

GREAT AND LITTLE LEIGHS EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

(BRITISH SCHOOL, GREAT LEIGHS)

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



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1. INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission. It is the thirty-first such report, the first relating to the financial year 1992/93. This report covers the financial year 2022/23.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 14 February 1983 the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales made a Scheme for the regulation of the Charity known as the British School, Great Leighs.
- 2.2 The Scheme provides for the administration of the Charity by five Trustees who comprise two appointed by Essex County Council, as Local Education Authority; one by the British and Foreign School Society; and two Co-optative Trustees.
- 2.3 The Trustees decided at an early stage that, for ease of understanding, the Scheme be administered under the title of "Great and Little Leighs Educational Charity".

3 TRUSTEES

At the October Trustee meeting Mr V R Rust announced that he would be standing down as both Chair and Trustee. The Trustees would like to formally acknowledge and thank Mr Rust for his unwavering service of over 34 years. Mr Rust's leadership of over three decades has ensured the Charity has helped countless young people and his absence and wisdom will be greatly missed. We are delighted that Mrs S Bunton, who was previously a Trustee designate, has been appointed to fill the Trustee vacancy. Mrs Bunton continues to act as the main correspondent for the Charity and the Trustees would like to record their thanks for this. Mr P Cooke was elected as Chair.

The Trustees were sad to learn that a former Trustee, Mr G Kingsley, passed away peacefully in August. The Trustees felt it appropriate to also record their thanks for the contribution Mr Kingsley made in his time as a Trustee and note how his wise counsel and carefully considered opinions guided decisions over many years.

Recruitment for the two vacant Trustee designate posts is underway.

The Trustees are:

Appointed by Essex County Council

Mr R Berkley
Mrs S Bunton

Appointed by the British and Foreign School Society

Mr P Cooke

Co-optative Trustees

Mr D Marcus
Mrs B Young

4 INCOME

- 4.1 Our principal source of income arises from the sale in 1988 of the former premises of the Great Leighs Primary School, the site of which was the subject of a conveyance and trust establishing the Charity in 1845.
- 4.2 With the consent of the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees invested the proceeds from the sale in trust for the benefit of the Charity.
- 4.3 In subsequent years, the Trustees have felt it prudent to add to the investments, so increasing the interest earned annually for the benefit of today's young people as well as ensuring the interests of future generations.
- 4.4 The investments are reviewed on a regular basis.

5 POLICY FOR AWARDING GRANTS

- 5.1 The Trustees are empowered, under the terms of the Scheme regulating the Charity, to apply the income for educational purposes in accordance with the extract from the Scheme in Annex A of this report.
- 5.2 The Trustees aim to assist young people under the age of 25 living within Great and Little Leighs, whatever their background, with furthering their education and training.
- 5.3 All requests for grant are dealt with on educational merit. There is no means test.
- 5.4 Subject to the support of the course tutor or employer, grants will be given towards the purchase of text books, laptops/notebooks, equipment, tools, materials and specialist clothing. Help may also be given towards the cost of approved study visits at home or abroad.
- Those eligible are:
- sixth form students
 - students at university or college, attending either full or part-time courses
 - young people at work undertaking an apprenticeship or other recognised vocational and skills training.
- 5.5 Resources do not allow grants to be given for course tuition fees, or travel to or from school or university/college.
- 5.6 Where a young person is planning to take a year out travelling overseas before going to university, grants will be considered towards travel costs in cases where they are undertaking humanitarian work under the auspices of a recognised charity. Normally, applicants will be expected to raise part of the overall costs involved. Each case will be considered on merit and require supporting evidence from the participating charity.
- 5.7 The Trustees may, in consultation with a child's school, give a grant where a child has been determined as having special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) or are the subject of an education, health and care (EHC) plan.
- 5.8 Consideration will be given to applications for grant towards the payment of fees for

advanced music tuition or scholarship.

- 5.9 Grants will be made to local organisations working with young people.
- 5.10 Support will be given to Great Leighs County Primary School and Chelmer Valley High School, as the local catchment area secondary school.

6 GRANTS IN THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

- 6.1 We met on 17 October 2022 and 13 March 2023.
- 6.2 Mr. Paul Cooke was elected as our Chair for the year.
- 6.3 We gave grants to four students totalling £1,274. These were towards the cost of books, specialist clothing and laptops for A level, college and university courses.
- 6.4 Grants totalling £4,831.25 were given to the Great Leighs County Primary School, of which £3,000 was towards the cost of learning resources for mathematics, computer and SEN, a Shakespeare workshop, library boxes and the cost of a coach to a Barnardos choir event. £1,831.25 was for learning resources, reading books and scientific calculators for year six leavers.
- 6.5 £253 was given to 1st Gt Leighs Girls Brigade for equipment and craft materials.

