

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 311024

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Charity name: Hitchin Education Foundation

Charity registration number: 311024

Charity address: Shilcock House
99 Bancroft
Hitchin, SG5 1NQ

Governors: Hertfordshire County Council nominated governors:
Mr Derrick Ashley (Chair)
Mr Ray Shakespeare-Smith (Vice-Chair)
Mr Bernard Lovewell
Mrs Jane Shipley
Mrs Lara Freeman (Appointed 26-Mar-24)

North Hertfordshire District Council nominated governors:
Prof Simon Harwood (Resigned 31-Mar-24)
Cllr Claire Strong
Cllr Kay Tart (Resigned 31-Mar-24)
Cllr Ian Albert
Cllr Keith Hoskins (Appointed 11-Jul-22)
Cllr Donna Wright (Appointed 01-Apr-24)
Cllr Daniel Wright-Mason (Appointed 01-Apr-24)

Rands Educational Foundation nominated governor:
Mr Ben Hurworth

Ex Officio Governors:
Rev Chris Bunce
Dr Helen Corkill
Mrs Nesta Job
Mr David McIntosh

Advisory: Head Teachers - who attend in an advisory capacity:
Mr Geraint Edwards - The Priory School
Mr James Crowther - Hitchin Girls' School
Mr Fergal Moane - Hitchin Boys' School (Resigned 31-Aug-23)
Mr Tim Bennett - Hitchin Boys' School (Appointed 01-Jan-24)

Clerk to the governors: Mr M Seaman-Hill
(As provided by John Shilcock Ltd)

Independent examiner: Philip Dean FCA
Hicks and Company
Chartered Accountants
First Floor, 99 Bancroft
Hitchin, SG5 1NQ

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC
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HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Governors present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Governors have adopted the provisions of 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 1st January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

The Foundation is managed by Governors supported by a clerk and professional property advisors, with the principal objective of raising funds from its investments and granting financial assistance to the three secondary schools in Hitchin and the provision of uniforms and educational facilities for the defined beneficiaries.

Public benefit

The Governors have paid due regard to the Charity Commissions Public Benefit Guidance and complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 in exercising their powers and duties, and have sought to demonstrate that the charity continues to provide benefits to suitable persons who relate directly to its objectives. The benefits are available to all who qualify. All applications are subject to due process and consideration without discrimination.

Achievements and Performance

Charitable activities

Under section 23 of the Scheme of Governance the Foundation maintained its annual commitment to the three secondary schools in Hitchin and continued with a special grant to each school for pastoral and counselling.

The Foundation continued to provide grants to other beneficiaries under section 24 of the Scheme of Governance.

Financial Review

Financial position

The financial results for the year as shown on pages 8 and 9 reflect:

- An increase in rental and insurance income
- A decrease in service charges receivable from tenants at 21 Bancroft, to be used for costs in maintaining the common parts of 21 Bancroft
- An increase in investment income
- A large decrease in property expenses
- A small decrease in expenditure on charitable activities

This resulted in a net decrease in unrestricted funds of £5,090 before any recognised gains or losses on revaluation of investments (2023: £42,060).

Principle sources of income

The major sources of income are:

- Rental income from the tenants who occupy the buildings under the control of the Governors
- Service charge income from specific tenants who use the common parts of 21 Bancroft
- Investment income

The financial results on pages 8 and 9 reflect:

- An increase in rental and insurance income receivable of £3,655 from £112,004 in 2023 to £115,659 in 2024
- A decrease in service charges receivable of £1,036 from £13,191 in 2023 to £12,155 in 2024
- An increase in investment income receivable of £163 from £5,874 in 2023 to £6,037 in 2024

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Principle items of expenditure

The governors continue to monitor and control costs.

