

FREE SCHOOL CHARITY
working title BRAILES FREE SCHOOL FOUNDATION
Charity Number 1001761
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

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The registered Charity Number is 1001761. The current scheme governing the Charity was approved by the Charity Commission on 18 July 1990 and was constructed from the following :

1. The Free School Foundation which was regulated by a scheme made by the Board of Education on 18 March 1938.
2. The Ecclesiastical Charity which was constituted by an Order made by the Charity Commissioners on 1 May 1906 and administered thereunder upon the trusts set out in a scheme of the Commissioners of the 28 July 1863.

The Charity also includes the following :

1. The Old Church of England School and School House Trust which was transferred by a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 16 May 1997.
2. The Brailes Institute, Lower Brailes which was transferred by a scheme of the Charity Commission dated 23 July 2003.

HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

The origins of the Charity date back to 1433 when Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, established a Free School in the village of Brailes. The funds of the Charity have been received from several sources over many years, but the main purpose of the Scheme has remained unchanged. The Scheme was revised by the Charity Commissioners in 1990 to enable it to serve the current needs of the Parish of Brailes, whilst retaining the original aims of the earlier endowments.

The Charity has the following activities and objectives :

1. To manage and maintain the Free School and Institute in Lower Brailes.

These properties are to be used for the furthering of religious, charitable and other philanthropic works in the Parish of Brailes and also for the provision of social events and welfare activities for young people living in Brailes.

2. To manage and invest the monies of the Charity.

The income derived by the Charity is used first to maintain and insure the property of the Charity and then to pay the expenses of management of the Charity.

3. The excess of the income over the expenses of maintaining the properties of the Charity and the expenses of management is then to be used as follows :

- a) The Trustees are to calculate the income for ecclesiastical purposes. The income is to be a sum between two fifths and one half of the annual income after deducting the expenses of (2) above. This income is to be paid to the Parochial Church Council of Brailes for the maintenance and repair of the Parish Church and the maintenance of services therein. The Trustees have the option of establishing and maintaining a Church Extraordinary Repair Fund.

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HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME (CONTINUED)

3. b) The balance of the income is then to be applied for the promotion of education.

The Trustees are able to :

- i) make grants to the Brailes Church of England School;
- ii) make grants to individuals under the age of 25 years who are residents of Brailes or whose parents are resident in Brailes and who are in need of financial assistance for their education or vocational training;
- iii) provide (in the interests of social welfare) for recreation, social and physical training in the Parish for persons under the age of 25 years.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

The Charity has continued to carry out its objectives. The total Unrestricted Fund receipts for the year have increased to £54,965 (2023 : £51,650).

The Trustees have distributed grants and other payments from the Unrestricted Fund totalling £23,712 (2023 : £42,734) as detailed in the Receipts and Payments Account.

The excess of receipts over payments on the Unrestricted Fund for the year was £16,965 (2023 : excess of payments over receipts £2,326) and this has been retained in the Unrestricted Fund.

RESERVES POLICY

The reserves comprise the Unrestricted Fund which has accumulated from the excess of income over payments and the Capital Fund which has accumulated from fixed assets and endowments received. The income from both funds is allocated to unrestricted income to enable the charitable objectives to be carried out.

It is the Trustees' view that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient free reserves to provide financial stability for the Charity.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees who have served throughout the year are :

The Reverend George Heighton	Ex-officio Trustee
Mr Brett Hay	Co-optative Trustee
Mr Martin Cole	Nominated by Brailes Parish Council
Mrs Glenda Woods	Nominated by Warwickshire County Council
Mr Tim Rimell	Nominated by the Vicar and Churchwardens
Mrs Katie Haycock	Nominated by the Vicar and Churchwardens

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Charity is Burnt Orchard, Upper Brailes, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5AT

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OTHER PRINCIPAL ADVISERS

The bankers for the Charity are HSBC Bank plc, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire and Lloyds Bank plc, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.

The main investments and deposit accounts are held with the CBF Church of England, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ, COIF Charity Funds, CCLA Investment Management Limited, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ, M & G Investments Charifund and Schrodgers Limited Charity Multi-Asset Fund.

For and on behalf of the Trustees of Brailes Free School Foundation:


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The Reverend G Heighton
Chairman of Trustees

23 April 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FREE SCHOOL CHARITY
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

H E Bowen ACA
Chartered Accountant
H. L. Barnes
Barclays Bank Chambers
Stratford upon Avon

