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HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE

Annual Report for the year to 30th June 2006

The directors present their report for the year ended 30th June 2006

Home Education Advisory Service was incorporated as a Charitable Company limited by guarantee on 4th June 1997. The Charity Commission registration number is 1063179 and the Company's registration number is 3380765. The registered address of the Company is 5 Elm Gardens, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AN.

The Directors during the year were

Rev Eric Foggitt
Jacqueline Mary Epps

Brenda Holliday
Norman Wells

Jane Lowe

Mr Wells was appointed as a result of a decision to include amongst the directors a person who is the parent of young children. The directors are satisfied that other attributes contribute to this decision and are grateful to Mr Wells for giving his time.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 31st May 2006 in Welwyn Garden City.

Objects, Organisation and Activities

The work of supporting home educators, responding to media enquiries and generally raising the profile of home education, continues.

The directors opposed proposals from some quarters for greater control over home educators. The current legislation, in their opinion, is sufficient to protect the freedom of parents to choose home education, and the safety of children. The activities of the directors in connection with this issue, as well as other government initiatives, are reported in the HEAS Bulletin as the directors are aware that their subscribers take a close interest in such matters, and wish to be kept informed of what is being done on their behalf.

The directors regret that the long awaited DfES Guidance on Home Education for LEAs has still not yet been completed. This is a matter of concern to them, the existence of such guidelines would be a big step forward in ensuring a consistency of approach throughout England, as well as promoting good relationships between LEAs and home educators. The directors note that the Scottish guidelines, created for the purpose of conformity and good relationships, were distributed two years ago, and are currently being reviewed.

The directors have been active in responding to government consultation exercises, and take every opportunity to protect the interests of home educators in doing so.

The directors have taken account of changes in legislation regarding truancy patrols and have advised their subscribers accordingly. Efforts to engage the DfES and The Home Office to co-operate in the production of a truancy card that will protect the identity of home educators while affirming the validity of home education, are on-going.

The directors seek every opportunity to find ways that enable external candidates to sit examinations, and again, these are reported to subscribers via the bulletin.

The directors were able to appoint a media contact during the year. The appointment has proved beneficial in promoting the work of the company and making home education known to families.

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The subscribers' area of the website has been replaced by a bulletin board. This gives the same information as the previous subscribers' area, with the addition of a facility that enables subscribers to communicate with each other on a range of issues such as selling and buying items of educational relevance.

Meetings with subscribers continue, enabling the directors to form a clear idea of the kind of service that they should be offering. They have been pleased to note that most of the requirements of subscribers are already being met.

The sale of publications and a charge to those who wish to subscribe have been sufficient to generate enough income to meet all expenditure incurred in achieving the objects of the company. The subscription rate of £13.50 remains the same as the previous year.

The company is run by the directors who live throughout the UK. Day to day communication is by fax, email and telephone. The directors meet informally from time to time. A meeting of directors took place at the Annual General Meeting, and it is anticipated that this practice will continue.

Review of progress and achievements

The directors consider that the company has maintained a good service to home educators.

The resource library continues to expand and remains well used by subscribers. Other aids to learning have been obtained during the year, to the benefit of subscribers.

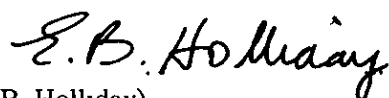
The bulletin, issued four times a year, continues to be well received and recipients often express appreciation of it.

The directors keep the management of the company under constant review.

Finance

The attached financial statements show the current state of the finances which the directors consider to be sound.

The Charity's bankers are National Westminster Bank plc, 13 Stonchills, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6ND.



