to win contracts with local authorities and the Violence Reduction Partnership, these focused on engaging schools in our violence prevention resources through online teacher training and video support. During the year we were able to maintain our reach into one third of primary schools on Merseyside, exceeding the targets required by our contracts.

During the year, we invested significant management time into developing a new project proposal for The National Lottery. We worked closely with them to understand what a successful continuation application would require and developed a proposal that built on our successful forum theatre approach, extending it to put the active engagement of parents at the centre of the delivery. This time investment paid off, as we secured a new three-year contract beginning 1 April 2024.

Key Issues in Next Period

Our reliance on free reserves to maintain the organisation was a strategic investment in work that we believed would generate new income streams for Ariel. However, it was not something that could continue beyond the end of the 2023/24 financial year. Although we had secured new investment from The National Lottery before April, and had submitted another key application to Paul Hamlyn, we went into the new year with a significant deficit and made the short-term decision to reduce staff hours whilst waiting for funding decisions. This decision has paid off and by August we had received a positive decision from Paul Hamlyn, had achieved a balanced budget and grown the team of Theatre Practitioners supporting our work.

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Our other top priority is to focus on replacing the statutory funding that we have received in recent years from the Violence Reduction Partnership. This is uncertain as a result of the change in Government. We are focused on three key areas of work as part of this strategy:-

1 Investing time in developing key strategic partnerships across the five Merseyside local authorities, the Police and the PCC's Office and trying to ensure violence prevention education in primary schools is written into their strategy documents. This is in anticipation that budgets will be allocated by the Government to support violence prevention work, and that these partners are likely to have a role in future spending decisions.

2 Developing a series of grant funding applications that focus on the way that our programmes seek to improve communication between children and key adults in their lives, particularly parents, teachers and the Police. This whole community approach to keeping children safe represents a significant change in the way children's voices influence local policy and practice, and we believe this might open up a new route to grant support.

3 Developing a model for scaling up our programmes outside of Merseyside. We have begun to develop our scaling strategy, with support from consultants from Spring Impact. We are currently seeking to raise funds to create a new post with the capacity to move this work forward.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities is on page 11.

Total incoming resources were £140,069 (2023 £119,610). Total resources expended were £195,631 (2023 £181,457). The net outgoing resources for the year were £55,562 (2023 net outgoing resources £61,847). The charity incurred a deficit on the unrestricted funds of £34,624 (2023 surplus £10,986) which has reduced the accumulated surplus carried forward on the unrestricted fund to £66,556. Total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024 are £68,496 (2023 £124,058) being unrestricted funds £66,556 (2023 £101,180) and restricted funds of £1,940 (2023 £22,878).

The unrestricted funds comprise designated funds set aside for business reorganisation of £48,213 (2023 £41,405) and the general fund of £18,343 (2023 £59,775).

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year there were no political or charitable donations.

FIXED ASSETS

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The movements on fixed assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

RESERVES POLICY

The organisation is run on a not for profit basis but for prudent management and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities the Board aims to maintain a level of free reserves (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2024 were £18,332 (2023 £59,764). A total of £48,213 is prudently set aside that could be used for the purpose of reorganisation as described in the notes to the accounts.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategy for Long-term Sustainability

Our long-term strategy continues to focus on maintaining a diverse income profile. The establishing of Violence Reduction Partnerships has provided important opportunities to win public sector contracts for delivering our work over the last 5 years. However, the change of Government has created uncertainty about how this priority will be funded and delivered from 1 April 2025. It is clear violence prevention remains a priority for the new Government and they are committed to a Public Health approach, so we are optimistic that there will continue to be opportunities for us. Our current focus is on continuing to collect evidence to demonstrate our impacts and working with partners to ensure relevant strategic plans focus on the need for evidence-based practice.

We continue to have an active strategy of fundraising from Trusts and Foundations, particularly in relation to innovation and business development. Specifically, we are planning applications to Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and The Fore as our top priorities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

During the period, Julie Guinan FCCA of Harvey Guinan LLP acted as independent examiner to Ariel Trust Limited. A resolution to reappoint her will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

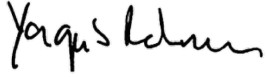
SMALL COMPANY RULES

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/10/2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT



Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2024 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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 accounts to be reached.

..... Julie Guinan FCCA - Independent Examiner

Date: 24/10/2024

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024**

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/03/2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	2
Income from Investments	1,511	-	1,511	606
Income from charitable activities	300	138,258	138,558	119,002
Total Income	1,811	138,258	140,069	119,610
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	36,435	159,196	195,631	181,457
Total Expenses	36,435	159,196	195,631	181,457
Net Income	(34,624)	(20,938)	(55,562)	(61,847)
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	(34,624)	(20,938)	(55,562)	(61,847)
Total funds brought forward	101,180	22,878	124,058	185,905
Net funds carried forward	66,556	1,940	68,496	124,058

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	11	11
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	1,753	26,374
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>74,667</u>	<u>121,308</u>
		76,420	147,682
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>7,935</u>	<u>23,635</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		68,485	124,047
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>68,496</u>	<u>124,058</u>
RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8	18,343	59,775
Designated funds		48,213	41,405
Restricted funds	9	<u>1,940</u>	<u>22,878</u>
		<u>68,496</u>	<u>124,058</u>

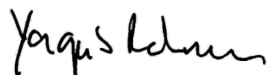
For the year ending 31/03/2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 24/10/2024 and signed on their behalf by



.....
Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

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 particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Designated funds are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures and fittings 15% Straight Line

Equipment 15-33% Straight Line

1g. Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1h. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company including grant income. The company is not registered for vat.

1i. Recognition Of Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1)The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and (4) The amount can be measured reliably

1j. Debtors Policy

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

1k. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account

1l. Creditors And Provisions Policy

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

1m. Financial Instruments Policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1n. Assets And Liabilities Policy

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1o. Preparation Basis Policy

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 FRS102 (issued January 2022) and the Companies Act 2006. Ariel Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1p. Going Concern Basis Accounts Preparation

Based upon the Charity Business Plan, Budgets, the successful outcome of targeted fundraising, bidding for new delivery contracts and funds and contracts raised to date, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	108,807	133,754
Social security costs	8,117	7,661
Pension costs	8,317	7,331
	<u>125,241</u>	<u>148,746</u>

The average weekly numbers of employees during the year were as follows:

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	No.	No.
Management and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No Director/ Trustee received expenses, fees or remuneration for their services as directors. The Company contributes to individual employee defined contribution pension schemes with assets held separately from the company managed by an insurance company.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023 nil). The key management personnel were the executive director and assistant director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £82,200 (2023 £80,030).

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3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pension contributions	8,317	7,331
	<u>8,317</u>	<u>7,331</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 01/04/2023	3,503	4,371	7,874
At 31/03/2024	<u>3,503</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>7,874</u>
Depreciation			
At 01/04/2023	3,493	4,370	7,863
At 31/03/2024	<u>3,493</u>	<u>4,370</u>	<u>7,863</u>
Net Book Amounts			
At 31/03/2024	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
At 31/03/2023	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	25,020
Other debtors	1,741	1,342
	<u>1,741</u>	<u>26,362</u>

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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxation and social security	3,389	3,458
Other creditors	<u>4,546</u>	<u>20,177</u>
	<u><u>7,935</u></u>	<u><u>23,635</u></u>

7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2024 there were 5 members.

