

The Dearing report, *The Way ahead: Church of England schools in the new millennium*, continues to be influential. Evidence from the National Society web site suggested that in an average month 1000 people downloaded copies of the report. If any reader of this annual review has not yet read the report, it is still available on the web site. There were three main elements to the report on church schools: Church schools should be distinctive and inclusive; there should be 100 new Church of England secondary schools; teaching should be regarded as a vocation and encouraged within the life of the Church.

The second aim of the Dearing report is quietly and imaginatively being fulfilled. By the summer of 2004, it seemed that the aim of 100 new schools was within sight and indeed that almost half the number were either open already or had an agreed date for opening. This was an idea whose time had come.

It is true that there has been opposition locally to some proposals. One proposal has recently been turned down on the grounds that becoming a Church school would contribute nothing to an improvement in education. This misunderstands what church schools have to offer, which is above all a distinctively Christian education.

Many pupils and their parents experience such education in primary schools and want it at secondary level but are at present unable to find it. An increase in the number of church

secondary schools contributes to the diversity of secondary schooling and therefore parents' choice. It is also true that many Church of England schools top the league tables: the quality of education is directly related to the coherent base of values founded upon Christian belief and the primacy in church schools of spiritual and moral development.

Two new senior members of staff joined the National Society team during 2003: Nick McKemey as National School Improvement Officer and David Whittington as National School Development Officer. Nick had



Members of staff (from left): Nick McKemey, Liz Carter, David Whittington and Pat Barton

previously worked for the Specialist Schools Trust, having been a member of staff at Bacon's College, specialising in art and design. His varied teaching career included a time at Eton. David, having been director of education for the diocese of Durham for several years, had

previously been vicar of Stockton, during which time he had been heavily involved in the Citizens Advice Bureaux, for a period chairing its national personnel committee and being appointed OBE. In addition, Liz Carter, who had been the chief education officer's executive assistant, became National School Support Officer. Pat Barton took over the role as executive assistant and support services manager.

Canon John Hall,
General Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

NS COUNCIL

- Reception held on retirement of Chairman, Rt Revd Alan Chesters
- Rt Revd Dr Kenneth Stevenson, Bishop of Portsmouth succeeded to Chairmanship
- Vice Chairman The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan resigned on elevation to Archbishop of Wales
- Rt Revd David Thomas, Provincial Assistant Bishop for Church in Wales becomes Vice Chairman
- Bernard Day OBE resigned as Honorary Treasurer and was replaced by Anthony Berryman
- Relocation of staff within Church House completed

PERSONNEL

- Various staff changes within the Schools Strategy Team

CHURCH SCHOOLS REVIEW GROUP

- Fund Raising campaign commenced
- Grant making group established

INSPECTION

- Two national training courses run by the Society
- Extensive work carried out on framework for Section 23 Inspectors

PROJECTS

- Special Needs Fellowship – fourth work published
- Joint Venture Company set up
- Contribution of £300,000 made by Society to Company, Partnerships for Church of England Schools Ltd

PUBLICATIONS

- Society ceases to produce publications from 1 January 2003
- Majority of stock purchased by Archbishops' Council
- Free web site introduced in 2003 with successful re-launch

RE CENTRE

- Centre closed as planned
- Stock of Resources transferred

ARCHIVES

- Benefits of review of holdings realised
- Continued usage by Church schools

WALES

- Church schools conference Carmarthen supported
- The Church in Wales New Religious Education Syllabus for Primary Schools published in print and on web site in English and Welsh

LEGISLATION

- Legal advice scheme for dioceses maintained
- Advice to dioceses and schools on legislative requirements



REVIEW OF 2003

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ended 31 December 2003

This summary financial statement comprises the consolidated accounts of The National Society and its trading subsidiary, National Society Enterprises Limited.

The summary financial statement, which relates to both the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet, may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity. For further information, copies of the full financial statements, the auditors report on those financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report can be obtained from: Mr D.S. Grimes, The National Society, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ.

Auditor's Statement

The full financial statements from which this summary financial statement is derived have been audited and this summary financial statement is consistent with those financial statements. Our audit report to the Trustees on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 was unqualified.

27 May 2004

SOMERBYS
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Registered Auditor
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Notes on the Summary Financial Statement

1. Investments are shown at market value.
2. Gains on investment assets include both realised and unrealised gains or losses attributable to changes in market value during the year.
3. Incoming resources represent all income including legacies.

