CARLTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Registered Charity No: 230768

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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CARLTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Reference and Administrative Details
As at 31 December 2025

Trustees

Mr A Tusting (Chairman)
DTC Hanbury
Mr R Collins (Treasurer, appointed 17 November 2025)
ADG Oldrey
Mrs C Evens (resigned 21 October 2025)
Mrs J Bray
Mrs A Hartigan
Mrs I Burns
Mrs G Hanbury
Mrs H Pask (appointed 17 November 2025)

Principal Address

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Charity Number

230768

Independent Examiner

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Chartered Accountants
The Pinnacle
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Principal Bankers

National Westminster Bank
High Street
Bedford
Bedfordshire

Investment Advisors

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was formed in the 19th Century with the aim of benefiting the education in Bedfordshire of deprived children and young adults aged less than 25. The principal assets of the Charity are the Trustees' cottages, residential school premises and farmland at Carlton, together with investments and cash deposits.

Induction training is provided for all new trustees, where appropriate and all new Trustees receive all necessary information on the Carlton Educational Charity and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events which will facilitate their undertaking of the role or benefit them as trustees. The Trustees have regard to their need for any specialist skills which Trustees may bring to the Trust.

Review of the Development, Activities and Achievements of the Charity

The premises at Carlton are either let to produce rental income or included in a 50 year lease dated 1st November 2001, which was granted to Emmaus Village Carlton, a charity working on behalf of the homeless. In the latter case no rent is payable but Emmaus UK is responsible under the lease for the costs of improving the property in question to an agreed standard and also to fully maintain it thereafter, for the remaining term of the lease. In the opinion of the Trustees, the costs of improving and maintaining the property broadly equal the rent that would be payable, so on the basis that the position is neutral, no gift in kind to Emmaus Village Carlton needs to be shown.

In the year ended 31 December 2025 the charity issued grants and bursaries of £56,525 compared to £56,730 in 2024. A deficit of £6,630 was created before investment gains, compared to a surplus of £40,341 in 2024. The Trustees intend to award grants and bursaries each year which approximate to the forecast amount of Net Income for that year.

Public Benefit

The Trustees consider that the main activities of the charity detailed in the objects above are for the public benefit and have given due regard to the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the period were:

D T C Hanbury	A D G Oldrey
Mr A Tusting	Mrs J Bray
Mr R Collins (appointed 17 November 2025)	Mrs I Burns
Mrs A Hartigan	Mrs C Evens (resigned 21 October 2025)
Mrs G Hanbury	Mrs H Pask (appointed 17 November 2025)

The power to appoint additional trustees lies with the current trustees.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the unaudited financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Report of the Trustees (contd.)

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosures and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 12 months running costs to ensure the long-term future of its activities.

The Trustees have created a designated fund to defray any property repair costs that might arise on the termination of the present leases. Included in this fund is a payment received in 2001 from Bedfordshire County Council in respect of dilapidations on the return to the charity of the school building at the end of the lease term. These monies have been designated for these purposes as the grant of the current lease obviated the need for the original receipt to be used to defray property repair costs in 2001. However, the Trustees hold the right to use this reserve to enhance the charity as a whole if they feel it is prudent and beneficial to do so.

The investments representing the designated funds were apportioned into a separate pool and the income, gains, losses and related costs were also apportioned between general and designated funds. In 2020 the trustees reviewed the level of designated funds required in respect of repair costs and decided to set this at a fixed amount of £472,071, removing the need for apportionment. All income and expenditure is therefore treated as general funds as the two elements have been amalgamated.

Risk Factors

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have full investment powers and authority for the charity and investment decisions have been made in accordance with the Trustees wishes during the year. The trustees consider the return on investments for the period to be satisfactory.

Market value of land and buildings

In view of the possibility that the market value of the buildings, other property & farmland could be materially higher than cost, the Trustees decided to have the property valued to assess this and then consider whether the market value should be reflected in the financial statements. Messrs Berry & Co. were retained by the charity and having assessed the estate, placed a value of £4,525,000 on the property at 31 December 2019. The Trustees subsequently took the decision to include property assets in the financial statements at their open market value. This led to a revaluation reserve of £4,275,000 being created on the revaluation at 31 December 2019, which is shown separately on the balance sheet and held within General Funds. During 2020 one of the properties were sold reducing the value to £4,100,000. There was an addition in year ended 31 December 2022 of £20,000 increasing the valuation to £4,120,000. The Trustees have considered the valuation at the reporting date and in their opinion this is fairly reflected at an amount of £4,120,000 at 31 December 2025.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for at least the next 12 months. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of Carlton Educational Charity

A Tusting

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A Tusting, Trustee

27th October 2026

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARLTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

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; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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27th October 2026

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds	2025 £ Total Funds	2024 £
Income					
Other trading activities:	2				
Rental income		103,074	-	103,074	102,860
Other income		44,679	-	44,679	49,359
Total Income		147,753	-	147,753	152,219
Expenditure					
Charitable activities:					
Grants and bursaries payable	4	56,525	-	56,525	56,730
Management and administration costs	5	97,858	-	97,858	55,148
Total Expenditure		154,383	-	154,383	111,878
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains / losses		(6,630)	-	(6,630)	40,341
(Loss) / Gain on revaluation of investments	7	108,229	-	108,229	6,818
(Loss) on disposal of investments	7	(426)	-	(426)	25,748
Net movement in funds		101,173	-	101,173	72,907
Fund balances brought forward		5,034,884	472,071	5,506,955	5,434,048
Transfer (General-designated)		-	-	-	-
Fund Balances carried forward		5,136,057	472,071	5,608,128	5,506,955

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements

CARLTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6	4,120,000	4,120,000
Investments	7	1,328,796	1,227,775
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	7,722	11,197
Cash at bank		170,485	173,553
		5,627,003	5,532,525
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(18,875)	(25,570)
Net Assets		5,608,128	5,506,955
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund	10	861,057	759,884
Revaluation Reserve (General Fund)	10	4,275,000	4,275,000
Designated fund	10	472,071	472,071
Total charity funds		5,608,128	5,506,955

The notes at pages 8 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 27th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

A Tusting

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A Tusting, Trustee

27th October 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1) Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Carlton Educational Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the organisation is small.

b. Income

All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when receivable, provided they are capable of financial measurement.

c. Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for gross when incurred.

d. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are included at cost or valuation.