8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	59,775	1,811	(36,435)	(6,808)	18,343
Designated Reserve Fund	31,405	-	-	6,808	38,213
Contingent Liabilities Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>101,180</u>	<u>1,811</u>	<u>(36,435)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,556</u>

Designated Reserve Fund

Funds for possible employment termination costs likely to be incurred should the charity cease to operate or have to reduce its activities. This is reviewed annually to ensure that the charity's liabilities are as informed as possible.

Contingent Liabilities Fund

Funds designated for general contingencies including restructuring the service or reducing activities.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
LCVS Community Impact Fund	-	2,880	(940)	-	1,940
High Sherriff's Trust	-	2,080	(2,080)	-	-
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership	-	66,300	(66,300)	-	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	16,878	-	(16,878)	-	-
Liverpool City Council Prevent Citysafe Programme	6,000	-	(6,000)	-	-
PCC for Merseyside	-	46,998	(46,998)	-	-
	<u>22,878</u>	<u>138,258</u>	<u>(159,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,940</u>

Garfield Weston Foundation

Funds for sharing an evidence based approach to violence prevention

LCVS Community Impact Fund

Funds for science project - Using forum theatre to develop community cohesion

High Sherriff's Trust

Funds for a drama club for 9-12 year olds on sharing explicit images.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership

Funds for projects aimed at tackling violent crime and exploitation.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Funds for the development of professional development programmes for teachers, which promote our forum theatre approach to anti-violence education

Liverpool City Council Prevent Citysafe Programme

Funds for the development of Skills to Resist Radicalisation

PCC for Merseyside

Funds for Safer Streets project

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the year.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ariel Trust Limited a company limited by guarantee with charitable status is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales, and has its registered office and principal place of business at The Florence Institute, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool L8 4RF. The principal activity of the company is to engage young people in educational resources.

12. RESOURCES INCOMING

	2024	2023
Investment Income: Bank Interest Receivable	1,511	606
Voluntary Income: Donations	-	2
Charitable Activities:		
Income Generation: Contracts For Services	-	11,033
LCVS Community Impact Fund	2,880	-
Police Crime Commissioner Safer Streets	46,998	-
High Sherriff's Trust	2,080	-
Liverpool City Council Prevent Citysafe Programme	-	23,333
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership - INOK	66,300	45,666
Face-to-Face Delivery - Paul Hamlyn	-	38,500
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	-
Miscellaneous income	300	470
	<hr/> 140,069	<hr/> 119,610

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13. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	11
Net Current Assets	66,545	1,940	68,485
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	66,556	1,940	68,496
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14. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Support costs include insurance, stationery, office supplies, telephone, internet and subscriptions.

	2024	2023
Direct Costs	50,931	17,548
Premises	5,809	5,640
Staff Costs including direct and management	125,241	148,746
Marketing	576	375
Support Cost:Admin Overheads	10,438	6,181
Finance costs	416	747
Governance Costs : Independent Examination/Audit	2,220	2,220
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	195,631	181,457
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15. TAXATION

No taxation is provided due to the company's charitable status.

ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 519688

Accounts

Registered number: 2113575

Charity number: 519688

Ariel Trust Limited

Independently Examined Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2023

The trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued in October 2019).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was to promote education, training and knowledge through multi media .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are provided in these accounts on page 1.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 13 January 1988, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association and on the winding up of the Charity each member will contribute £1.

Ariel Trust Limited has a Committee of Trustees, which normally meets every six weeks. The Board sets out and approves the policies to be adopted to achieve the Charity's objectives. In setting these policies the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The policies and the day to day management of the Charity are implemented by the Executive Director. The charity has a Development Plan, which it is using to focus on immediate, medium and long term aims. The work programme as detailed in the plan is developed and delivered by the executive director and the assistant director, supported by the staff team and a number of professional support workers.

Recruitment of Trustees is based upon diversity and equal opportunities. As a Board the Trustees represent the voluntary, public and private sectors. The Trustees are from wide ranging professional backgrounds including education, human resources, administration, legal and business and marketing.

Induction of new Trustees involves a detailed introductory programme where the new Trustee receives copies of Strategic and Business Planning documents, the financial statements and all other relevant policies and issues of the organisation and has time to discuss these with the Board and Executive Management. Board Away Days are normally held at least once per year when strategy is on the agenda. The Away Day is also an opportunity for training and updating Trustees on important matters. When training needs are identified an action plan is put in place and appropriate training delivered.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The company is committed to the principle of equal opportunities, and is striving to become an equal opportunities employer and service provider.

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Ariel recognises that it is necessary to take positive steps to ensure that all people benefit from equal opportunities, whether when acting as an employer, providing services or working with people as individuals or in groups.

Ariel is committed to the development and expansion of positive policies to promote equal opportunities in employment regardless of workers' colour, age, class, employment status, disability, gender, marital status, nationality, parental status, religious beliefs and sexual orientation. This principle will apply in respect of all conditions of work including rates of pay, hours of work, holiday entitlement, work allocation, guaranteed earning, sick pay, maternity pay, paternity pay, recruitment, training, promotion and redundancy.

Ariel has committed itself to adopting work practices which would enable people to attain a quality of life which is consistent with being equal members of society. Ariel requires that all of its staff and Trustees promote this equal opportunities policy through its work and services.

TRUSTEES

The names of the present trustees and all who held office during the year are shown on page 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charity's Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Charity, Kelly Pennington and Dr Margaret Webster retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Volunteers

The trustees are the charity's volunteers and the Trust is grateful for their support and service.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Ariel Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key Personnel are:

Executive Director: Paul Ainsworth

Assistant Director: Helen Johnson

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The directors consider the board of directors who are the trustees and the senior management team comprising the executive director and the assistant director in charge of directing controlling running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed and reflects the level of skill experience and knowledge for the roles and remuneration levels in the sector.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The following sub committees have been established with the intention that they will take advantage of the specialist skills of a number of the trustees and allow for more focused work on these areas between board meetings.

Finance

Human Resources

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed concern business risk and operating risk and in particular raising adequate funds or generating sufficient income to cover costs. The Board confirms that the day to day reporting systems and controls operated and regularly monitored by the organisation are designed to mitigate those risks. The Charity regularly reviews and updates risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

During 2022-2023 the Trustees have reviewed the objects and updated them to reflect the modern media landscape. These updated objects have been approved by the Charities Commission and were formerly adopted at the AGM in January 2023.

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The Objects of the Charity are:

(i) To promote for the benefit of the public the furtherance of education, training, knowledge and understanding of all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young, disadvantaged or facing the risk of social exclusion) through and in all aspects of sound, television and digital media; and

(ii) To advance in life and help young people through providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

A review of the objects has been carried out in line with the development of the charity's activities and a mission statement has been agreed:

- To improve the quality of education. We will develop models of best practice based on multimedia projects tackling social themes. At the heart of our work is an evidence-based approach designed to motivate and engage young people changing their attitudes, behaviour and levels of achievement.

Ariel Trust offers services to members of the public, with the emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged. These services focus on using creativity and digital media to build skills and resilience, with a focus on communication skills. The organisation does this by:

i) Delivering education projects for young people

ii) Listening to the voices of young people and co-creating educational films and activities based on what they tell us

iii) Publishing high quality online resources for schools based on the ideas and experiences of the young people we work with

iv) Delivering training for teachers to support them to deliver best practice in prevention education using Ariel's online resources and skills-based approach

In delivering the activities the Charity is supported by a voluntary Board of Trustees. The Charity does not have any other volunteer programme.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Developments during 2022/23

During 2022/23 Ariel maintained its staff team, including our sessional team, and continued to deliver significant outcomes for young people across Merseyside, achieving a significant financial surplus over the period.