The major areas of expenditure during the year were:

- Service charge costs relating to common parts of £13,964 (2023: £14,186)
- General maintenance costs of £16,805 (2023: £43,329)
- Legal and professional fees of £12,489 (2023: £13,719)
- Section 23 grants to the three Hitchin Schools were £45,000 (2023: £45,000)
- Section 24 grants of £27,932 (2023: £31,189)

Each request for grants is reviewed individually and grants are made on the basis of worthiness and funds available and not on the level of previous years' grants.

Fixed assets

The freehold land and buildings controlled by the Foundation comprising Old School Block, 20 Bancroft, Hitchin and 20/21, Bancroft, Hitchin were professionally valued on 31st March 2007 by Messrs. John Shilcock, Chartered Surveyors, at £850,000. To avoid professional fees for revaluing the Foundation's land and buildings, in the year ended 31st March 2020 the Governors took the decision to reverse all previous years' revaluations and restore the carrying value to an approximation of cost.

The dilapidations work at the Old School Block was certified as practical complete on 14th September 2020. The work, valued at approximately £200,000, was been paid for by Hertfordshire County Council under the terms of the old lease. During the year ended 31st March 2024 Hertfordshire County Council surrendered the old lease and a new lease was signed between the Foundation and Hitchin Boys' School.

Investment policy

Consideration is given to the requirement to provide grants as requested. Therefore having considered the options available the Governors have decided to retain excess funds in common commercial investment funds that are fairly easily accessible.

Reserves policy

The policies adopted by the Governors are such that invested monies are carefully managed with a low risk attitude, to ensure sufficient funds from the investments and the property portfolio are available to meet the main objects of the Foundation and the direct expenditure costs of the Foundation.

The Foundation's policy of regular Governors' Meetings means that all aspects of running the Foundation are fully reviewed and monitored. The regular Governors' Meetings ensure that all applications for Section 23 and 24 payments are fully reviewed and that the objects of the Foundation are being adhered to.

The resources of the Foundation are monitored between restricted and unrestricted funds. The unrestricted resources of the Foundation which it has freely available for its charitable purpose once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure, are budgeted annually based upon previous experience. The present level of necessary resources is in the region of £110,000 but this is consistently kept under review. Should the charitable needs be greater than originally budgeted, arrangements can be made to ensure funds are available to meet such needs.

The Foundation continues to ensure that the three Secondary Schools in Hitchin are aware of its existence through the presence of the Head Teachers. There is also regular communication with other schools where other potential student beneficiaries attend.

The present portfolio is considered sufficient to maintain the present level of resources required.

Risk management

The Governors continue to assess and monitor the major risks to which the Foundation is exposed, in particular in relation to operations and finance.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Hitchin Education Foundation is governed by a Scheme drawn up by the Charity Commission (Charity number 311024), sealed on 5th March 1976 and is administered by the Governors.

The principal address of the charity is 99 Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1NQ.

Organisational structure

The Foundation has a Board of Governors made up of nominative Governors who shall be appointed by the following bodies:

- The Hertfordshire County Council
- The North Hertfordshire District Council
- The Rands Educational Foundation
- Ex officio governors who shall be the Vicar of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's Hitchin and the chairman of the governing body of each of the three secondary schools in Hitchin (or alternatives)

At present there are 18 Governors that meet 3 or 4 times per annum and are responsible for the objectives and activities of the Foundation.

The Governors are from a variety of backgrounds representing the educational and wider community, all of whom contribute to the working of the Foundation.

The Governors are supported by:

- Professional property advisers who are responsible for the collection of rents, insurance contributions and service charges from the tenants and monitoring and reporting on necessary repairs to the freehold investment properties controlled by the Foundation.
- A clerk who is responsible for all the administration necessary to ensure all aspects of the Foundation continue to function.

Recruitment and appointment of governors

The Governors seek to ensure that the necessary skills and experience are sustained in recruiting new Governors.

New Governors are appointed through the various bodies listed other than the ex officio governors. When vacancies occur, the existing Governors are in a position to make recommendations to the nominative bodies on the appointment of governors who are representative of the community and have an interest in the work of the Foundation.