The Trustees have not provided for depreciation on buildings on the basis that the open market value of the buildings is in excess of the net book value and since an amount has been designated to defray any property repair costs that might arise on the termination of the present leases. The trustees review this policy on an annual basis.

e. Funds

The Designated Fund is an amount which has been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for a specific, but not legally binding, purpose to pay for future repairs to the former school buildings. It consists of money received for that purpose, but which was not found necessary to expend due to the subsequent lease of the buildings on a full repairing basis.

f. Investments

Investments are recognised at their open market value as at the balance sheet date. Unrealised and realised gains and losses are shown net in the statement of financial activities.

g. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for at least the next 12 months. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

h. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

i. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

j. Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2) Income

General income includes rents received from the agricultural and residential estates, and interest received on deposit accounts.

3) Net income/ (expenditure) for the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Is stated after charging:		
Independent examiners fees	3,000	2,820

4) Grants and Bursaries Payable

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants to institutions		
Carlton Primary School	-	9,500
Fun 4 Young People	-	5,000
Yardley Hastings Primary School	10,000	-
Turvey Primary School	5,200	-
All Saints Church	1,000	
Country Days Educational Charity	5,000	
	21,200	14,500
Bursaries to individuals	35,325	42,230
Total grants and bursaries payable	56,525	56,730

5) Analysis of expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable expenditure		
Grants and bursaries payable	56,525	56,730
Management and administration costs	97,858	55,148
	154,383	111,878

Management and administration costs comprise:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Light and heat	5,991	3,544
Management fees	19,397	26,465
Repairs	58,724	15,568
Insurance	7,746	6,741
Accountancy	3,000	2,830
Legal & professional	3,000	-
	97,858	55,148

6) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings
	£
Valuation bought forward and carried forward at 31/12/24 and 31/12/25	4,120,000

In view of the materially higher market value of these buildings, other property & farmland compared to the original cost, the Trustees decided to have the property valued to reflect this in the financial statements at the open market value. The valuation of £4,120,000 was completed by Messrs Berry & Co. as at 31 December 2019.

The Trustees have considered the open market value of the properties at the year-end date in collaboration with their professional advisors and in the opinion of the Trustees, there is unlikely to have been a material change in the open market value at the year-end date.

The Trustees have not provided for depreciation on land and buildings as detailed in Note 1d.

7) Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at 31 December	1,328,796	1,227,775

Movement in funds during the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value bought forward at 1 January	1,227,775	1,208,580
Management fees deducted from cash account	(13,010)	(12,470)
Dividends and other income received	37,967	38,706
Gain / (Loss) on investment disposal	(426)	25,748
Revaluation Gain /(Loss) in the year	108,229	6,818
Cash (Payments)/Receipts	(31,739)	(39,607)
Accrued Interest		
Market value at 31 December	1,328,796	1,227,775
Historical cost as at 31 December	1,066,046	1,056,612

The Trustees' reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 12 months running costs to ensure the long-term future of its activities. It is not their intention to realise these assets for general revenue purposes.

8) Debtors due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	7,722	11,197

9) Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Creditors and Accruals	18,875	25,570

10) Funds

Designated funds are represented by cash and investments held by Charles Stanley & Co Ltd.

The amount designated was reviewed during the year and has been set at a fixed amount of £472,071 that is intended to defray any property repair costs that might arise on the termination of the present leases.

A revaluation reserve of £4,275,000 is held in respect of the revaluation of the property estate to its open market value. This is held as a general fund.

11) Employee and Trustee Remuneration

No staff were employed by the Charity during the year ended 31 December 2025. No Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or payment for expenses during the year ended 31 December 2025.

12) Control

The ultimate controlling party is the trustees.

13) Split of funds of comparative year

	Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds	2024 £ Total Funds
Income				
Other trading activities:	2			
Rental income		102,860	-	102,860
Other income		49,359	-	49,359
Total Income		152,219	-	152,219
Expenditure				
Charitable activities:				
Grants payable	4	56,730	-	56,730
Management and administration costs	5	55,148	-	55,148
Total Expenditure		111,878	-	111,878
Net income before other recognised gains / losses		40,341	-	40,341
Gain on revaluation of investments	7	6,818	-	6,818
(Loss) on disposal of investments	7	25,748	-	25,748
Net movement in funds		72,907	-	72,907
Fund balances brought forward		4,961,977	472,071	5,434,048
Transfers (General-designated)		-	-	-
Fund Balances carried forward		5,034,884	472,071	5,506,955

14) Other financial commitments

At the balance sheet date, the company had committed to a programme of repair and maintenance works estimated at £170,000. The programme was initiated prior to the year end to address historic maintenance requirements that had accumulated over a number of years. Expenditure incurred up to the balance sheet date has been recognised within the financial statements, with the majority of the remaining works to be completed in 2026.