

**Roper Educational
Foundation**

*Report and Accounts for
the year ended 31
December 2019*

ROPER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

Nominated trustees	Rev PM Fletcher SJ - Chairman MJ Hothersall -Treasurer J Whittle AM Hall D Eastham HA Rigby
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Custodian of property	The Official Custodian for Charities

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 published in October 2019.

Objectives and activities

Roper Educational Foundation is constituted under a schedule dated 4 May 1964 and was registered as a charity on 15 September 1964.

The objects of the charity are to benefit any maintained Roman Catholic School situated within the boundaries of the former Borough of Preston (in 1964) and to give bursaries to boys and girls under the age of 26 years who are current or former pupils of St Wilfrid's RC Primary School or are residents of the Parish of St Wilfrid.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future objectives.

Trustees

Under the Trust Deed, trustees are appointed for a period of three years. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. Six of the trustees are appointed by the trustees of the Society of Jesus, the representative trustee is appointed by the Education Committee of Lancashire County Council.

The existing trustees accept the obligation to fully inform a new trustee of the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees by providing the new trustee with copies of the governing instrument (in this case the charity commission scheme dated 4 May 1964), minutes of previous meetings of the trustees, recent annual accounts of the charity and the relevant charity commission publication relating to the responsibilities of trustees.

Grant making policy

The trustees advertise the availability of funds through the internet and by letters written to the Heads of eligible schools. The take-up is shown in the notes to the accounts. In 2019 four grants were made to schools but no grants were made to individuals.

Financial review

The net incoming resources for the year were £162 (2018: £406) details of which are shown on page 5.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed their Reserves Policy and aim to hold a cash reserve of £50,000. This recognises that over 94% of the charity's income is dependent on one tenant. In the event of a default or rental void cash would be required to re-market the property, cover management and administration costs and to respond to emergency applications for grants which arise from time to time. At the year end unrestricted reserves were £84,161 so the charity meets this policy.

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Covid-19 Commentary

The charity has no commitments beyond its Investment Management Costs and its Administration Costs. The former are largely linked to rents collected and the latter are typically under £1,000 pa.

The amounts dispensed under Charitable Activities are decided annually and commitments only made to distribute cash in hand sufficient to leave the Cash Reserve as explained in the Reserves Policy note. This Cash Reserve is sufficient to cover many years of Administration Costs.

As explained in the Reserves Policy note the principal purpose of the Cash Reserve is to cover any default or rental void by the tenant from whom over 94% of the Charity's regular income is received. The rent due in the March 2020 quarter has been received and to date no indication has been received that future rents will not be paid.

Therefore while it is possible that Covid-19 might impact on the level of grants made in 2021 and beyond it does not represent an existential threat to the Charity.

Approved by the trustees on 13 May 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev PM Fletcher SJ – Chairman

ROPER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Income from:					
Investments	2	<u>65,660</u>	-	<u>65,660</u>	<u>65,488</u>
Total income		<u>65,660</u>	-	<u>65,660</u>	<u>65,488</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds:					
Investment management costs	3	<u>6,695</u>	-	<u>6,695</u>	<u>6,492</u>
Charitable activities	4	<u>58,803</u>	-	<u>58,803</u>	<u>58,590</u>
Total expenditure		<u>65,498</u>	-	<u>65,498</u>	<u>65,082</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>162</u>	-	<u>162</u>	<u>406</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>162</u>	-	<u>162</u>	<u>406</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>83,999</u>	<u>810,000</u>	<u>893,999</u>	<u>893,593</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>84,161</u>	<u>810,000</u>	<u>894,161</u>	<u>893,999</u>

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	£	2019 £	£	2018 £
Fixed assets					
Investment properties (endowment fund)	7		810,000		810,000
Current assets					
Cash at bank		94,717		94,293	
Debtors	8	<u>242</u>		<u>434</u>	
Total current assets		94,959		94,727	
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	9		<u>(10,798)</u>	<u>(10,728)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>84,161</u>		<u>83,999</u>
Net assets			<u>894,161</u>		<u>893,999</u>
The funds of the charity:					
	10				
Unrestricted fund			84,161		83,999
Endowment fund			<u>810,000</u>		<u>810,000</u>
			<u>894,161</u>		<u>893,999</u>