Face-to-face delivery in school was supported by the final period of TNL funding; the contract period was extended until the end of the financial year, allowing us to exceed our contract targets and work with a total of 942 young people over the life of the project. In addition, the Paul Hamlyn Foundation funded a project that allowed us to continue to improve our resources and teacher training offer. In 2022/23 this included a number of new innovations; producing demonstration videos showing our forum theatre approach in action, an improved teacher training programme including these videos and a number of pilots exploring the best ways to engage parents in the delivery of our programmes.

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Ariel has continued to win contracts with local authorities and the Violence Reduction Partnership, which are focused on engaging schools in our violence prevention resources through online teacher training. During the year we were able to extend our reach to one third of primary schools on Merseyside, exceeding the targets required by our contracts. We have also delivered improvements to our Skills to Resist Radicalisation resource, which integrate the forum theatre approach into the core content and offer video-based support to teachers. A new website, Skills for Healthy Relationships, based on our film Send me a Selfie, was launched in September. This fully integrates the forum theatre elements and provides a template that we would like to implement in relation to our other programmes.

Key Issues in Next Period

For the second successive year we have generated a significant surplus and entered the new year in negotiation with statutory partners for contracts that will allow us to break even during the current year. During the last 12 months we have been reviewing and developing our existing online resources in order to integrate our new forum theatre practice. The contract we are currently discussing with Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership will focus on implementing the same improvements to our Grassing or Grooming? programme and ensuring our three safeguarding education programmes are fully embedded into our 160 partner schools and that teachers build confidence in using our forum theatre-based approach.

Our top priorities are to secure income for 2024/25 and beyond, we are therefore planning a number of grant applications that are focused on the timeframe. These applications focus on two key areas of our work; funding for face-to-face delivery and investment into our core development plan. In terms of our direct work with young people we are submitting applications to Arts Council, TNL Communities Fund and BBC Children in Need. Core funding applications with focus on continuing our relationship with Garfield Weston Foundation and exploring a new application to Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, whose new criteria are a good fit for our work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities is on page 11.

Total incoming resources were £119,610 (2022 £258,212). Total resources expended were £181,457 (2022 £171,621). The net outgoing resources for the year were £61,847 (2022 net incoming resources £86,591). The charity generated a surplus on the unrestricted funds of £10,986 (2022 £40,997) which has increased the accumulated surplus carried forward on the unrestricted fund to £101,180. Total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023 are £124,058 (2022 £185,905) being unrestricted funds £101,180 (2022 £90,194) and restricted funds of £22,878 (2022 £95,711).

The unrestricted funds comprise designated funds set aside for business reorganisation of £41,405 (2022 £38,288) and the general fund of £59,775 (2022 £51,906).

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year there were no political or charitable donations.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FIXED ASSETS

The movements on fixed assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

RESERVES POLICY

The organisation is run on a not for profit basis but for prudent management and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities the Board aims to maintain a level of free reserves (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2023 were £59,764 (2022 £51,895). A total of £41,405 is prudently set aside that could be used for the purpose of reorganisation as described in the notes to the accounts. The Trustees plan to use some of the free reserves to update resources and websites to improve prospects of winning future Teacher Training Projects.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategy for Long-term Sustainability

Our long-term strategy continues to focus on maintaining a diverse income profile. The establishing of Violence Reduction Partnerships has provided new opportunities to win public sector contracts for delivering our work. Although a General Election may lead to a change in Government, it is unlikely it will affect these priorities, as both main parties have made a commitment to a Public Health approach to crime prevention. Our plan is to win these contracts through delivering demonstration projects in new areas and to use this work to engage local funding and delivery partners with a view to securing larger contracts in the medium term. We have made progress in both Lancashire and Halton, which we hope to develop further in the next period.

We continue to maintain our European partnership with the Evens Foundation and have delivered a successful project with a German partner, PlanPolitik, to translate and roll out Skills to Resist Radicalisation across Germany. We are currently talking to our partners about how we can develop this work into a larger transnational programme with EU funding support.

We continue to have an active strategy of fundraising from Trusts and Foundations, particularly in relation to Business Development. Specifically we are planning an application to Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and are currently updating our Business Plan to support this approach.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

During the period, Julie Guinan FCCA of Harvey Guinan LLP acted as independent examiner to Ariel Trust Limited. A resolution to reappoint her will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

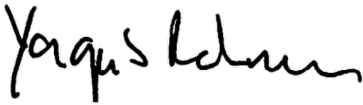
SMALL COMPANY RULES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 30/10/2023



Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2023 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

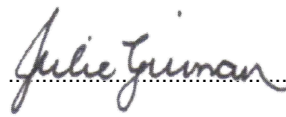
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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 accounts to be reached.

..... Julie Guinan FCCA, Independent Examiner

Date: 30/10/2023

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Ariel Trust Limited

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/03/2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Donations	2	-	2	7
Income from Investments	606	-	606	10
Income from charitable activities	11,503	107,499	119,002	258,195
Total Income	12,111	107,499	119,610	258,212
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	1,125	180,332	181,457	171,621
Total Expenses	1,125	180,332	181,457	171,621
Net Income	10,986	(72,833)	(61,847)	86,591
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	10,986	(72,833)	(61,847)	86,591
Total funds brought forward	90,194	95,711	185,905	99,314
Net funds carried forward	101,180	22,878	124,058	185,905

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	11	11
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	26,374	48,265
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>121,308</u>	<u>165,275</u>
		147,682	213,540
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>23,635</u>	<u>27,646</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>124,047</u>	<u>185,894</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>124,058</u>	<u>185,905</u>
RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8	59,775	51,906
Designated funds		41,405	38,288
Restricted funds	9	<u>22,878</u>	<u>95,711</u>
		<u>124,058</u>	<u>185,905</u>

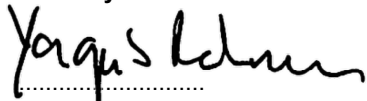
For the year ending 31/03/2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/2023 and signed on their behalf by



Yaqub Rahman

Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

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 particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Designated funds are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures and fittings 15% Straight Line

Equipment 15-33% Straight Line

1g. Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1h. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company including grant income. The company is not registered for vat.

1i. Recognition Of Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1)The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and (4) The amount can be measured reliably

1j. Debtors Policy

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

1k. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account

1l. Creditors And Provisions Policy

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

1m. Financial Instruments Policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1n. Assets And Liabilities Policy

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1o. Preparation Basis Policy

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 FRS102 (issued October 2019) and the Companies Act 2006. Ariel Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1p. Going Concern Basis Accounts Preparation

Based upon the Charity Business Plan, Budgets, the successful outcome of targeted fundraising, bidding for new delivery contracts and funds and contracts raised to date, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	133,754	125,267
Social security costs	7,661	7,163
Pension costs	7,331	6,591
	<u>148,746</u>	<u>139,021</u>

The average weekly numbers of employees during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Management and administration	5	5
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No Director/ Trustee received expenses, fees or remuneration for their services as directors. The Company contributes to individual employee defined contribution pension schemes with assets held separately from the company managed by an insurance company.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022 nil). The key management personnel were the executive director and assistant director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £80,030 (2022 £73,975).