Governors' induction and training

All Governors are familiar with the work of the Foundation and are encouraged to be involved in the activities on a regular basis. New Governors receive briefings of the Foundation's achievements, its future plans and their responsibilities.

All existing Governors and proposed Governors are kept advised on regulations from the Charity Commission, copy of the Educational Charity's Scheme and copies of the last financial statements to enhance their understanding of their statutory responsibilities.

Plans for future periods

- A strategy to maximise the use of the site at 20/21 Bancroft, Hitchin
- The continue to support the three secondary schools in Hitchin and other beneficiaries in line with the objectives of the Foundation

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Governors

The Governors who served during the year and the changes since the year end were:

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Statement of Governors Responsibilities

The governors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Governors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires the governors 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 applications are resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

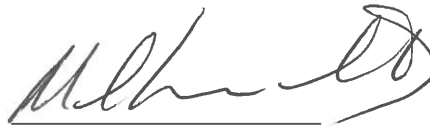
The governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are 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.

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

This report was approved by the Governors on 5th November 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Mr. D. Ashley
Chairman



Mr. R. Shakespeare-Smith
Vice-Chairman

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF
HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Governors of Hitchin Education Foundation

I report to the Governors on my examination of the financial statements of Hitchin Education Foundation for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, balance sheet and related notes on pages 10 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Governors you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Philip Dean FCA
Hicks and Company
Chartered Accountant
First Floor, 99 Bancroft
Hitchin, SG5 1NQ

Date: 5th November 2024

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted income fund £	Restricted income fund £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income:	9.				
Income from charitable activities:					
Rent and insurance premiums receivable		115,659	-	115,659	112,004
Service charges receivable		12,155	-	12,155	13,191
Investment income:					
Dividend and interest distribution income		6,037	-	6,037	5,874
Interest received		913	-	913	165
Other income:					
Grants receivable		400	-	400	400
Insurance claim		3,328	-	3,328	-
Total income		<u>138,492</u>	-	<u>138,492</u>	<u>131,634</u>
Expenditure	10.				
Cost of raising funds:					
Cost of collecting rent and insurance		6,408	-	6,408	7,117
Property expenses		55,518	-	55,518	81,853
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Charitable activities		81,656	-	81,656	84,724
Total expenditure		<u>143,582</u>	-	<u>143,582</u>	<u>173,694</u>
Net expenditure before transfers		(5,090)	-	(5,090)	(42,060)
Transfers between funds		(1)	1	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before recognised losses		(5,091)	1	(5,090)	(42,060)
Other recognised losses					
Losses on revaluation of investments		(1,915)	(1)	(1,916)	(8,202)
Net movement in funds for the year		(7,006)	-	(7,006)	(50,262)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		354,651	651	355,302	405,564
Total funds carried forward	13.	<u>347,645</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>348,296</u>	<u>355,302</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.


All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

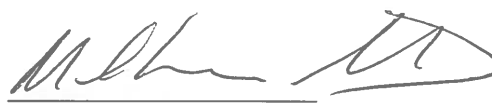
HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4.	70,000	-	70,000	70,000
Investments	5.	105,554	165	105,719	107,635
Total fixed assets		175,554	165	175,719	177,635
Current assets					
Debtors	7.	24,344	-	24,344	12,925
Short term deposits		76,777	-	76,777	75,863
Cash at bank		73,690	486	74,176	98,849
Cash held by John Shilcock Ltd		38,951	-	38,951	72,589
Total current assets		213,762	486	214,248	260,226
Current liabilities					
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	8.	(41,671)	-	(41,671)	(82,559)
Net current assets		172,091	486	172,577	177,667
Net assets		347,645	651	348,296	355,302
The funds of the charity:					
13. Unrestricted funds:					
General		246,315	-	246,315	251,512
Designated - services		1,330	-	1,330	3,139
Designated - roof		100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Restricted funds:					
C J Widdows' Fund		-	476	476	476
Dawson Memorial Fund		-	175	175	175
		347,645	651	348,296	355,302

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Governors on 5th November 2024 and signed on their behalf.