(B. Holliday)

Secretary

On behalf of the directors

27th February 2007

Statement of Financial Activity

Home Education Advisory Service

Statement of Financial Activities Year to 30 June 2006

Incoming Resource	General Purposes	Restricted	Total Funds	2005
Sundry Receipts	392		392	626
Subscriptions	19093		19093	17747
Sale of publications	9742		9742	9705
Donations	553		553	487
Deposit Interest	1624	0	1624	1386
	<u>31404</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31404</u>	<u>29951</u>
Expenditure				
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>				
Equipment depreciation	3094		3094	2968
Postage	3320		3320	3098
Books/literature	1297		1297	351
Subscriptions	167		167	109
Printing mtls/stationery	4652		4652	3508
Travel/subsistence	492		492	137
Telephone	1365		1365	1224
Office staff wages (note 4)	7267		7267	6229
	<u>21654</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21654</u>	<u>17624</u>
<i>Management & administration of charity</i>				
Telephone	341		341	306
Office staff wages (note 4)	2422		2422	2076
Postage/stationery	830		830	774
Travel/subsistence	126		126	1040
Miscellaneous	2654		2654	1821
Adjustments	50		50	200
Office heating/lighting/power/rent	1623		1623	1722
	<u>8046</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8046</u>	<u>7940</u>
Total expenditure	<u>29700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29700</u>	<u>25564</u>
Net Incoming resources	1705	0	1705	4386
Total funds brought forward	50848	0	50848	46462
Total funds carried forward	<u>52553</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52553</u>	<u>50848</u>

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Statement of Financial Activity

Statement of Net Income for the year to 30 June 2006

	£	2006 £	2005 £
Gross income as above:			
General purposes fund	31404		29951
Restricted fund	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		31404	29951
Total expenditure as above:			
General purposes fund	29700		25564
Restricted fund	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		29700	25564
Net income for the year		<u>1705</u>	<u>4386</u>

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Home Education Advisory Service

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2006

		2006 £	2005 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Office equipment (<i>notes 1&2</i>)		4563	4881
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors & Prepayments	136		0
Bank Current Account	5443		4612
Bank Deposit a/c general	42601		41977
Bank Deposit a/c restricted	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	48180		46589
CURRENT LIABILITIES: payable within one year			
Creditors	<u>191</u>		<u>622</u>
	191		
Net Current Assets		47990	45967
Net Assets		<u>52553</u>	<u>50848</u>
FUNDS			
Income funds:			
General Purposes Fund	52553		50848
Restricted Treelink Fund	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		<u>52553</u>	<u>50848</u>

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HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2006****1 Accounting Policies****General**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP. This is the seventh year of operation as a charity and incorporated body and the accounting period is from the beginning of July 2005 to the end of June 2006

Depreciation Policy

Provision for the depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual

2 Fixed Assets for use by the charity

	Office Equipment	Total
All office equipment is shown at cost		
Gross Book Value		
Brought forward from previous year	4881	
New equipment at 30th June 2006	<u>2776</u>	<u>7657</u>
Depreciation		
charge for year		3094
Net book value		<u><u>4563</u></u>

3 Analysis of Net Assets

	General Purposes Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
Fixed Assets	4563		4563
Current Assets	48180	0	48180
Current Liabilities	191		(191)
Fund balance	<u><u>52553</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>52553</u></u>

4 Employees' Remuneration

The charity employed 6 part-time workers. Total remuneration for the year was £9689. No employee earned more than £5606. The trustees estimate that the employees spend approximately 75% of their time in work directly connected with the aims of the charity and 25% of their time on administrative duties.

5 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any Trustee.

Reimbursement of expenses incurred has been made relating to telephone, internet services, postage and subsistence. Further claims were made for travel expenses resulting from attending conferences and supporting home educating families. Two trustees claimed reimbursement for loss of earnings while undertaking work for the charity.

Continuation to Balance Sheet

For the year ended 30th June 2006 this company was entitled to the exemption under sub-section (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985

No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985, and the directors acknowledge their responsibility for

- (a) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221, and,
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company
- (c) preparing the accounts in accordance with the special provisions in Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies

E.B. Holliday

E.B. Holliday, Director

08-Jan-07

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