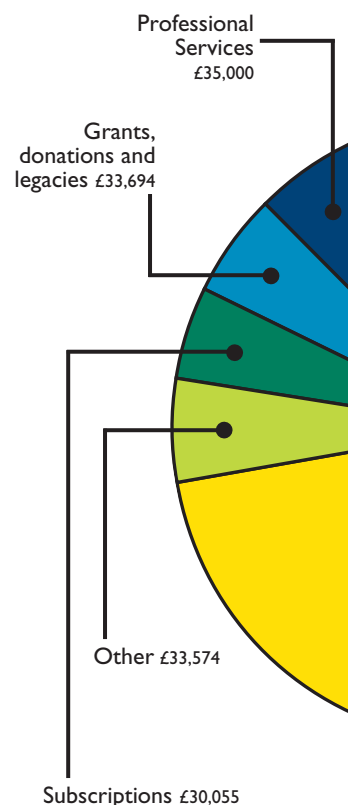
The full annual accounts were approved on 27 May 2004 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

This summary financial statement is extracted from the full annual financial statements and was approved on 27 May 2004.

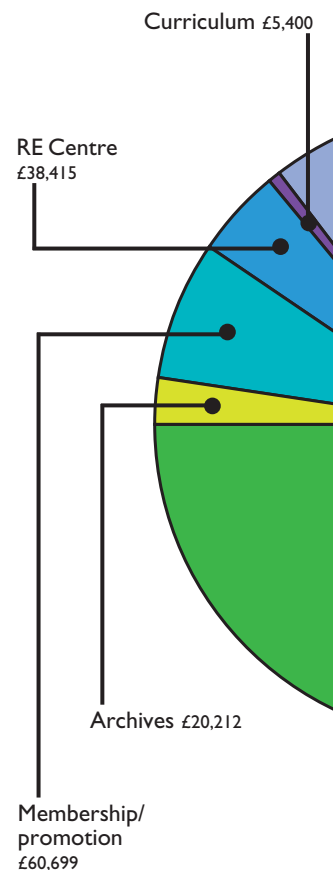
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Chairman

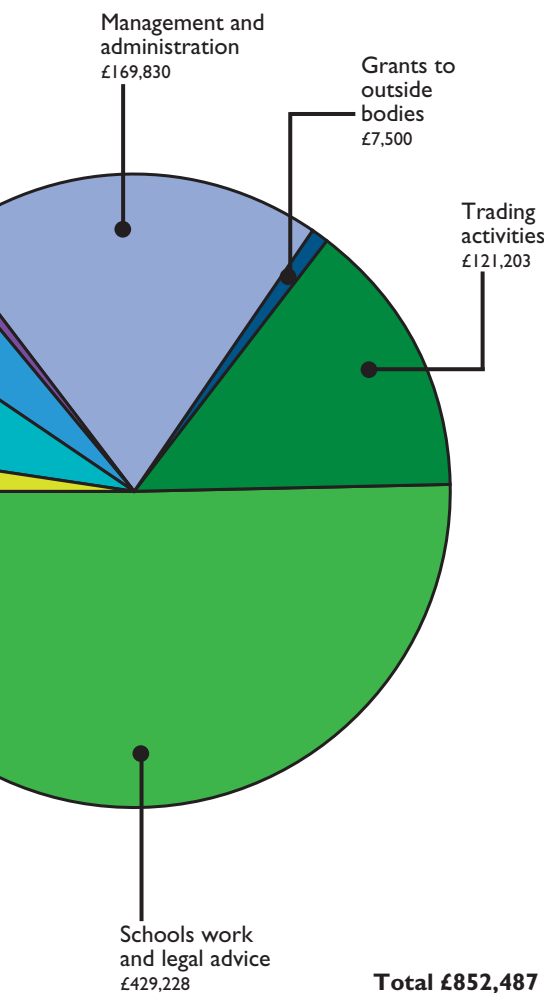
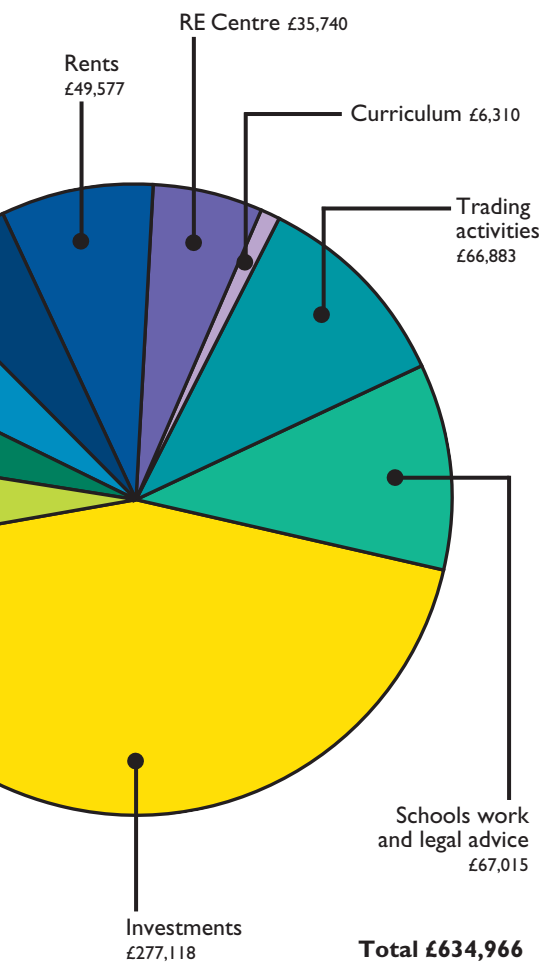
A A BERRYMAN, Treasurer

