

Charity Registration No. 310643

THE BEACON BURSARY FUND
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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TRUST INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 5 April 2021 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for that year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Administrative information

The Beacon Bursary Fund is a grant-making charity and its charity registration number is 310643. The registered office and principal address of the Charity is:

15 Amersham Road,
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HP6 5PF

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 29 October 1956 (as amended on 28 April 1994).

Trustees

The following trustees have held office for some or all of the year to 5th April 2021:

Diana E D Robinson (Chair)
Fiona Mayhew
Rosamond A Morris
Antony C Tomlinson

(Resigned 26 January 2021)

Clerk to the Trustees: F Muzika

Recruitment and induction of trustees

Trustees are elected at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on the basis of nominations received from existing Trustees or other persons involved with the Trust, having regard to the Board's requirements concerning eligibility, personal competence, specialist skills, availability and any relationship (past or present) with The Beacon Educational Trust Ltd.

New Trustees are inducted into the workings of the charity through invitations to meet other Trustees, meetings of the Trust and individual briefings from other Trustees. In addition there are opportunities for Trustees to attend relevant training seminars provided by various organisations.

Organisational structure and decision making process

The charity Trustees are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the Trust and meet as a Board at least once per annum. The implementation of the Trust's investment policy is agreed by the Board of Trustees in conjunction with its appointed Investment Manager. The day to day administration of the Trust is delegated to the Clerk to the Trustees the costs of which are borne by the Beacon Educational Trust Ltd (The Beacon School).

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Professional Advisers

Investment Managers:	Brewin Dolphin 12 Smithfield Street London EC1A 9BD
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OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Objectives

The charity's object, as set out in its Trust Deed, is to provide financial assistance in case of need for the education of present and past pupils of the Beacon Educational Trust Limited (The Beacon School).

Public benefit

Within this object the Trust has as one of its main public benefit aims, the generation of funds from which to make significant bursary grants where a change in parents'/guardian's circumstances has resulted in difficulty in meeting tuition fees and as a result may result in pupils being withdrawn part way through a stage of education.

In setting objectives and planning, the Trustees give careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit.

Strategies for Achievement of Objectives

The fund derives its income from donations from parents, gift aid and income from investments as shown in the accounts.

Achievements

The target for 2020/21 was to continue to contribute towards fees of pupils where financial hardship would cause the pupil to be unable to continue at the School. In line with this eleven families (*2020: four families*) were supported during the year amounting to £97,158 (*2020: £38,558*).

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FINANCIAL REVIEW, INVESTMENT POLICY AND RESERVES

Result for the Year

During the year, incoming resources amounted to £45,057 being £58,338 less than resources expended. Investment gains of £135,569 incurred during the year meant that overall there was a surplus for the year of £77,231. Net assets of the Fund at the balance sheet date amount to £592,167 (2020: £514,936).

Going Concern

In their assessment of going concern the trustees have considered the current and developing impact on the charity as a result of the COVID19 virus. This has not had a significant, immediate impact on the charity's operations as grants are made in view of available resources but the trustees are aware that if the current situation becomes prolonged then this may change.

Having regard to the above, the trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Grant Making Policy

The grant making policy in respect of funds held by the Trust is formulated by the Trustees. The extent to which funds are awarded to the School for the provision of bursaries is determined by the Trustees having regard to the financial position of the potential recipient, the stage in the pupil's education at The Beacon and the resources immediately available.

Reserves Policy

The Fund relies on its investments to meet bursaries and other day-to-day expenditure in support of the Fund's charitable objectives. The Trust could not deliver the help needed to support the bursary programme without its investment income. Any reduction in the level of investments needs to be considered in the context of the future demand from beneficiaries for our services alongside the receipt of other sources of income.

The Reserves Policy is to maintain the Fund's investments at a level in excess of £500,000, which the Trustees judge will provide sufficient investment income to support ongoing achievement of the charitable objectives of the Fund. The Trust's investments will remain an essential source of income if bursary and ongoing expenditure profiles are to be met. It therefore remains the case that the Trust does not have reserves to dispose of as freely as defined in SORP 2015 or Charity Commission guidance documents.

The level of reserves at the balance sheet date amount to £592,167 (2020: £514,936)

Investment Policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the Charity. An Investment Advisor has been appointed to assist in the fulfilment of the Trust's investment policy. The general investment policy agreed by the Board of Trustees is based upon a total investment return approach, acceptance of a "medium" level of risk in the long term and use of the FTSE All Share Index as a benchmark for assessing investment performance.

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Investment Policy (continued)

During the reporting period the FTSE All Share Index rose by 31.75% . The value of the managed investment portfolio of the Bursary Fund rose by 20.8% despite releasing £40,000 from the investments during the year to provide cash to fund bursaries paid to The Beacon School.

Future plans

The Trustees intend to continue their current strategies to allow the Trust to provide on-going financial support to The Beacon School's pupils via the Bursary Fund.

With continuing levels of contributions from parents the Trustees intend to continue to fulfil the objectives of the Bursary Fund.

Trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees 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 these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

By order of the Trustees



Diana E D Robinson
Chair Trustee

Date: 22/07/2021

THE BEACON BURSARY FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations:		
Voluntary income, donations received	33,294	32,872
Gift Aid	100	3,369
Investments:		
Investment income	11,638	14,321
Bank interest	<u>25</u>	<u>108</u>
TOTAL	<u>45,057</u>	<u>50,670</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable activities:		
Grants (11 families 2020: 4 families)	97,158	38,558
Bank charges	-	60
Independent examination fees	1,598	1,668
Raising funds:		
Investment Manager fees	<u>4,639</u>	<u>4,852</u>
TOTAL	<u>103,395</u>	<u>45,138</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME	(58,338)	5,532
Other recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets	<u>135,569</u>	<u>(78,267)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	77,231	(72,735)
Fund balances brought forward	<u>514,936</u>	<u>587,671</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>592,167</u></u>	<u><u>514,936</u></u>

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

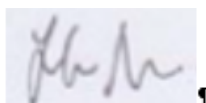
**THE BEACON BURSARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets						
Investments	3		531,503			439,864
Current assets						
Debtors	4	8,546		23,612		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>53,902</u>		<u>70,507</u>		
		62,448		94,119		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(1,784)</u>		<u>(19,047)</u>		
Net current assets			<u>60,664</u>			<u>75,072</u>
Net assets			<u>592,167</u>			<u>514,936</u>
Income funds						
Unrestricted funds			<u>592,167</u>			<u>514,936</u>

Approved by the Trustees
and signed on their behalf by:



Diana E D Robinson
Chair Trustee



Fiona Mayhew
Trustee

Date: 22/07/2021

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

THE BEACON BURSARY FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The principal activity of the charity is to provide financial assistance in case of need for the education of present and past pupils of the Beacon Educational Trust Limited (The Beacon School). The unincorporated charity (charity number 310643) is registered and domiciled in the UK. The address of the registered office is: The Beacon School, 15 Amersham Road, Chesham Bois, Amersham, HP6 5PF.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Beacon Bursary Fund 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.

In their assessment of going concern the trustees have considered the current and developing impact on the charity as a result of the COVID19 virus. This has not had a significant, immediate impact on the charity's operations as grants are made in view of available resources but the trustees are aware that if the current situation becomes prolonged then this may change.

Having regard to the above, the trustees believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements

b) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimation and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting the assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

c) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as each liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with fundraising activities.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

e) Grants and Donations payable

Grants are recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

f) Taxation

The Trust is exempt from income tax on its charitable activities.

g) Listed Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

h) 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.

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity 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.

k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Listed investments:-

	2021 £	2020 £
Market value at 6 April 2020	439,864	522,912
Less: Cash held by Brewin Dolphin Investment Management at 6 April 2020	(2,777)	(1,939)
Additions	61,530	52,503
Disposals	(107,170)	(58,122)
Net Investment gains/(losses)	135,569	(78,267)
Cash held by Brewin Dolphin Investment Management at 5 April 2021	<u>4,487</u>	<u>2,777</u>
At 5 April 2021	<u>531,503</u>	<u>439,864</u>
Historic cost	<u>362,470</u>	<u>388,817</u>

Analysis of Investments

Government Bonds	13,914	30,317
Bond Funds	46,180	34,533
UK equities	127,873	117,359
Overseas Equities	173,469	121,684
Global Investments	102,397	88,759
Absolute Return	37,535	31,824
Property	25,648	12,611
Cash	<u>4,487</u>	<u>2,777</u>
	<u>531,503</u>	<u>439,864</u>

4. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	957	16,123
Interest free loan to parents	-	-
Gift Aid	<u>7,589</u>	<u>7,489</u>
	<u>8,546</u>	<u>23,612</u>

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants payable	-	15,711
Other creditors	84	-
Accruals	<u>1,700</u>	<u>3,336</u>
	<u>1,784</u>	<u>19,047</u>

6. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

No Trustee received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the current or prior year.

7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REMUNERATION

The fee payable for the independent examination of these accounts, excluding VAT, was £1,417 (2020: £1,390).

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Grants of £97,158 (2020: £38,558), were made to the Beacon Educational Trust as bursaries to support 13 families (2020: 4). In relation to these grants, there is an amount outstanding at the year-end of £nil (2020: £15,711).

Fiona Mayhew, a Trustee of the Beacon Bursary Fund, is also a Governor of The Beacon Educational Trust.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	62,488	94,119
Financial assets measured at fair value	531,503	439,864
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(1,784)	(19,047)

The company's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

Financial assets measured at amortised cost		-
Financial assets measured at fair value – income	11,663	14,429
Financial assets measured at fair value - expenditure	4,639	4,852

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise debtors and cash equivalents.

Financial assets measured at fair value are investments.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise other creditors and accruals.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BEACON BURSARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

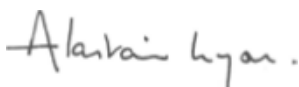
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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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Date: 4 August 2021