

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AREA EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Registered Charity No. 1064748

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Name of Charity: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AREA EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Registered Number: 1064748

Legal Form: Unincorporated charitable organisation

Governing Document: Constitution dated 12.9.1996 and amended 11.9.1997 with registration being confirmed 8.10.1997 amended & with name change 30.11.2015

Address: c/o The Buckinghamshire Music Trust, The School House, Amersham School, Stanley Hill, Amersham HP7 9HH

Trustees: The charity trustees during the year ended 30.6.2023 were:

Mr Paul Guenault- Trustee
Mrs Susan Imbriano- Trustee
Mr Andrew Tusting - Trustee

Mrs Jenifer Dunning acts as Secretary
Mrs Jane Smith - Chairperson

No trustees receive any compensation for their services as trustees. Mrs Dunning receives modest remuneration for her services as secretary and Mrs Smith receives remuneration for her work on Energize.

The Trustees confirm they have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising their duties as trustees.

Method of Appointment: Annually at the Annual General Meeting

Officers: As shown above

Bankers: CAF Cash Ltd – Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4TA

Objects: The objects of the charity are:

The advancement of the education of children in the Bucks Area (defined as the County of Buckinghamshire and adjoining areas for this purpose and known as 'the area of benefit') by provision of educational and arts services and resources, in particular but not exclusively, for the teachers and children in the area of benefit.

Area of Benefit: The area of benefit is determined as the County of Buckinghamshire and adjoining areas.

Report of the Trustees on the Activities of the Charity

The Trustees present the Independently Examined Receipts and Payments Account of the Charity, in accordance with the adopted accounting policy, for the twelve months ended 30.6.2023.

Review of Activities

The organisation receives funds from Energize performances and from schools in the area of benefit and these funds help to provide the administration costs of the charity. Our main expense is the costs of the Energize project. Currently we have schools from both Aylesbury and High Wycombe belonging to the Alliance, with numbers remaining fairly constant throughout its existence. In our opinion, the Energize programme sustains our membership.

The Charity decided to see if there was still a place for the running of Energize in the Wycombe area after the Covid Pandemic in March 2023. Schools had expressed an interest in the projects in 2022, but were not certain if they would still be in a position to give time and effort to the projects. For this reason, the Trustees agreed to subsidise the costs of Energize for schools and the theatre audiences. School's coach costs were heavily subsidised and theatre tickets for parents were reduced to the 2014 prices. In addition, the grant funding from High Wycombe district council for community events at the Theatre are no longer available so the charity is now charged the full costs of theatre hire. The Charity was very pleased with the number of schools who took part in Energize Wycombe and the theatre audiences were almost full. Schools have indicated they would like to continue taking part in the Energize project in future years.

The Trustees feel that there is an ongoing need for the charities objectives and it will be able to continue to provide a public benefit through helping to support activities for children in the schools.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to: -

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements.
4. Prepare the Financial Statements on the going basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust
- Safeguarding the Charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves Policy

The charity has no assets or liabilities other than short-term financial items. The Trustees therefore believe it is not necessary to maintain reserves above a level that enables them to carry out their normal functions for the coming year. This is currently estimated to be circa £30,000. Any funds donated from third parties for a particular purpose are retained as restricted reserves until expended for the purpose stipulated.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Mrs Jane Smith Chairman of the Alliance

Jane Smith
Chairperson (for and on behalf of the Trustees)

Date

11/3/24

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE 2023

CONSOLIDATED

INCOME	30th June 2023	30th June 2022
Energize Grant Advertising Income	0.00	0.00
Energize Grant WDC	0.00	0.00
Energize Donations	0.00	0.00
Energize Ticket Sales	27,492.00	0.00
Energize Programme Sales	390.00	0.00
Energize Schools Coach Contributions	2,200.00	0.00
Bank Interest Received	518.97	43.04
Total Income	30,600.97	43.04
EXPENDITURE		
General Administration Costs	8,230.28	2,236.06
Energize Performance - Coaches	8,285.00	0.00
Energize Performance - Co-ordinators	11,493.41	0.00
Energize Performance - Hire of Swan	23,183.66	0.00
Energize Performance - Licences	255.00	0.00
Energize Performance - Programmes	455.00	0.00
Energize Performance - Musicians	1,450.00	0.00
Energize Performance - Materials	272.09	0.00
Energize Performance - Hall Hire	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	85.75	96.50
Total Expenditure	53,710.19	2,332.56
Net Income	(23,109.22)	(2,289.52)
Cash Balance b/f	70,291.23	71,567.25
CAF Cash Balances at 30th June	47,182.01	70,291.23

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BALANCE SHEET 30 TH JUNE 2023

CURRENT ASSETS	30TH JUNE 23	30TH JUNE 22
CAF Current Account	13,407.42	3,225.38
CAF Gold Account	33,774.59	67,065.85
	47,182.01	70,291.23
Debtors	1,090.00	
Accrued Expenses	(3,138.20)	
ST Net Liabilities	(2,048.20)	(1,013.50)
RESERVES	45,133.81	69,277.73



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Buckinghamshire Area Education Alliance

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2023 **Charity no** 1064748

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023

**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").

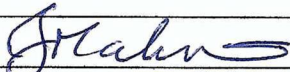
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 06/03/2024

Name: Mr John Makinson

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Ex ACA (Retired)

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