Mr D Ashley
Chairman


Mr R Shakespeare-Smith
Vice-chairman

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Objective

The Foundation is managed by Governors supported by a clerk and professional property advisers, with the principal objective of raising funds from its investments and granting financial assistance to the three secondary schools in Hitchin and the provision of uniforms and educational facilities for defined beneficiaries.

2. Status and Basis of Accounting

Status

The Hitchin Education Foundation is governed by a Scheme drawn up by the Charity Commission, sealed on 5th March 1976 and is administered by the Governors. It is a registered Charity and, as such, is not liable for taxation on its investment income, nor any other income derived from carrying out the charitable objective of the Foundation.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the following:

- Freehold land and buildings comprise Old School Block, 20, Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire and 20/21, Bancroft, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, are included at approximation of cost
- Fixed asset investments are stated at market values

The Financial Statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Income

- Rent and insurance receivable is included on an entitlement basis and represents income from tenants in accordance with leases from properties under the control of the Governors
- Service charges receivable from tenants to be used on expenditure of common parts of 21 Bancroft
- Income from investments is included in the year when it is receivable.
- Grants are included on a receivable basis
- Investment gains or losses are recognised as a result of revaluating investments

Expenditure

- All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenses. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional categories of resources expended
- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of collecting rents and insurances from tenants
- Property expenses of comprise all costs relating to the refurbishment or maintenance of the properties under the control of the Governors, together with all associated legal and professional fees
- Charitable activities expenditure comprises payments under section 23 and 24 of the Charity's Scheme rules together with the support costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land is not depreciated. Freehold buildings are maintained by a programme of maintenance such that the residual values of the properties taken as a whole are at least equal to book value. Having regard to this, it is the opinion of the Governors that depreciation of the properties would be insignificant.

Fixed assets investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at market values.

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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Value added tax

The Charity is exempt from Value Added Tax, and is therefore unable to reclaim input tax. Value Added Tax incurred on expenditure is included as a cost of that expenditure.

Fund accounting

- Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Foundation. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation and the nature and purpose of each fund are included in note 12 of the financial statements.
- General funds are unrestricted and are available for use at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objectives of the Foundation. Included therein is a service charges fund designated specifically for the collection of contributions from tenants and expended solely on costs of common parts.

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and Buildings £
Cost or valuation as at:	
1st April 2023 and at 31st March 2024	70,000

The freehold land and buildings comprises Old School Block, 20 Bancroft, Hitchin and 20/21, Bancroft, Hitchin. To avoid professional fees for revaluing the Foundation's land and buildings, the Governors took the decision to reverse all previous years' revaluations and restore the carrying value to an historic approximation of cost.

5. Fixed Asset Investments

	At Market Value 2024 £	At Market Value 2023 £
Balance brought forward	107,635	115,837
Loss on revaluation of investments	(1,916)	(8,202)
Balance carried forward	105,719	107,635
Investments consist of the following:		
Quoted investments	£	£
7,677.50 Units BLK Charities UK Bond	11,185	11,355
6,481.00 Units M&G Charifund	94,369	96,113
58.66 Units BLK Charities UK Bond	85	87
Other investments		
Charities deposit fund	80	80
	105,719	107,635
Historical cost at 31st March	23,145	23,145

