

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST
(registered charity number: 525559)

UNITED WITH THE SIR THOMAS MANSEL FRANKLEN TRUST
(registered charity number: 525559-1)

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

Annual report & financial statements
2024/2025

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024/2025
COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST UNITED WITH
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST UNITED WITH
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Legal and administrative information

Principal office

Cowbridge School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7EN.

Independent examiner

Russell Heath ACMA, STAS Ltd, 85 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7AA.

Bankers

HSBC, 61 High Street, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 1YJ.

Solicitors

Geldards LLP, 4 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

Investment advisors

Charles Stanley & Co Limited, 7/8 Park Place, Cardiff, CF10 3DP.

Trustees

Mrs H Drew

Mrs S E Smith

Mr S R Blackman

Mrs K Kennedy

Mrs T Vaughan Taylor

Mr G B Reed (appointed 25 June 2024)

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Structure, Governance and Management

On 29 July 2014 the Charity Commission made a direction that the Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust ("TMFT") should be treated as forming part of the Cowbridge Comprehensive School Trust ("CCST") for the purposes of Part 4 (regulation) and Part 8 (accounting) of the Charities Act 2011.

The net income of CCST is, as before, to be paid to TMFT.

The objectives of TMFT are:

- 1 In providing for Cowbridge Comprehensive School special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority; and
- 2 In promoting the education including social and physical training of persons who are or were pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive School or were pupils of any school provided under clause 4 of the 1983 scheme prior to the date of the scheme (22 March 2011) and who are in need of financial assistance.

Investment property

Trust funds are invested to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk. The investment objective is to balance income and capital returns. The assets should be managed to at least maintain the real capital value of the Trust portfolios, while generating a sustainable level of investment income to support the current charitable activities. The Trusts are expected to exist in perpetuity and investments should be managed to meet the investment objective and ensure this sustainability. The trustees have selected Charles Stanley & Co Limited to implement the agreed asset allocation strategy. The trustees have responsibility for agreeing strategy and monitoring the investment assets. They meet periodically with advisors to review the portfolio, including an analysis of return, risk and asset allocation. Performance will be monitored against the FTSE APCIMS Balanced Index as a guide. The trustees have complied with their investment powers as in the governing documents and under the Trustee Act 2000.

Fund value

The net value of the fund at the beginning of the year was £4,695,760 and by the end of the year was £4,513,459 a net decrease of £182,301. The net decrease was mainly attributable to the cost of the art block.

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Operations

The trustees' principal objectives were to:

- 1 Respond positively to requests from individuals and the school to fund worthy projects and activities, particularly those which assist disadvantaged pupils.
- 2 Plan the future use of the playing field at The Butts in Cowbridge (known as College Field).
- 3 Work with the Charity Commission to amend governing documents to reflect the restructuring of Cowbridge Comprehensive School as Cowbridge School.

Reserves policy

The charities need to retain unrestricted reserves to safeguard their service delivery commitments in the event of financial uncertainty. The trustees established that £50,000 would be required and this sum is included within the total fund shown in the balance sheet.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charities face and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced and professional advice to be considered so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks.

The charities' trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charities, financial activities during the year and their financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate
To presume that the charities 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 charities and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charities and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST UNITED WITH
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	Notes	General funds	Restricted funds	Total	2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOME & EXPENDITURE					
Incoming resources					
Investment income	1(i)	125,066	-	125,066	105,270
Rents	1(ii) &	50	-	50	-
	(iii)	450	-	450	(100)
Interest	(iv)	14,471	-	14,471	980
Insurance refund	(v)	421	-	421	-
Gains on disposal of investments	2	-	24,771	24,771	1,287,070
Total incoming resources		140,458	24,771	165,229	1,393,220
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	3	(233,506)	-	(233,506)	(42,448)
Governance costs	4(i)(ii)	(4,922)	(33,769)	(38,691)	(41,746)
Other	4(iii)	(11,550)	-	(11,550)	(25,235)
Total resources expended		(249,978)	(33,769)	(283,747)	(109,429)
Net incoming/(outflow) of resources for the year		(109,520)	(8,998)	(118,518)	1,283,791

The notes contained on pages 10-13 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025
COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST UNITED WITH
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	Notes	General funds	Restricted funds	Total	2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments: land	5		52,500	52,500	52,500
Other long term investments	6		4,415,055	4,415,055	4,519,096
			4,467,555	4,467,555	4,571,596
Current assets					
Cash at bank	6	235,924	-	235,924	290,350
Debtors	8	-		-	50
Total current assets					290,400
Less current liabilities					
Sundry creditors		-		-	2,225
Total current liabilities					2,225
Total assets		235,924	4,467,555	4,703,479	4,859,771

