Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	RATHMELL SCHOOL TRUST
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1188700
Charity's principal address	THE OLD SCHOOL, HESLEY LANE
	RATHMELL
	SETTLE
	Postcode BD24 0LA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rosemary Hyslop	Chair		R. Hyslop
2	Jacqueline Frankland	Treasurer		J. Frankland
3	Keith Mothersdale	Ordinary		
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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
Accountants	RCM Associates Ltd	Green Farm Barn, The Green, Rathmell, BD24 0JX

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable trust with three trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's governing document.

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 related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Governance and management

The trustees are responsible for the overall governance and management of the Trust and meet as required to consider its activities, property, finances and other matters affecting the charity.

The trustees continue to manage, maintain and insure the Old School, School House and associated property and to use the charity's assets in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

During the year, the trustees continued to deal with matters concerning the historic trusts affecting the charity's property and related proceedings involving Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance ("LDBF") and the Department for Education ("DfE"). The trustees have continued to engage with the relevant parties and to take appropriate advice where necessary. At the date of this report, certain matters remain ongoing.

Loans

During 2023 and 2024, loans totalling **£64,800** were advanced to the Trust to assist with its financial commitments, including legal costs.

At 31 December 2025 the full amount remained outstanding. Of this amount, **£39,800** was due to two trustees of the charity and **£25,000** was due to another lender.

The loans are interest-free and unsecured, with no fixed repayment date or scheduled repayments. Repayment will be made when the trustees determine that the Trust has sufficient available financial resources to do so, having regard to its other liabilities, commitments and continuing activities.

The trustees are aware of their responsibilities in relation to conflicts of interest and take these into account when considering matters in which a trustee has a personal or financial interest.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the Trust are to protect and care for the property and grounds known as and associated with Rathmell School Trust, including the former primary school, School House and School Field, and to provide facilities which support and enrich the local community.

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 trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and making decisions relevant to the charity's activities.

The Trust provides and maintains facilities for the benefit of the local community. The former classrooms are used as office and work spaces by local business people, while the School House and School Field are let. The resulting income contributes towards the maintenance, insurance and running costs of the Trust's properties.

The Old School continues to provide facilities for community and educational activities. Rathmell Young Farmers Club regularly uses the premises and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has held local meetings there.

The premises are also available for educational and vocational activities and other appropriate community uses. We are delighted to support the Marine Training Corps who now utilise the old school for cadet training weekends. The MTC is not only for training cadets (especially children who are Not in Education, Employment or Training) but also for training the instructors who qualify to Certificate of Education level 3.

During the year a hearing loop system was installed and acoustic improvements were made, improving the accessibility and suitability of the premises for community groups and other users.

The trustees continue to seek appropriate uses of the Trust's property which further its charitable purposes while generating income to contribute towards the maintenance and continued operation of the facilities.

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 by volunteers.

The Trust benefits from the support of local volunteers who contribute their time and skills to assist with the operation, maintenance and activities of the Trust.

The trustees remain committed to managing the Trust's property and financial resources prudently in order to support its long-term sustainability and continued benefit to the local community and others who require such a facility.

During the year, essential electrical maintenance and associated remedial works were undertaken to ensure the continued safety and suitability of the premises. The additional expenditure was a principal contributing factor to the Trust recording a deficit of £4,807 for the year. The trustees continue to monitor expenditure carefully and manage the Trust's financial resources accordingly.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, the Trust continued to provide and maintain facilities for the benefit of the local community while generating income from appropriate use of its property to contribute towards ongoing running and maintenance costs.

The Old School continued to be used by Rathmell Young Farmers Club and for a variety of community, educational and vocational activities. The premises have also provided quiet spaces for educational support and facilities for local meetings and first aid courses.

Access to the B4RN high-speed fibre network continues to provide users of the premises with high-quality internet facilities.

Improvements during the year included the installation of a hearing loop and acoustic improvements, increasing the accessibility and range of potential uses of the Old School.