The notes at pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 May 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



 Rev PM Fletcher SJ – Chairman



 MJ Hothersall - Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Roper Educational Foundation is a registered charity in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to benefit any maintained Roman Catholic School situated within the boundaries of the former Borough of Preston (in 1964) and to give bursaries to boys and girls under the age of 26 years who are current or former pupils of St Wilfrid's RC Primary School or are residents of the Parish of St Wilfrid.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements 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 the 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 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award.

Grant awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside of the control of the Trust.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred

Funds

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The endowment fund represents those assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund. This fund is represented by the freehold land and buildings owned by the Trust, Roper Hall and 145 Market Street West.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 10.

Investment properties

Investment properties for which fair value can be measured reliably without undue cost or effort are measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SoFA.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. On page 4 of the Trustee Report the Trustees have reviewed the impact of Covid-19 and believe there will be no going concern issues as a result of it. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

The investment property was valued by HDAK at the 31 December 2015 as £810,000. The trustees have reviewed the property and believe that the value remains at £810,000 at the 31 December 2019. See note 7.

2 Investment income

	2019 £	2018 £
Rent	65,000	65,000
Interest on cash deposits	660	488
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In 2019, all £65,660 (2018: £65,488) of the investment income was attributable to unrestricted funds.

3 Investment management costs

	2019 £	2018 £
Repairs, rates and insurance	845	642
Management fees	5,850	5,850
	<hr/> 6,695	<hr/> 6,492

In 2019 all £6,695 (2018: £6,492) of investment management costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.

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4 Charitable activities

	2019	2018
	£	£
Grant to Schools		
St Teresa's Primary School	9,935	7,340
St Joseph's Primary School	17,752	6,519
Christ the King Catholic High School	20,000	-
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	10,170	-
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	-	18,441
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	-	13,675
St Ignatius's Catholic Primary School	-	11,085
	57,857	57,060
Administration	250	840
Independent examiner's fee	696	690
	58,803	58,590

In 2019 all £58,303 (2018: £58,590) of the expenditure on charitable activities was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £580 excluding VAT in relation to the year to 31 December 2019 and £560 excluding VAT in relation to the year to 31 December 2018.

6 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2018: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £nil (2018: £nil). The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2018: £nil).

7 Freehold investment property

The market value of the freehold land and buildings known as Roper Hall, 113/114 Friargate, Preston and 145 Market Street West, Preston was assessed by HDAK Commercial Property Consultants, B2 Pittman Court, Pittman Way, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9ZG. The valuation was undertaken by Martin Ainsworth MRICS who is a director of the firm and is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and has over 30 years' experience in the valuation of commercial property with particular emphasis on Preston. Having regard to the present condition and current occupation of each of the 2 properties, HDAK confirm that the market value as at the 31 December 2015 may reasonably be assessed at a level of £810,000. In the opinion of the trustees the valuation of freehold land and buildings at 31 December 2019 remains at £810,000.

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8 Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Due from Tenants	242	242
Due from Managing Agent	-	192
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	242	434
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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019 £	2018 £
Rent received in advance	9,614	9,614
Independent examination fees	684	672
Legal and professional fees	500	250
Property Costs	-	192
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	10,798	10,728
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10 Funds

Unrestricted general fund

This fund is represented by net current assets.

Unrestricted funds £84,161 (2019: £83,999) are available for application by the charity under the terms of the Trust and may be applied for charitable purposes at the direction of the trustees.

Permanent endowment fund

This fund is represented by the £810,000 (2019: £810,000) investment property owned by the Trust, Roper Hall and 145 Market Street West. There has been no movement in the fund during the year.

11 Transactions with trustees

There were no transactions with trustees or connected persons and no expenses or remuneration were paid to trustees during the year (2018: £nil). There was no professional indemnity insurance in place during the year for the trustees.

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