Income



Expenditure





Summary Statement of Financial Activities

	£	£
Incoming resources		634,966
Resources expended:		
Activities in furtherance of charity's objects	637,625	
Membership, fund raising and promotion	60,699	
Management and administration	154,163	
		852,487
Net outgoing resources		(217,521)
Gains on investment assets		446,838
Net movements in funds		229,317
Fund balances at 1 January 2003		7,016,102
Fund balances at 31 December 2003		<u>£ 7,245,419</u>

Summary Balance Sheet at 31 December 2003

	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		1,383
Investments		6,934,460
		<u>6,935,843</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	78,994	
Cash on deposit and at bank	456,337	
Stock of books and leaflets	310	
	<u>535,641</u>	
Short term creditors		
Creditors	226,065	
Net current assets		309,576
Net assets		<u>£ 7,245,419</u>
Represented by:		
Income funds:		
Restricted funds		20,391
Unrestricted funds		7,225,028
		<u>£ 7,245,419</u>



REVIEW OF 2003

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

Established 1811
Incorporated by Royal Charter 1817
Supplemental Charters granted 1934, 1972
Registered Charity 313070

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The National Society is a Church of England and Church in Wales education service. It was founded in 1811 to provide education for all, firmly based on the Christian Gospel and Anglican principles.

In recent years the National Society:

- has set up a joint company with the Government, *Partnerships for Church of England Schools*, to unlock public and private funds for the rebuilding of Church of England schools;
- has innovated on the Internet, now providing a wealth of resources, inspiration and information for Church schools (and others world-wide) on the free-access web site www.natsoc.org.uk
- helped fund Lord Dearing's review of Church schools (*The Way ahead: Church of England schools in the new millennium*) and the associated video *The Challenge of a Lifetime* (available on loan from diocesan offices) and is supporting its implementation;
- established the inspection system for Church schools (under Section 23 of the 1996 Act) and is developing a revised inspection framework to train and register Church school inspectors.

The National Society continues:

- to offer a legal and management advice service for governors and headteachers of Church schools and diocesan education teams;
- to promote a wide range of publications supporting Church schools and teachers;
- to produce and make widely available forms of contract between governing bodies and all those they employ;
- to send *NewS* free of charge, every term, to all Church of England and Church in Wales schools and colleges (and National Society members);
- to support school chaplains and other clergy and lay people involved in school ministry;
- to create independent/maintained school partnerships;
- to keep an archive of the Church's work in education, with the records of many Church schools and colleges;
- to appoint members to the Churches' Joint Education Policy Committee, the Education Sunday Steering Group and the RE Council;
- to administer school trust funds.

Support of the Society is vital to continue its valuable work in the field of education in the twenty-first century.

Mission Statement

The National Society supports Church schools and colleges and all places of education and those involved in Christian and Religious Education in parishes.

The Society provides leadership, information and training. It encourages and enables all who share the Society's vision for education with Christian purpose.