3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Pension contributions	7,331	6,591
	<u>7,331</u>	<u>6,591</u>

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 01/04/2022	3,503	4,371	7,874
At 31/03/2023	<u>3,503</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>7,874</u>
Depreciation			
At 01/04/2022	3,493	4,370	7,863
At 31/03/2023	<u>3,493</u>	<u>4,370</u>	<u>7,863</u>
Net Book Amounts			
At 31/03/2023	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
At 31/03/2022	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	25,020	47,166
Other debtors	<u>1,342</u>	<u>1,087</u>
	<u>26,362</u>	<u>48,253</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Taxation and social security	3,458	3,359
Other creditors	<u>20,177</u>	<u>24,287</u>
	<u>23,635</u>	<u>27,646</u>

Included in other creditors is £15,600 (2022 £14,233) deferred income being income in advance of spend in future periods comprising INOK Project £15,300 (2022 £nil), Miscellaneous £300 (2022 £nil), Merseyside Police Crime Commissioner £nil (2022 £14,166) and Evens Foundation £nil (2022 £67).

7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2023 there were 5 members.

8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	51,906	12,111	(1,125)	(3,117)	59,775
Designated Reserve Fund	28,288	-	-	3,117	31,405
Contingent Liabilities Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>90,194</u>	<u>12,111</u>	<u>(1,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,180</u>

Designated Reserve Fund

Funds for possible employment termination costs likely to be incurred should the charity cease to operate or have to reduce its activities. This is reviewed annually to ensure that the charity's liabilities are as informed as possible.

Contingent Liabilities Fund

Funds designated for general contingencies including restructuring the service or reducing activities.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Communities Fund	53,580	-	(53,580)	-	-
Esmee Fairbairn	3,333	-	(3,333)	-	-
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership	-	45,666	(45,666)	-	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	23,798	38,500	(45,420)	-	16,878
Liverpool City Council Prevent Citysafe Programme	-	23,333	(17,333)	-	6,000
	<u>95,711</u>	<u>107,499</u>	<u>(180,332)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,878</u>

Garfield Weston Foundation

Funds for sharing an evidence based approach to violence prevention

The National Lottery Communities Fund

Funds for creative projects developing young people's digital literacy skills and resilience online.

Esmee Fairbairn

Funds towards core costs to support the national roll out of a grooming prevention programme for disadvantaged children and young people.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership

Funds for projects aimed at tackling violent crime and exploitation.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Funds for the development of professional development programmes for teachers, which promote our forum theatre approach to anti-violence education

Liverpool City Council Prevent Citysafe Programme

Funds for the development of Skills to Resist Radicalisation

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the year.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ariel Trust Limited a company limited by guarantee with charitable status is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales, and has its registered office and principal place of business at The Florence Institute, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool L8 4RF. The principal activity of the company is to engaging young people in educational resources.

12. RESOURCES INCOMING

	2023	2022
Investment Income: Bank Interest Receivable	606	10
Voluntary Income: Donations	2	7
Charitable Activities:		
Income Generation: Contracts For Services	11,033	33,000
Income Generation: INOK Services	-	46,000
Esmee Fairbairn	-	20,000
The National Lottery Communities Fund	-	61,165
Liverpool City Council Prevent Citysafe Programme	23,333	-
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership - INOK	45,666	42,000
Face-to-Face Delivery - Paul Hamlyn	38,500	36,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000
Miscellaneous income	470	30
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	119,610	258,212
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13. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	11
Net Current Assets	101,169	22,878	124,047
	<u>101,180</u>	<u>22,878</u>	<u>124,058</u>

14. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Support costs include insurance, stationery, office supplies, telephone, internet and subscriptions.

	2023	2022
Direct Costs	17,548	17,971
Premises	5,640	5,640
Staff Costs including direct and management	148,746	139,021
Marketing	375	1,110
Support Cost:Admin Overheads	6,181	4,929
Finance costs	747	730
Governance Costs : Independent Examination/Audit	2,220	2,220
	<u>181,457</u>	<u>171,621</u>

15. TAXATION

No taxation is provided due to the company's charitable status.

ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 519688

Accounts

Registered number: 2113575

Charity number: 519688

Ariel Trust Limited

Independently Examined Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022

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Keir Ashton
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Avis Lundberg (resigned 08/09/2021)
Kelly Pennington
Yaqub Rahman
Jeffrey Dunn (resigned 28/02/2022)
Lauren King

SECRETARY

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**ACCOUNTS
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2022

The trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued in October 2019).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was to promote education, training and knowledge through multi media .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are provided in these accounts on page 1.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 13 January 1988, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association and on the winding up of the Charity each member will contribute £1.

Ariel Trust Limited has a Committee of Trustees, which normally meets every six weeks. The Board sets out and approves the policies to be adopted to achieve the Charity's objectives. In setting these policies the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The policies and the day to day management of the Charity are implemented by the Executive Director. The charity has a Development Plan, which it is using to focus on immediate, medium and long term aims. The work programme as detailed in the plan is developed and delivered by the executive director and the assistant director, supported by the staff team and a number of professional support workers.

Recruitment of Trustees is based upon diversity and equal opportunities. As a Board the Trustees represent the voluntary, public and private sectors. The Trustees are from wide ranging professional backgrounds including education, human resources, administration, legal and business and marketing.

Induction of new Trustees involves a detailed introductory programme where the new Trustee receives copies of Strategic and Business Planning documents, the financial statements and all other relevant policies and issues of the organisation and has time to discuss these with the Board and Executive Management. Board Away Days are normally held at least once per year when strategy is on the agenda. The Away Day is also an opportunity for training and updating Trustees on important matters. When training needs are identified an action plan is put in place and appropriate training delivered.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The company is committed to the principle of equal opportunities, and is striving to become an equal opportunities employer and service provider.

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Ariel recognises that it is necessary to take positive steps to ensure that all people benefit from equal opportunities, whether when acting as an employer, providing services or working with people as individuals or in groups.

Ariel is committed to the development and expansion of positive policies to promote equal opportunities in employment regardless of workers' colour, age, class, employment status, disability, gender, marital status, nationality, parental status, religious beliefs and sexual orientation. This principle will apply in respect of all conditions of work including rates of pay, hours of work, holiday entitlement, work allocation, guaranteed earning, sick pay, maternity pay, paternity pay, recruitment, training, promotion and redundancy.

Ariel has committed itself to adopting work practices which would enable people to attain a quality of life which is consistent with being equal members of society. Ariel requires that all of its staff and Trustees promote this equal opportunities policy through its work and services.

TRUSTEES

The names of the present trustees and all who held office during the year are shown on page 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charity's Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Charity, Yaqub Rahman and Lauren King retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Volunteers

The trustees are the charity's volunteers and the Trust is grateful for their support and service.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Ariel Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key Personnel are:

Executive Director: Paul Ainsworth

Assistant Director: Helen Johnson

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The directors consider the board of directors who are the trustees and the senior management team comprising the executive director and the assistant director in charge of directing controlling running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed and reflects the level of skill experience and knowledge for the roles and remuneration levels in the sector.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The following sub committees have been established with the intention that they will take advantage of the specialist skills of a number of the trustees and allow for more focused work on these areas between board meetings.

Finance

Human Resources

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed concern business risk and operating risk and in particular raising adequate funds or generating sufficient income to cover costs. The Board confirms that the day to day reporting systems and controls operated and regularly monitored by the organisation are designed to mitigate those risks. The Charity regularly reviews and updates risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the Charity are:

- To promote for the benefit of the public the furtherance of education, training and knowledge and understanding of all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged) in all aspects of sounds, television and multi-media production.