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6. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted income fund £	Restricted income fund £	2023 Total £
Income:			
Income from charitable activities:			
Rent and insurance premiums receivable	112,004	-	112,004
Service charges receivable	13,191	-	13,191
Investment income:			
Dividend and interest distribution income	5,874	-	5,874
Interest received	165	-	165
Other income:			
Grants receivable	400	-	400
Total income	131,634	-	131,634
Expenditure			
Cost of raising funds:			
Cost of collecting rent and insurance	7,117	-	7,117
Property expenses	81,853	-	81,853
Expenditure on charitable activities:			
Charitable activities	84,724	-	84,724
Total expenditure	173,694	-	173,694
Net expenditure before transfers	(42,060)	-	(42,060)
Transfers between funds	(15)	15	-
Net (expenditure)/income before recognised losses	(42,075)	15	(42,060)
Other recognised losses			
Losses on revaluation of investments	(8,187)	(15)	(8,202)
Net movement in funds for the year	(50,262)	-	(50,262)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	404,913	651	405,564
Total funds carried forward	354,651	651	355,302

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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7. Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent in arrears	16,500	5,764
Service charges in arrears	983	300
Rands Educational Foundation donations receivable	400	400
Rent deposits held	6,346	6,346
Interest distributions receivable	115	115
	<u>24,344</u>	<u>12,925</u>

8. Creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
Section 23 grants approved but unpaid	1,600	46,300
Rents received in advance	24,375	21,549
Accrual for rent collection fees	2,483	1,529
Accrual for Clerk's honorarium	3,867	3,683
Accrual for office expenses	600	600
Accrual for accountancy fees	2,400	2,352
Accrual for repairs and maintenance costs	-	200
Rent deposits due to tenants	6,346	6,346
	<u>41,671</u>	<u>82,559</u>

9. Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Income	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Rent and insurance premiums receivable (see below)	115,659	-	115,659	112,004
Service charges receivable (see below)	12,155	-	12,155	13,191
Dividend and interest distribution income (see below)	6,037	-	6,037	5,874
Interest received	913	-	913	165
Grants receivable	400	-	400	400
Other income - Insurance claim	3,328	-	3,328	-
	<u>138,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,492</u>	<u>131,634</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent and insurance premiums receivable		
Old School Block, 20 Bancroft, Hitchin	43,380	43,008
20 and 21 Bancroft, Hitchin	72,279	68,996
	<u>115,659</u>	<u>112,004</u>

Service charges receivable		
20 and 21 Bancroft, Hitchin	12,155	13,191
	<u>12,155</u>	<u>13,191</u>

Income from investments		
Dividends from M&G Charifund	5,574	5,412
Interest distributions from BLK Charities UK Bond	461	461
Interest from Charities deposit fund	2	1
	<u>6,037</u>	<u>5,874</u>

HITCHIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

10. Expenditure

	2024 £	2023 £
Costs of raising funds:		
Cost of collecting rent and insurance premiums	<u>6,408</u>	<u>7,117</u>
Property expenses:		
Property insurance premiums payable	10,485	9,481
Service charge costs	13,964	14,186
General maintenance	16,805	43,329
Legal and professional fees	12,489	13,719
Cost of utilities	<u>1,775</u>	<u>1,138</u>
	<u>55,518</u>	<u>81,853</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities:		
Grants approved under s23 (see below)	46,300	46,300
Grants approved under s24 (see below)	27,932	31,189
Trustees insurance premiums	556	505
Clerks honorarium	3,867	3,683
Office costs	601	695
Accountancy fees	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,352</u>
	<u>81,656</u>	<u>84,724</u>
Grants approved under section 23 (per above)		
Hertfordshire Educational Foundation	300	300
North Herts Educational Support Care	1,000	1,000
Hitchin Girls' School	15,000	15,000
Hitchin Boys' School	15,000	15,000
The Priory School	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>46,300</u>	<u>46,300</u>

	Hitchin Girls' School £	Hitchin Boys' School £	The Priory School £
Balance brought forward at 1st April 2023	15,000	15,000	15,000
Grants approved for the year	10,000	10,000	10,000
Special grants - Support for pupil pastoral/counselling	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	30,000	30,000	30,000
Less: Grants paid in the year	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
Balance carried forward at 31st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants approved under section 24 (per above)		
Grants paid	<u>27,932</u>	<u>31,189</u>
	<u>27,932</u>	<u>31,189</u>

11. Governors' Remuneration and Benefits

No monies were reimbursed to members of the Board of Governors. No members of the Board of Governors or any person connected with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023 directly or indirectly from the charity's funds.