7 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 The Accounts for the financial year 2022/23 are attached. We wish to thank our Treasurer, Mr D Marcus, for preparing these and Mr Alun Powell for examining and certifying the figures.
- 7.2 The total value, at cost, of our investments at 31 March 2023 was £121,989.00. This includes a further investment of £5,000 in M&G Equities Investment Fund, formerly known as Charifund. The funds for this further investment were taken from our Lloyds Bank account.
- 7.3 Income from these investments was £11,323.44.
- 7.4 Total grant payments were £6,358.25. Trustee's expenses were £38.93.
- 7.5 At the year end, the balance of the bank account was £8,360.97. This money is available for the Trustees to administer further grants, or for reinvestment.

8 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We keep under review annually our policies and procedures. In particular:

- compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR). One of our Trustees serves as Data Protection Officer.
- identification of risks to which the Charity may be exposed, including impact and mitigation.

9 PUBLICITY

We strive to ensure that the people of Great and Little Leighs are made aware of the work of the Charity and the opportunity for those under 25 years of age to apply for grants to help with education and training.

Our publicity extends to:

- Personal letter to Year 11 and sixth form students at Chelmer Valley High, Notley High and St. John Payne Schools.
- Advert in Chelmer Valley School Magazine, with supporting information in the school office
- Letter to Student Services at Braintree and Chelmsford Colleges
- Annual Report sent to Governing Body of Great Leighs County Primary School and the Parish Council.
- Parish website
- Village Hall website
- Great Leighs Community Facebook
- Charity Commission website

Further information about the work of the Charity can be obtained from:
leighseducationalchty@gmail.com

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EXTRACT FROM SCHEME DATED 14 FEBRUARY 1983

27 Application of Income

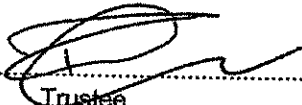
- (1) Subject to payment of the expenses aforesaid the Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity in either or both of the following ways -
 - (a) In or towards providing such special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any maintained school substantially serving the Parish of Great and Little Leighs as may from time to time be agreed between the Trustees and the Governors of the school concerned after consultation with the said authority.
 - (b) In promoting the education (including social and physical training) of children and young persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the said parish or the neighbourhood thereof and who are in need of financial assistance and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing :
 - (i) in awarding to such persons scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, grants, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved for the purpose by the Trustees :
 - (ii) in providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education (including the study of music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for or enter a profession, trade, occupation or service on leaving school, university, or other educational establishment.
- (2) Within the limits prescribed by this Scheme the Trustees shall have full power to make rules for the award of scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, maintenance allowances and other benefits, including rules as to the value and period of tenure of the awards and the qualifications, method of ascertainment and selection of candidates for benefit.
- (3) The Trustees shall have regard to the desirability of consulting the local education authority as to their general action under section (b) of sub-clause (1) of this clause and, if occasion requires, as to the educational qualifications of candidates for benefit.
- (4) In allocating benefits in accordance with the provisions of section (b) of sub-clause (1) of this clause the Trustees shall have regard to the promotion of education in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Christian faith.

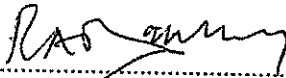
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023

Approved on behalf of the Trustees of the Charity

Signed  Date 16th OCTOBER '23
Trustee

Signed  Date 16 October 2023
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 MARCH 2022 AND 2023

Investments at cost	2022	2023
M&G Equities Invest. Fund Formerly Charifund Opening Balance	65,989.00	65,989.00
Addition 27/03/2023		5,000.00
Black Rock UK Equity Fund A Inc Formerly Charishare Opening Balance	20,000.00	20,000.00
Black Rock UK Bond Fund A Inc Formerly Charinco Opening Balance	31,000.00	31,000.00
Sub-total	116,989.00	121,989.00
Lloyds bank Account	8,434.71	8,360.97
Total	125,423.71	130,349.97
Capital Account		
Reserves brought forward	132,254.35	125,423.71
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	-6,830.64	4,926.26
	125,423.71	130,349.97

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EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I have examined, without carrying out an audit, the Charity's statements of account set out on pages 2 and 3 for the year ending 31 March 2023.

I confirm that the statements of account are in accordance with the underlying accounting records and that the assets and liabilities of the Charity have been properly maintained and applied in accordance with the Trust Deed.

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Alun Powell.....

Alun Powell

Date.....

27 July 2023