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- To promote for the benefit of the public and enable best practice and high standards in all aspects of sounds, television and multi-media production which is of cultural, artistic or educational value.

Ariel supplies up to date skills to all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged), responds to demand in the media industry, builds partnerships and helps to deliver employment and economic growth.

A review of the objects has been carried out in line with the development of the charity's activities and a new mission statement has been agreed:

- to improve the quality of education. We will develop models of best practice based on multimedia projects tackling social themes. At the heart of our work is an evidence-based approach designed to motivate and engage young people changing their attitudes, behaviour and levels of achievement.

Ariel Trust offers services to members of the public, with the emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged to promote their knowledge and understanding of broadcasting in order to increase their chances of becoming economically active. The organisation does this by:

- i) Operating a programme of training courses
- ii) Providing information and advice to unemployed people and others
- iii) Making equipment, studio space and resources available to unemployed people and others
- iv) Liaising with broadcasters and others in order to increase opportunities for unemployed people
- v) Organising conferences, work placements and other initiatives
- vi) Delivering education projects to young people
- vii) Developing new ways to deliver education, training and media productions.

During 2022-2023 the Trustees will further review the objects and intend to update them to reflect the modern media landscape.

In delivering the activities the Charity is supported by a voluntary Board of Trustees. The Charity does not have any other volunteer programme.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Developments during 2021/22

During 2021/22 the operational environment returned to a much more normal situation, after the school closures due to the pandemic. As a result, Ariel maintained its staff team and continued to deliver significant outcomes for young people across Merseyside, achieving a significant financial surplus over the period.

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Face-to-face delivery in school was able to recommence and our delivery of our TNL project recommenced on an in-person basis. In addition, funding from Paul Hamlyn Foundation saw us begin a new project in August 2021; this involved intensive work in four schools in order to share our forum theatre approach with teachers and to develop a teacher training programme that will allow us to share this more widely. This new programme is lead by our Project Officer, Rachael Mutch for 3 days a week and as a result her delivery on the Lottery project has been scaled back to 2 days. The work we have done developing our sessional team has meant that they have been able to step up to ensure the lottery delivery was unaffected.

Ariel has continued to win contracts with local authorities and the Violence Reduction Partnership, which are focused on engaging schools in our violence prevention resources through online teacher training. During the year we were able to engage more than 400 teachers, exceeding the targets required by our contracts. Teacher training sessions focused on a number of resources, including our new Send me a Selfie programme, which was very well received by teachers with more than 100 attending sessions over just 2 months.

Send me a Selfie is a new resource that was commissioned by Liverpool Community Safety and Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership in December 2021. It focuses on the issues of sharing inappropriate images and obtaining consent in relationships. The resource is currently a paper-based prototype that we are hoping to develop into a new website during 2022.

Key Issues in Next Period

We generated a significant surplus in 2021/22 and entered the new year in negotiation with statutory partners for contracts that will allow us to break even during the current year. During the last 12 months we have been reviewing and developing our existing online resources in order to integrate our new forum theatre practice. As a result we would like to update a number of our websites and have agreed plans that include investing some of this surplus into our resource, as this will improve our prospects of winning future teacher training contracts in relation to their roll out.

Our top priorities in terms of grant funding were focused on the medium term, even at the start of the year. A number of funders that we have identified are in the process of reviewing their funding priorities, so applications to these are paused until the new guidance is released. However, on the basis that forum theatre is now playing a central role in our work we considered an application to the Arts Council. They have previously supported our work, but not for several years. This application was submitted at the start of the year and is currently being assessed; the project would support the development of a team of artists who are able to use forum theatre to deliver Ariel's resources in primary schools.

Our contract-based work with local authorities is still growing rapidly. We have made a positive start by delivering our first demonstration project, designed to demonstrate our offer to new local authority partners, in Lancashire. This was delivered in partnership with Edge Hill University who we will be working with again in 2022/23 to run further demonstration projects that they will support both through identifying groups of trainer teachers to work with us and through the evaluation of the work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities is on page 11.

Total Incoming resources were £258,212 (2021 £170,618). Total resources expended were £171,621 (2021 £153,831). The net incoming resources for the year were £86,591 (2021 £16,787). The charity generated a surplus on the unrestricted funds of 40,997, (2021 £10,293) which has increased the accumulated surplus carried forward on the unrestricted fund to £90,194. Total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022 are £185,905 being unrestricted funds £90,194 (2021 £49,197) and restricted funds of £95,711 (2021 £50,117).

The unrestricted funds comprise designated funds set aside for business reorganisation of £38,288 and the general fund of £51,906.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year there were no political or charitable donations.

FIXED ASSETS

The movements on fixed assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

RESERVES POLICY

The organisation is run on a not for profit basis but for prudent management and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities the Board aims to maintain a level of free reserves (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2022 were £51,895 (2021 £13,362).. A total of £38,288 is prudently set aside that could be used for the purpose of reorganisation as described in the notes to the accounts. The Trustees plan to use some of the free reserves to update resources and websites to improve prospects of winning future Teacher Training Projects.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategy for Long-term Sustainability

Our long-term strategy continues to focus on maintaining a diverse income profile. The establishing of Violence Reduction Partnerships has provided new opportunities to win public sector contracts for delivering our work. Our plan is to win these contracts through delivering demonstration projects in new areas and to use this work to engage local funding and delivery partners with a view to securing larger contracts in the medium term.

We continue to maintain our European partnership with the Evens Foundation and have delivered a successful project with a German partner, PlanPolitik, to translate and roll out

Skills to Resist Radicalisation across Germany. We are currently talking to our partners about how we can develop this work into a larger transnational programme with EU funding support.

We continue to have an active strategy of fundraising from Trusts and Foundations, particularly in relation to Business Development. With the imminent end of our lottery project we will also be prioritising secure funding to ensure our face-to-face work with young people continues.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

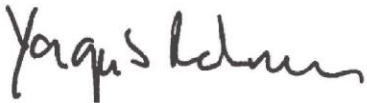
During the period, Julie Guinan FCCA of Harvey Guinan LLP acted as independent examiner to Ariel Trust Limited. A resolution to reappoint her will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

SMALL COMPANY RULES

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 01/12/2022



Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARIEL TRUST LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2022 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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 accounts to be reached.

.....Independent Examiner Julie Guinan FCCA

Date: 01/12/2022

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Ariel Trust Limited

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/03/2022**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Donations and legacies	7	-	7	300
Income from Investments	10	-	10	33
Income from charitable activities	79,030	179,165	258,195	170,285
Total Income	79,047	179,165	258,212	170,618
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	38,050	133,571	171,621	153,831
Total Expenses	38,050	133,571	171,621	153,831
Net Income	40,997	45,594	86,591	16,787
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	40,997	45,594	86,591	16,787
Total funds brought forward	49,197	50,117	99,314	82,527
Net funds carried forward	90,194	95,711	185,905	99,314

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	11	11
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	48,265	1,060
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>165,275</u>	<u>140,004</u>
		213,540	141,064
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>27,646</u>	<u>41,761</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		185,894	99,303
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>185,905</u>	<u>99,314</u>
RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8	51,906	13,373
Designated funds		38,288	35,824
Restricted funds	9	<u>95,711</u>	<u>50,117</u>
		<u>185,905</u>	<u>99,314</u>

For the year ending 31/03/2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 01/12/2022 and signed on their behalf by



Yaqub Rahman

Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

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 particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Designated funds are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures and fittings 15% Straight Line

Equipment 15-33% Straight Line

1g. Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1h. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company including grant income. The company is not registered for vat.

1i. Recognition Of Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1)The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and (4) The amount can be measured reliably

1j. Debtors Policy

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

1k. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account

1l. Creditors And Provisions Policy

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

1m. Financial Instruments Policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1n. Assets And Liabilities Policy

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1o. Preparation Basis Policy

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 FRS102 (issued October 2019) and the Companies Act 2006. Ariel Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1p. Going Concern Basis Accounts Preparation

Based upon the Charity Business Plan, Budgets, the successful outcome of targeted fundraising, bidding for new delivery contracts and funds and contracts raised to date, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

In 2021/22 post the Covid-19 pandemic the operational environment returned to a more normal situation with face-to-face work recommencing in schools. At the time of approving the accounts and as detailed in the Trustees' report the Trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 on the charity and the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts. In reaching this conclusion the Trustees have considered a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts.

2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	125,267	110,773
Social security costs	7,163	6,561
Pension costs	6,591	6,159
	<u>139,021</u>	<u>123,493</u>

The average weekly numbers of employees during the year were as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	No.	No.
Management and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

No Director/ Trustee received expenses, fees or remuneration for their services as directors. The Company contributes to individual employee defined contribution pension schemes with assets held separately from the company managed by an insurance company.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021 nil). The key management personnel were the executive director and assistant director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £73,975 (2021 £81,760).

3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Pension contributions	<u>6,591</u>	<u>6,159</u>
	<u>6,591</u>	<u>6,159</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 01/04/2021	3,503	4,371	7,874
At 31/03/2022	<u>3,503</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>7,874</u>
Depreciation			
At 01/04/2021	3,493	4,370	7,863
At 31/03/2022	<u>3,493</u>	<u>4,370</u>	<u>7,863</u>
Net Book Amounts			
At 31/03/2022	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
At 31/03/2021	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	47,166	-
Other debtors	<u>1,087</u>	<u>1,048</u>
	<u>48,253</u>	<u>1,048</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Taxation and social security	3,359	2,886
Other creditors	<u>24,287</u>	<u>38,875</u>
	<u>27,646</u>	<u>41,761</u>

Included in other creditors is £14,233 (2021 £33,067) deferred income being income in advance of spend in future periods comprising Merseyside Police Crime Commissioner £14,166 (2021 £nil, Merseyside Youth Offending Service £nil (2021 £27,500) and Evens Foundation £67 (2021 £5,567).

7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2022 there were 5 members.

8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	13,373	79,047	(38,050)	(2,464)	51,906
Designated Reserve Fund	25,824	-	-	2,464	28,288
Contingent Liabilities Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>49,197</u>	<u>79,047</u>	<u>(38,050)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,194</u>

Designated Reserve Fund

Funds for possible employment termination costs likely to be incurred should the charity cease to operate or have to reduce its activities. This is reviewed annually to ensure that the charity's liabilities are as informed as possible.

Contingent Liabilities Fund

Funds designated for general contingencies including restructuring the service or reducing activities.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000	(5,000)	-	15,000
The National Lottery Communities Fund	45,117	61,165	(52,702)	-	53,580
Esmee Fairbairn	5,000	20,000	(21,667)	-	3,333
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership	-	42,000	(42,000)	-	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	36,000	(12,202)	-	23,798
	<u>50,117</u>	<u>179,165</u>	<u>(133,571)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,711</u>

Garfield Weston Foundation

Funds for sharing an evidence based approach to violence prevention

The National Lottery Communities Fund

Funds for creative projects developing young people's digital literacy skills and resilience online.

Esmee Fairbairn

Funds towards core costs to support the national roll out of a grooming prevention programme for disadvantaged children and young people.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership

Funds for projects aimed at tackling violent crime and exploitation.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Funds for the development of professional development programmes for teachers, which promote our forum theatre approach to anti-violence education

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the year.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ariel Trust Limited a company limited by guarantee with charitable status is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales, and has its registered office and principal place of business at The Florence Institute, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool L8 4RF. The principal activity of the company is to engaging young people in educational resources.

12. RESOURCES INCOMING

	2022	2021
Investment Income: Bank Interest Receivable	10	33
Voluntary Income: Donations	7	300
Charitable Activities:		
Income Generation: Contracts For Services	33,000	32,000
Income Generation: INOK Services	46,000	-
Esmee Fairbairn	20,000	50,000
The National Lottery Communities Fund	61,165	68,725
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership (Merseyside Community Foundation and Knowsley MBC)	-	18,260
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership - INOK	42,000	-
Evens Foundation	-	1,000
Face-to-Face Delivery - Paul Hamlyn	36,000	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	-
Miscellaneous income	30	300
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	258,212	170,618
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13. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	11
Net Current Assets	90,183	95,711	185,894
	<u>90,194</u>	<u>95,711</u>	<u>185,905</u>

14. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Support costs include insurance, stationery, office supplies, telephone, internet and subscriptions.

	2022	2021
Direct Costs	17,971	14,535
Premises	5,640	5,640
Staff Costs including direct and management	139,021	123,793
Marketing	1,110	1,080
Support Cost:Admin Overheads	4,929	4,362
Finance costs	730	688
Governance Costs : Independent Examination/Audit	2,220	3,733
	<u>171,621</u>	<u>153,831</u>

15. TAXATION

No taxation is provided due to the company's charitable status.

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Accounts

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Audited Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2021

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Avis Lundberg (resigned 08/09/2021)
Kelly Pennington
Yaqub Rahman
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Lauren King

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**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2021**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2021

The trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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 (FRS102) (issued in October 2019).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was to promote education, training and knowledge through multi media .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are provided in these accounts on page 1.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 20 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 13 January 1988, and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association and on the winding up of the Charity each member will contribute £1.

Ariel Trust Limited has a Committee of Trustees, which normally meets every six weeks. The Board sets out and approves the policies to be adopted to achieve the Charity's objectives. In setting these policies the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The policies and the day to day management of the Charity are implemented by the Executive Director. The charity has a Development Plan, which it is using to focus on immediate, medium and long term aims. The work programme as detailed in the plan is developed and delivered by the executive director and the assistant director, supported by the staff team and a number of professional support workers.

Recruitment of Trustees is based upon diversity and equal opportunities. As a Board the Trustees represent the voluntary, public and private sectors. The Trustees are from wide ranging professional backgrounds including education, human resources, administration, legal and business and marketing.

Induction of new Trustees involves a detailed introductory programme where the new Trustee receives copies of Strategic and Business Planning documents, the financial statements and all other relevant policies and issues of the organisation and has time to discuss these with the Board and Executive Management. Board Away Days are normally held at least once per year when strategy is on the agenda. The Away Day is also an opportunity for training and updating Trustees on important matters. When training needs are identified an action plan is put in place and appropriate training delivered.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The company is committed to the principle of equal opportunities, and is striving to become an equal opportunities employer and service provider.

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Ariel recognises that it is necessary to take positive steps to ensure that all people benefit from equal opportunities, whether when acting as an employer, providing services or working with people as individuals or in groups.

Ariel is committed to the development and expansion of positive policies to promote equal opportunities in employment regardless of workers' colour, age, class, employment status, disability, gender, marital status, nationality, parental status, religious beliefs and sexual orientation. This principle will apply in respect of all conditions of work including rates of pay, hours of work, holiday entitlement, work allocation, guaranteed earning, sick pay, maternity pay, paternity pay, recruitment, training, promotion and redundancy.

Ariel has committed itself to adopting work practices which would enable people to attain a quality of life which is consistent with being equal members of society. Ariel requires that all of its staff and Trustees promote this equal opportunities policy through its work and services.

TRUSTEES

The names of the present trustees and all who held office during the year are shown on page 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charity's Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Charity, Keir Ashton and Jeffrey Dunn retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Volunteers

The trustees are the charity's volunteers and the Trust is grateful for their support and service.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Ariel Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key Personnel are:

Executive Director: Paul Ainsworth

Assistant Director: Helen Johnson

PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

The directors consider the board of directors who are the trustees and the senior management team comprising the executive director and the assistant director in charge of directing controlling running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of senior staff is reviewed and reflects the level of skill experience and knowledge for the roles and remuneration levels in the sector.

BOARD STRUCTURE

The following sub committees have been established with the intention that they will take advantage of the specialist skills of a number of the trustees and allow for more focused work on these areas between board meetings.

Finance

Human Resources

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed concern business risk and operating risk and in particular raising adequate funds or generating sufficient income to cover costs. The Board confirms that the day to day reporting systems and controls operated and regularly monitored by the organisation are designed to mitigate those risks. The Charity regularly reviews and updates risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the Charity are:

- To promote for the benefit of the public the furtherance of education, training and knowledge and understanding of all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged) in all aspects of sounds, television and multi-media production.

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- To promote for the benefit of the public and enable best practice and high standards in all aspects of sounds, television and multi-media production which is of cultural, artistic or educational value.

Ariel supplies up to date skills to all members of the public (with emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged), responds to demand in the media industry, builds partnerships and helps to deliver employment and economic growth.

A review of the objects has been carried out in line with the development of the charity's activities and a new mission statement has been agreed:

- to improve the quality of education. We will develop models of best practice based on multimedia projects tackling social themes. At the heart of our work is an evidence-based approach designed to motivate and engage young people changing their attitudes, behaviour and levels of achievement.

Ariel Trust offers services to members of the public, with the emphasis on the members of the public who are young or disadvantaged to promote their knowledge and understanding of broadcasting in order to increase their chances of becoming economically active. The organisation does this by:

- i) Operating a programme of training courses
- ii) Providing information and advice to unemployed people and others
- iii) Making equipment, studio space and resources available to unemployed people and others
- iv) Liaising with broadcasters and others in order to increase opportunities for unemployed people
- v) Organising conferences, work placements and other initiatives
- vi) Delivering education projects to young people
- vii) Developing new ways to deliver education, training and media productions.

In delivering the activities the Charity is supported by a voluntary Board of Trustees. The Charity does not have any other volunteer programme.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Developments during 2020/21

2020/21 was an unpredictable year for everyone as a result of the global pandemic. Despite this Ariel maintained its staff team and continued to deliver significant outcomes for young people across Merseyside, achieving a financial surplus over the period.

Clearly face-to-face work was not possible during any of the year and, like others, we spent the first quarter adapting our working practices and project delivery to work in a remote, online environment. Alongside this we were able to focus on the development of a new resource for Merseyside's Youth Offending Services; fortunately consultation with young people was completed before we entered lockdown and this project became a major creative focus throughout the year.

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Despite the challenging circumstance we were successful in winning a number of new contracts with local authorities during this first quarter of the year. These projects focused on engaging schools in our violence prevention resources through online teacher training. The online nature of our programmes was well suited to the challenges of the period and the themes proved highly relevant, as they directly address issues of particular concern in a period where young people were isolated and spending increasing time online.

Online delivery of teacher training proved very popular and is something we will likely continue in the future. During the year we were able to engage more than 200 teachers, exceeding the targets required by our contracts. Teacher training sessions focused on a number of resources, including our new 'Grassing or Grooming?' programme, which was very well received by teachers and reached more than 3,000 young people once schools returned.

Continuing face-to-face delivery of our lottery contract was a more challenging proposition, but Rachael and her sessional team rose to the challenge and developed an online forum theatre programme that could be delivered with young people as part of remote learning. Engaging groups of 25 via Zoom proved technically challenging on occasion, but also worked really well in engaging young people who responded enthusiastically to the opportunity to take part in practical sessions. Over the year we were able to exceed the targets of our lottery contract by working with more than 300 individuals, seeing positive changes in young people who had been through a challenging year.

Key Issues in Next Period

We were able to set a breakeven budget going into 2021/22 meaning our strategic focus for the year could be on planning for 2022/23; this is a key year as it sees the end of both our Esmee Fairbairn and TNL Communities Fund contracts. We started the year with a plan to submit 3 or 4 key grant applications alongside a strategy for renewing contracts with key local authority partners and extending our reach into new geographical areas.

Our top priority in terms of grant funding was to reshape and resubmit our application to Paul Hamlyn Foundation; the first application had been withdrawn at the start of the pandemic with positive feedback received from the funder. The application, which centres on developing a CPD programme that supports teachers to use forum theatre in the classroom, was resubmitted in early 2021/22 and it was confirmed in October that this application has been successful. Work has immediately moved on to planning for the set up of this project, which will run until summer 2023.

Our contract based work with local authorities is the fastest growing area of our finances. We have made a positive start in delivering the current year's programmes during the summer term and are planning a number of demonstration projects designed to demonstrate our offer to new local authority partners. Our first demonstration project will be delivered in Lancashire and will be supported by Edge Hill University who will be running an evaluation of the teacher training element of the programme. Similar projects are being planned for Leeds and Manchester later in the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities is on page 15.

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Total Incoming resources were £170,618 (2020 £172,480). Total resources expended were £153,831 (2020 £138,703). The net incoming resources for the year were £16,787 (2020 £33,777). The charity generated a surplus on the unrestricted funds of £10,293, (2020 £6,154) which has increased the accumulated surplus carried forward on the unrestricted fund to £49,197. Total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021 are £99,314 being unrestricted funds £49,197 (2020 £38,904) and restricted funds of £50,117 (2020 £43,623).

The unrestricted funds comprise designated funds set aside for business reorganisation of £35,824 and the general fund of £13,373.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year there were no political or charitable donations.

FIXED ASSETS

The movements on fixed assets are shown in the notes to the accounts.

RESERVES POLICY

The organisation is run on a not for profit basis but for prudent management and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities the Board aims to maintain a level of free reserves (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The actual free reserves at 31 March 2021 were £13,362 (2020 £16,033). While unrestricted funds are £49,197 at 31 March 2021, exceeding these targets, a total of £35,824 is prudently set aside that could be used for the purpose of reorganisation as described in the notes to the accounts, leaving free reserves at £13,362 after allowing for £11 funds invested in fixed assets.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategy for Long-term Sustainability

Our long term strategy continues to focus on maintaining a diverse income profile. The establishing of Violence Reduction Partnerships has provided new opportunities to win public sector contracts for delivering our work. Our plan is to win these contracts through delivering demonstration projects in new areas and to use this work to engage local funding and delivery partners with a view to securing larger contracts in the medium term.

We continue to maintain our European partnership with the Evens Foundation and have begun a new project with them and a German partner, PlanPolitik, to translate and roll out Skills to Resist Radicalisation in Germany, and we hope to develop this work into a larger transnational programme with EU funding support.

We continue to have an active strategy of fundraising from Trusts and Foundations, particularly in relation to Business Development. With the imminent end of our lottery project we will also be prioritising secure funding to ensure our face-to-face work with young people continues.