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12. Funds

The Funds are explained in the following notes and an analysis of each Fund is shown in Notes 13 and 14.

Unrestricted Funds

These comprise:

General Fund represents the accumulated surplus arising from the activities of the Foundation as a general fund. A designated service charge account in which service charges from tenants of 21 Bancroft are collected and expended on common-part costs, the balance of which represents the funds under the control of John Shilcock Ltd in a service charge client account. A designated roof repair fund for the expenditure on a new roof of 21 Bancroft.

Restricted Funds

C J Widdows' Fund

This represents a specific bequest, the income of the Fund to be used to purchase books and provide bursaries to Secondary School children.

Dawson Memorial Fund

This represents a specific bequest, the income of the Fund is used to purchase appropriate natural history books for Hitchin Public Library.

13. Analysis of Movement in Funds

	Balances 1st April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment losses £	Transfer between funds £	Balances 31st March 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds:						
General	251,512	126,337	(129,618)	(1,915)	(1)	246,315
Designated - services	3,139	12,155	(13,964)	-	-	1,330
Designated - roof	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
	<u>354,651</u>	<u>138,492</u>	<u>(143,582)</u>	<u>(1,915)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>347,645</u>
Restricted Funds:						
C J Widdows' Fund	476	-	-	(1)	1	476
Dawson Memorial Fund	175	-	-	-	-	175
	<u>651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>651</u>
Total Funds	<u>355,302</u>	<u>138,492</u>	<u>(143,582)</u>	<u>(1,916)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>348,296</u>

	Balances 1st April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment losses £	Transfer between funds £	Balances 31st March 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds:						
General	350,779	118,443	(159,508)	(8,187)	(50,015)	251,512
Designated	4,134	13,191	(14,186)	-	-	3,139
Designated - roof	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	100,000
	<u>404,913</u>	<u>131,634</u>	<u>(173,694)</u>	<u>(8,187)</u>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>354,651</u>
Restricted Funds:						
C J Widdows' Fund	476	-	-	(15)	15	476
Dawson Memorial Fund	175	-	-	-	-	175
	<u>651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>651</u>
Total Funds	<u>405,564</u>	<u>131,634</u>	<u>(173,694)</u>	<u>(8,202)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355,302</u>

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14. Analysis of Assets and Liabilities to Funds

	Fixed assets:			Other current assets £	Current liabilities £	Net assets 31st March 2024 £
	Properties £	Investments £	Bank £			
Unrestricted Funds:						
General	70,000	105,554	88,088	24,344	(41,671)	246,315
Designated - services	-	-	1,330	-	-	1,330
Designated - roof	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Restricted Funds:						
C J Widdows' Fund	-	85	391	-	-	476
Dawson Memorial Fund	-	80	95	-	-	175
	<u>70,000</u>	<u>105,719</u>	<u>189,904</u>	<u>24,344</u>	<u>(41,671)</u>	<u>348,296</u>

	Fixed assets:			Other current assets £	Current liabilities £	Net assets 31st March 2023 £
	Properties £	Investments £	Bank £			
Unrestricted Funds:						
General	70,000	107,468	143,678	12,925	(82,559)	251,512
Designated - services	-	-	3,139	-	-	3,139
Designated - roof	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Restricted Funds:						
C J Widdows' Fund	-	87	389	-	-	476
Dawson Memorial Fund	-	80	95	-	-	175
	<u>70,000</u>	<u>107,635</u>	<u>247,301</u>	<u>12,925</u>	<u>(82,559)</u>	<u>355,302</u>