The School House and School Field continued to be let and the former classroom areas continued to provide office and work space. This generates income which contributes towards the costs of maintaining and operating the Trust's property.

The Trust has continued to provide facilities for local residents and organisations and seeks to respond to appropriate community needs where these are consistent with its charitable purposes.

The trustees intend to continue developing appropriate community use of the facilities while maintaining and protecting the Trust's assets for the longer term.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees seek to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the Trust's ongoing operating costs and provide an appropriate contingency for unforeseen expenditure, particularly having regard to the costs associated with maintaining the Trust's property.

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically having regard to anticipated income, expenditure, commitments and the ongoing requirements of the Trust.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The Trust's principal recurring sources of income during the year were rental income from its properties and facilities, catering income, bank and investment income. The Trust also received grant income during the year.

Total receipts for the year were £25,857 and total payments were £30,665. Cash funds held at 31 December 2025 amounted to £12,190.

At 31 December 2025 the Trust had outstanding interest-free and unsecured loans totalling £64,800. These loans have no fixed repayment date or scheduled repayments and are repayable when the trustees determine that the Trust has sufficient available financial resources, having regard to its other liabilities, commitments and continuing activities.

The trustees have considered the Trust's anticipated income, expenditure and commitments and consider that the Trust has sufficient resources to continue its activities and meet its ongoing commitments.

Section F Other optional information

The trustees remain committed to maintaining and protecting the Trust's property and facilities for the benefit of the local community.

The Trust seeks to operate on a financially sustainable basis through the appropriate use of its property and facilities while continuing to provide opportunities for community, educational and other activities which further its charitable purposes.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jacqueline Frankland	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date	19/10/26

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
RATHMELL SCHOOL TRUST	1188700

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rental income	17,600	-	-	17,600	17,330
Bank interest received	146	-	-	146	130
Catering income	5,093	-	-	5,093	1,620
COIF income	18	-	-	18	188
Donations	-	-	-	-	16,990
Grants received	3,000			3,000	-
Loans from Trustees	-	-	-	-	52,800
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	25,857	-	-	25,857	89,058
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
COIF Investments		-	-	-	10,523
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	10,523
Total receipts	25,857	-	-	25,857	99,581
A3 Payments					
Repairs and maintenance	18,565	-	-	18,565	4,370
Light and heat	4,803	-	-	4,803	5,304
Insurance	1,545	-	-	1,545	1,410
Catering provisions	3,776	-	-	3,776	2,666
Rent and rates	605	-	-	605	750
Computer and telephone	745	-	-	745	516
Legal fees	- 1,234	-	-	- 1,234	73,486
Accountancy	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,410
Sundry expenses	781	-	-	781	1,122
Sub total	30,665	-	-	30,665	91,034
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,665	-	-	30,665	91,034
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,807	-	-	- 4,807	8,547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,997	-	-	16,997	8,450
Cash funds this year end	12,190	-	-	12,190	16,997

Section B Statement of assets and

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Bank Account	2,265	-	-
	Business Premium Account	9,925	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	12,190	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	COIF Fund - 16877001T	Unrestricted	-	635
			-	-
			-	635

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	School Site	Unrestricted	-	120,000
	School House	Unrestricted	-	350,000
	Field	Unrestricted	-	75,000
			-	-
			-	545,000

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	H Hyslop (Trustee)	Unrestricted	12,000	No fixed repayment date
	K Mothersdale (Trutee)	Unrestricted	27,800	No fixed repayment date
	S Gudgeon (Non-Trustee)	Unrestricted	25,000	No fixed repayment date

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Jacqueline Frankland	06/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
RATHMELL SCHOOL TRUST

On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1188700

Set out on pages 8 AND 9
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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:	*R. McCool*	**Date:**	06/10/2026

Name: RICHARD CHRISTOPHER MCCOOL

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

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RATHMELL, SETTLE, NORTH YORKSHIRE BD24 0JX

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	