23 April 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Capital fund £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Receipts					
Income from property	2	3,527	-	3,527	4,413
Investment income	3	51,438	-	51,438	47,237
Total receipts		<u>54,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,965</u>	<u>51,650</u>
Payments					
Management and property maintenance	4	14,288	-	14,288	11,242
Total payments		<u>14,288</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,288</u>	<u>11,242</u>
Surplus after expenses of management and property maintenance		<u>40,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,677</u>	<u>40,408</u>
Charitable activities:					
Grants	5	23,478	-	23,478	42,596
Purchase of bibles		234	-	234	138
Total charitable payments		<u>23,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,712</u>	<u>42,734</u>
Net receipts over payments/ (Net payments over receipts)		16,965	-	16,965	(2,326)
Total cash funds brought forward		<u>103,061</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>106,859</u>	<u>109,185</u>
Total cash funds carried forward		<u>£ 120,026</u>	<u>£ 3,798</u>	<u>£ 123,824</u>	<u>£ 106,859</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Capital fund £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Cash funds:					
Central Board of Finance:					
Capital deposit account		-	3,798	3,798	3,798
General deposit account		88,765	-	88,765	81,898
HSBC Bank plc current account		27,518	-	27,518	17,620
Lloyds Bank plc treasurers account		3,743	-	3,743	3,543
Total cash funds		<u>120,026</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>123,824</u>	<u>106,859</u>
Investment assets:					
Fixed assets	6	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Charities Official Investment Fund	7	-	23,078	23,078	23,078
Central Board of Finance:					
Investment Fund	7	-	36,678	36,678	36,678
Investment Fund - Old School	7	-	71,884	71,884	71,884
Investment Fund - Fixed Interest	7	-	97,318	97,318	94,466
UK Equity Fund (General)	7	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
M & G - Charifund	7	50,000	340,000	390,000	390,000
Schroders - Charity Multi-Asset Fund	7	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total investment assets		<u>100,000</u>	<u>678,958</u>	<u>778,958</u>	<u>776,106</u>
Total Charity funds		<u>£ 220,026</u>	<u>£ 682,756</u>	<u>£ 902,782</u>	<u>£ 882,965</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees :

..... The Reverend G Heighton

23 April 2025

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

A receipts and payments account has been prepared as this is considered by the Trustees to provide a clear indication of the movement of funds of the Charity for the year.

Fixed assets

The property at 2 Friars Lane was gifted to the Trust many years ago. The Trustees have capitalised at £10,000 the property that is subject to tenancy at its estimated value to the Trust.

No depreciation is provided on this asset as the market value of the property is considered to be higher than the value at which the asset has been capitalised.

Capital Fund investments

The investments are stated in the statement of assets and liabilities at the lower of their cost or market value. The realised gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is added to or deducted from the capital fund.

Investment income

The investment income and interest arising from all bank accounts, building society accounts, deposits with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, investments and all other deposits are credited to the General Fund to be used for the expenses of management, ecclesiastical purposes or the promotion of education.

2. INCOME FROM PROPERTY	2024	2023
	£	£
Rents: 2 Friars Lane	1,969	2,030
Use of Free School	1,555	757
Institute rent	-	1,623
Wayleave	3	3
	<u>£ 3,527</u>	<u>£ 4,413</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends: CBF investments	12,293	11,660
COIF	2,178	2,148
M & G Charifund	28,028	26,626
Schroders Multi-Asset Charity Fund	4,366	4,372
Interest: CBF general deposit account	4,375	2,311
CBF capital deposit account	198	120
	<u>£ 51,438</u>	<u>£ 47,237</u>

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4. MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COSTS	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Clerk's honorarium		250		250
Bank charges		92		84
Expenses re 2 Friars Lane:				
Insurance	197		315	
Repairs and maintenance	2,738		2,367	
	<u> </u>	2,935	<u> </u>	2,682
Expenses re Free School:				
Caretaking	1,486		1,427	
Heat and light	1,159		2,671	
Insurance	548		373	
Rates	390		355	
Repairs and maintenance	2,040		216	
	<u> </u>	5,623	<u> </u>	5,042
Expenses re Brailes Institute:				
Insurance	621		451	
Rates	208		180	
Institute surveys and planning advice	3,451		1,785	
Heat and light	328		-	
	<u> </u>	4,608	<u> </u>	2,416
Governance costs:				
Accountants' fee		780		768
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		<u>£ 14,288</u>		<u>£ 11,242</u>
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
 5. GRANTS				
St Georges, Brailes		18,000		20,000
Individuals		4,979		500
Brailes Primary School		-		21,616
Brownies, Guides and Rangers		499		480
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		<u>£ 23,478</u>		<u>£ 42,596</u>
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6. FIXED ASSETS

The assets of the Charity comprise :

- a) The land with the building thereon known as the Brailes Free School and the Brailes Institute. These properties have been appropriated by the Trustees to be used for furthering religious works by the Church of England, providing social welfare activities for young people resident in the Parish of Brailes and other charitable and philanthropic activities. The Trustees do not have the power to sell the properties without the approval of the Charity Commission and therefore the assets have not been capitalised.
- b) The land with the buildings thereon known as 2 Friars Lane. This property is currently let under a Rent Act protected tenancy.

7. INVESTMENTS

	Cost	Market value at 31 December 2024	Market value at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Charities Official Investment Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	23,078	80,014	78,246
Central Board of Finance Investment Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	36,678	102,805	100,505
Central Board of Finance Investment Fund - Old School Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	71,884	185,456	181,306
Central Board of Finance Fixed Interest Security Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	100,000	97,318	94,466
Central Board of Finance UK Equity Fund			
Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	50,000	58,502	57,755
Carried forward	281,640	524,095	512,278

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7. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Cost	Market value at 31 December 2024	Market value at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Brought forward	281,640	524,095	512,278
M & G - Charifund Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	390,000	458,529	446,878
Schroders - Charity Multi-Asset Fund Balance at 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	100,000	116,811	107,059
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	<u>£ 771,640</u>	<u>£ 1,099,435</u>	<u>£ 1,066,215</u>