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STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each trustee who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirms that:

- so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information, information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and

- the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

AUDITOR

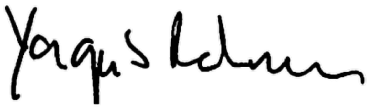
During the period, Harvey Guinan LLP acted as auditor to Ariel Trust Limited, a resolution to reappoint Harvey Guinan LLP will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

SMALL COMPANY RULES

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 25/11/2021



Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

Ariel Trust Limited

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2021

AUDITORS' REPORT

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Ariel Trust Limited for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise a Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINIONS ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the trustees' report in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the provision of education, training and knowledge through multimedia.
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental Regulations, charity law and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud (the charity did not inform us of any known suspected or alleged fraud); and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Health and Safety Executive, and the charity's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Signature:  25/11/2021

Print Name: Julie Guinan FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

Harvey Guinan LLP

Chartered Certified Accountants, Statutory Auditors, 310/311 Vanilla Factory, 39 Fleet Street

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/03/2021**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Donations	300	-	300	-
Income from Investments	33	-	33	120
Income from charitable activities	52,300	117,985	170,285	172,360
Total Income	52,633	117,985	170,618	172,480
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	42,340	111,491	153,831	138,703
Total Expenses	42,340	111,491	153,831	138,703
Net Income	10,293	6,494	16,787	33,777
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	10,293	6,494	16,787	33,777
Total funds brought forward	38,904	43,623	82,527	48,750
Net funds carried forward	49,197	50,117	99,314	82,527

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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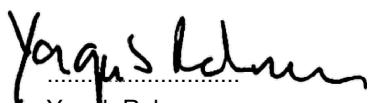
BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	11	11
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	1,060	3,988
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>140,004</u>	<u>105,518</u>
		141,064	109,506
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>41,761</u>	<u>26,990</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>99,303</u>	<u>82,516</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>99,314</u>	<u>82,527</u>
RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8	13,373	16,044
Designated funds		35,824	22,860
Restricted funds	9	<u>50,117</u>	<u>43,623</u>
		<u>99,314</u>	<u>82,527</u>

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 25/11/2021 and signed on their behalf by



Yaqub Rahman
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

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 particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Designated funds are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Fixtures and fittings 15% Straight Line

Equipment 15-33% Straight Line

1g. Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1h. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company including grant income. The company is not registered for vat.

1i. Recognition Of Income

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1)The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable and (4) The amount can be measured reliably

1j. Debtors Policy

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

1k. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account

1l. Creditors And Provisions Policy

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

1m. Financial Instruments Policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1n. Assets And Liabilities Policy

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

1o. Preparation Basis Policy

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 FRS102 (issued October 2019) and the Companies Act 2006. Ariel Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1p. Going Concern Basis Accounts Preparation

Based upon the Charity Business Plan, Budgets, the successful outcome of targeted fundraising, bidding for new delivery contracts and funds and contracts raised to date, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

2020/21 was disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic and face-to-face work was not possible but we adapted our working practices and project delivery to work in a remote online environment to achieve outcomes for funding partners. At the time of approving the accounts and as detailed in the Trustees' report the Trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 on the charity and the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts. In reaching this conclusion the Trustees have considered a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts.

2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	110,773	98,109
Social security costs	6,561	6,328
Pension costs	6,159	5,017
	<u>123,493</u>	<u>109,454</u>

The average weekly numbers of employees during the year were as follows:

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	No.	No.
Management and administration	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No Director/ Trustee received expenses, fees or remuneration for their services as directors. The Company contributes to individual employee defined contribution pension schemes with assets held separately from the company managed by an insurance company.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2020 nil). The key management personnel were the executive director and assistant director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £81,760 (2020 £79,550).

3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	£	£
Pension contributions	6,159	5,017
	<u>6,159</u>	<u>5,017</u>

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 01/04/2020	3,502	4,372	7,874
At 31/03/2021	<u>3,502</u>	<u>4,372</u>	<u>7,874</u>
Depreciation			
At 01/04/2020	3,492	4,371	7,863
At 31/03/2021	<u>3,492</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>7,863</u>
Net Book Amounts			
At 31/03/2021	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
At 31/03/2020	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	3,000
Other debtors	1,048	988
	<u>1,048</u>	<u>3,988</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	-	23
Taxation and social security	2,886	2,688
Other creditors	38,875	24,279
	<u>41,761</u>	<u>26,990</u>

Included in other creditors is £33,067 (2020 £20,000) deferred income being income in advance of spend in future periods comprising Merseyside Youth Offending Service £27,500 (2020 £20,000) and Evens Foundation £5,567 (2020 £nil).

7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2021 there were 6 members.

8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	16,044	52,633	(42,340)	(12,964)	13,373
Designated Reserve Fund	22,860	-	-	2,964	25,824
Contingent Liabilities Fund	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>38,904</u>	<u>52,633</u>	<u>(42,340)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,197</u>

Designated Reserve Fund

Funds for possible employment termination costs likely to be incurred should the charity cease to operate or have to reduce its activities. This is reviewed annually to ensure that the charity's liabilities are as informed as possible.

Contingent Liabilities Fund

Funds designated for general contingencies including restructuring the service or reducing activities.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Evens Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Communities Fund	30,056	68,725	(53,664)	-	45,117
Esmee Fairbairn	6,667	30,000	(31,667)	-	5,000
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership	-	18,260	(18,260)	-	-
Morrisons Foundation	6,900	-	(6,900)	-	-
	<u>43,623</u>	<u>117,985</u>	<u>(111,491)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,117</u>

Evens Foundation

Funds for a transnational exchange in education and skills to resist radicalisation an online interactive educational resource

The National Lottery Communities Fund

Funds for creative projects developing young people's digital literacy skills and resilience online.

Esmee Fairbairn

Funds towards core costs to support the national roll out of a grooming prevention programme for disadvantaged children and young people.

Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership

Funds for projects aimed at tackling violent crime and exploitation.

Morrisons Foundation

Grant for developing a Child Criminal Exploitation module

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the year.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ariel Trust Limited a company limited by guarantee with charitable status is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales, and has its registered office and principal place of business at The Florence Institute, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool L8 4RF. The principal activity of the company is to engaging young people in educational resources.

12. RESOURCES INCOMING

	2021	2020
Investment Income: Bank Interest Receivable	33	120
Voluntary Income: Donations	300	-
Charitable Activities:		
Income Generation: Contracts For Services	32,000	24,250
Esmee Fairbairn	50,000	50,000
The National Lottery Communities Fund	68,725	78,910
Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership	18,260	12,300
Morrisons Foundation	-	6,900
Evens Foundation	1,000	-
Miscellaneous income	300	-
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	170,618	172,480
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13. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	11
Net Current Assets	49,186	50,117	99,303
	<u>49,197</u>	<u>50,117</u>	<u>99,314</u>

14. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Support costs include insurance, stationery, office supplies, telephone, internet and subscriptions.

	2021	2020
Direct Costs	14,535	9,278
Premises	5,640	5,730
Staff Costs including direct and management	123,793	109,454
Marketing	1,080	1,480
Support Cost:Admin Overheads	4,362	10,029
Finance costs	688	669
Governance Costs : Independent Examination/Audit	3,733	2,063
	<u>153,831</u>	<u>138,703</u>

15. TAXATION

No taxation is provided due to the company's charitable status.