Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	6	April	2025		5	April	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Dragonfly Schools Foundation
Other names charity is known by	None
Registered charity number (if any)	1170021

Charity's principal address

Stonecroft, Main Street,	
Yearsley, Brandsby,	
York	
Postcode	YO61 4SL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period of this report	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Caroline Mytum	Chairperson Data Protection		
2	Alan Kitchen	Treasurer		
3	Bethan Ratcliffe	Secretary		
4	Ruth Dance	Child Protection		
5	Margaret Kitchen			
6	Peter Wise			
7	Sam Brewin			
8	Lottie Rugg-Easey			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Virgin Money	46, Coney Street, York YO1 9NQ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Sue Bretherton – Founder and Director (unpaid)
Ian Bretherton – Founder and Director (unpaid)

Section B Structure,governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted at the first meeting of trustees on 20/11/16. It was most recently amended at the AGM on 15/08/20.
How the charity is constituted (eg.trust, association,company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant,about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any relatedparties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees and our two founders/directors continue to give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration, expenses or other benefits.

We continue to maintain our formal partnerships with four NGOs working in Pushkar and Ajmer, through which we carry out our objects, providing education and vocational training. These partnerships are established and monitored via written agreements which set out the roles and responsibilities of each partner.

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed – particularly those arising through the safeguarding of children and vulnerable teenagers, the handling of data and the management of our finances - and have satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are in place to manage those risks, including:

- A Child Protection policy and training
- A Financial Management policy
- A Due Diligence policy
- A Data Privacy policy (compliant with GDPR 2016/679)
- A Risk Management policy

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission document: 'Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials March 2015 CC15c'.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is '*the advancement of education, for the public benefit, by the provision of schools, teaching, sponsorship and vocational training for the development of the mental, physical and moral capabilities, and the improvement of the prospects for employment and access to Further and Higher Education, of those children and adolescents living in India, who do not access education or training for any reason, including poverty, neglect, learning or other developmental difficulties, disability, low caste status or the absence of family members or carers.'*

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the above object are as follows:

- Organisation and hosting of a range of fundraising events including talks and presentations to schools, organisations and charitable bodies, sales and events including an annual Christmas Coffee Morning and our 10th birthday fundraiser.
- Submission of applications to grant-making trusts for funding.
- Communication of our objectives and achievements through our website blog, regular newsletters and, when possible, the media.
- Generation of both regular (Standing Order) and one-off donations in aid of our work.
- Development by directors and trustees of policies and plans which enable our charity to carry out its work and to achieve its objectives effectively, efficiently and safely.
- Annual visits to Pushkar by our founders to monitor and evaluate our projects. The last such visit was during January/February 2025. All visits are made **entirely** at our personal expense, including **all** travel, accommodation, food and **all** living expenses.
- In addition to the above, maintaining close contact by email, Zoom and telephone with our four partner NGOs in Pushkar in order to continue to monitor and evaluate our projects. This includes the submission of progress reports and supportive evidence by our partners on a 6-monthly basis.

In planning the activities for the year, the trustees kept in mind and applied the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit during fundraising presentations and meetings of trustees.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant,about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made byvolunteers.

Our fundraising activities, as well as the organisational structure and governance of our charity, rely entirely upon our founders/directors, trustees and supporters, all of whom give their time and skills voluntarily and we are enormously grateful to them for their generosity.

The trustees and founders/directors are aware of the requirements in the Charities Act 2016 regarding protection of the public, including vulnerable people, from unreasonably intrusive or persistent fundraising approaches and undue pressure to donate.

No commercial participators or professional fundraisers have been used by The Dragonfly Schools Foundation and there have been no registered fundraising complaints.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of The Dragonfly Schools Foundation during the year from 6th April 2025 to 5th April 2026 are summarised in the points below.

We have provided education for approximately 150 children through:

- Funding of f/t and p/t teachers at our three partnership schools.
- Additional funding of f/t specialist Special Needs teachers and a f/t physiotherapist, speech therapist and teacher of the deaf at our partnership special needs school.
- Funding for registration of pupils at our partnership desert camp school to sit the Rajasthan State Education Board Annual Examinations.
- Funding of premises rental costs, utilities and wifi costs for our partnership desert camp school.
- Funding of teaching resources for our partnership schools.
- Funding for 4 five-year sponsorships for children to attend mainstream schooling.
- Funding for Winter sweaters for pupils during the cold season.
- Funding of 3 three-year vocational Animal Care traineeships for teenagers at an award-winning animal hospital in Ajmer.
- Strengthening of existing relationships and development of new ones to enhance and improve the effectiveness of our projects and explore new avenues for achieving our aims and objectives.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	A policy on maintaining a minimum £5,000 reserve was agreed at the 09/04/17 Trustees meeting. £310 of the funds held in the account at the end of the financial year was restricted.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	There are no funds held as a custodian trustee on behalf of others. Our main source of funds this year has been from individual donations on line and at events. We have also had significant funding from The Di Walker Foundation, The Fulmer Charitable Trust, Thomas the Baker and York Vikings Rotary Club. These funds have allowed us to commit to expenditure on the projects described in this report. Expenditure this year has been for providing funding for our partners (Vikas Project, TOLFA, Pushkar Children Trust and Jyotirgamay Seva Sansthan). In addition, we have also funded our charity's website management. Income for this financial year has allowed us to again increase our funding of our partner charities in India. This also allowed our funding to continue to extend beyond teachers' salaries to other support staff salaries, rent & utilities and children's clothing.

Section F Other optional information

The coming year will see the continuation of our formal partnerships with TOLFA, Vikas Project, Pushkar Children Trust and Jyotirgamay Seva Sansthan.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with the financial accounting period being from 6th April 2025 to 5th April 2026.

Due to the gross income for the last financial year being below £250,000 and with assets less than £3.26m there is no legal requirement for our charity's accounts to be audited. Since the gross annual income is more than £25,000 we have had an independent examination of the accounts, which has been carried out – see the signed declaration below.

The bank account is managed by the Treasurer with another trustee; the co-founders/directors have online access to view transactions only.

The Dragonfly Schools Foundation

Accounts for the period from 6/4/25 – 5/4/26

Statement by Examiner

I confirm that I have examined all accounts, documents and supporting evidence provided to me, and in my opinion they give a true representation of the financial situation of the Dragonfly Schools Foundation for the period.



John Middleton
Hon. Examiner

Date: 5th June 2026

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	Caroline Mytum
Full name	Caroline Mytum
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees
Date	28/10/2026