The notes contained on pages 10-13 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees at their meeting on
And signed by two trustees, duly authorised on their behalf:

Signed:

Date:

Trustee

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Trustee

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES
COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST UNITED WITH
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Accounting policies are the principles, bases, conventions and rules by which transactions are recognised, measured and presented in the accounts to show a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting standards FRS 18.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the legal requirements contained in the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (Charities SORP) 2005 and all relevant Accounting Standards.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets and long term investments are recorded in the accounts at current market value as required by the above mentioned regulations. Land has been valued by an external valuer, (being a member of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)) in accordance with the Statements of Asset Valuation Practice and Guidance Notes issued by The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Land has been valued at open market value. Any difference in value arising out of periodic revaluations will be charged/credited to the revaluation reserve, except where the individual assets have not previously been revalued upwards, in which case any charges will be expensed in the year to which they relate. The most recent valuation of the remaining land, the College Field site, was carried out by GVA Grimley Ltd in the financial year 2013/14. A valuation of the College Field site is expected to be carried out sometime before 31 March 2026. Depreciation is not provided for on the land in accordance with SSAP19, Accounting for Investment Assets.

Other investments

Other investments are recorded at current market values as required by the above regulations. Any difference in value on the previous year is charged/credited to the revaluation reserve except where the individual assets have not previously been revalued upwards, in which case any changes will be expensed in the year to which they relate.

Fund structure

Funds are restricted in their application to particular charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BALANCE SHEET
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1 Investment income

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
(i) Investment income	100,582	24,484	125,066	105,270
(ii) The right to reserve yearly sums of £50 from Jesus College, Oxford	-	50	50	(100)
(iii) Rental income from rugby & football clubs	450	-	450	-
(iv) Interest	3,077	11,394	14,471	980
(v) Insurance refund	210	211	421	

2 Profit on sale of investments

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) on disposal of shares	20,408	4,363	24,771	37,070
Gain on disposal of buildings	-	-	-	1,250,000

3 Charitable activities

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Student grant	-	500	500	5,640
Grants for school	-	63,000	63,000	34,000
Insurance	1,003	1,003	2,006	2,808
Art block	-	168,000	168,000	-
	<u>1,003</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>233,506</u>	<u>42,448</u>

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4 Governance costs (general funds(i))

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Accountants' fees	720	720	1,440	1,440
Solicitors' fees	-	-	-	4,834
Secretarial fees & postage	1,275	1,275	2,550	2,650
Estate agents' fees	-	-	-	9,376
Bank charges	-	90	90	125
Professional costs		842	842	
	<u>1,995</u>	<u>2,927</u>	<u>4,922</u>	<u>18,425</u>

Governance costs (restricted funds (ii))

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Investment brokers' fees	23,985	9,784	33,769	23,321
				<u>23,321</u>

Other costs (iii)

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
TMF portfolio	-	-	-	26,000
6th form building	-	-	-	(1,585)
Repairs & maintenance	11,550	-	11,550	820
	<u>11,550</u>	-	<u>11,550</u>	<u>25,235</u>

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5 Investment properties

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
3.46 acres known as "College Field"	52,500		52,500	<u>52,500</u>

The most recent valuation of the remaining land known as the College Field site was carried out by GVA Grimley Limited in the financial year 2013/14. A valuation is expected to be carried out sometime before 31 March 2026.

6 Investments

	CCST	TMF	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Market value as at 1 April 2024	3,287,196	1,231,900	4,519,096
Cash deposits as at 1 April 2024	63,228	113,436	176,664
Plus acquisitions to portfolio	242,838	848,323	1,091,161
Less building costs	-	(150,000)	(150,000)
Less investment brokers' fees	(23,985)	(9,784)	(33,769)
Less disposals at market value	(324,461)	(196,333)	(520,794)
Plus/(less) increase/(decrease) on revaluation	51,337	(725,745)	(674,408)
Market value at 31 March 2025	3,256,910	1,158,145	4,415,055
Cash deposits at 31 March 2025	63,533	34,871	98,404
Bank account			137,520
Cash deposits			<u>98,404</u>
			<u>235,924</u>

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7 Sundry creditors

	CCST	TMF	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Guy Clarke	-	-	-	1,311
Thomas Carroll	-	-	-	914
Uncleared cheques	=	=	=	—
	=	=	=	<u>2,225</u>

8 Sundry debtors

	CCST	TMF	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Jesus College	-	-	-	50
Rental income from rugby club	=	=	=	—
	=	=	=	<u>50</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL TRUST UNITED WITH
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Report to the trustees of Cowbridge Comprehensive School Trust with the Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust.

On accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number: 525559 and 525559-1

Set out on pages 7-13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities' trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charities and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material, respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

Name:

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

Address: