



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/05/2024

Period start date To 30/04/2025

Period end date

Charity name: The Gambian Schools Trust

Charity registration number: 1093083

Objectives and Activities To advance the education of children and young people in The Gambia

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of children and young people in The Gambia by the provision of funds, equipment and by offering training to teachers
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Not applicable
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not make social investments
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers do not receive payment other than out of pocket expenses. Volunteers donate items and /or labour free of charge.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Borehole and teachers quarters at Njallal Samba New classroom and school renovation at Conteh Kunde Teachers quarters at Kerr Ndongo Classroom renovation at Kerr Ndongo School support including lunches Container costs (donated items from UK)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	All planned projects completed and handed over
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	All projects well received by teacher, staff and students.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Charity remains with positive bank balance.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Nominal reserves of £5000 for emergency use.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nominal value of £5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Fund raising and donations are variable and uncertain. Climate changes bring additional challenges in Gambia eg storm damage, falling water levels.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Fallibility of donations, fund raising, ageing trustees and donors

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Events such as curry nights, garden parties, concerts, donations/standing orders.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not involved in investment activities
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Loss of revenue.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Company
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are chosen from volunteers who have demonstrated interest in the aims of the charity. Selection by discussion and 100% approval of trustees vote.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	none
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Gambian Schools Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1093083
Charity's principal address	41 Roundwood Shipley BD18 4JP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Odfield	secretary		
2	Christine Brown			
3	Linda Gunn			
4	Hilary Lawther MBE			
5	Steven Lawther MBE			
6	Paul Neimantas			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	non
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	non
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	non

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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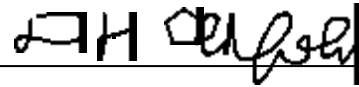
Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

D H OLDFIELD



Full name(s)

David Hedley Oldfield

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

26/01/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name

THE GAMBIAN SCHOOLS TRUST

No (if any)

1093083

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st May 2024

To

Period end date
30th April 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
STO WITH GIFT AID	-	-	-	5885 -	5903 -
STO WITHOUT GIFT AID	-	-	-	284 -	279 -
FUND RAISING	-	-	-	10633 -	6872 -
DONATION WITH GIFT AID	-	-	-	390 -	545 -
DONATION WITHOUT GIFT AID	-	-	-	18098 -	11313 -
GIFT AID FROM HMRC	-	-	-	1570 -	1704 -
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	36860 -	26616 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	- -	- -
	-	-	-	- -	- -
Sub total	-	-	-	- -	- -
Total receipts	-	-	-	36860 -	26616 -
A3 Payments					
PROJECTS	-	-	-	639 -	6164 -
SCHOOL SUPPORT INC LUNCHES	-	-	-	1533 -	2947 -
EXPENSES INC CONTAINER	-	-	-	2920 -	4568 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	-	-	-	5092 -	13679 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	-	-	-	33507 -	17888 -
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	33507 -	17888 -
Total payments	-	-	-	38599 -	31567 -
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	(1739) -	(4951) -
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	23744 -	28695 -
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	22005 -	23744 -



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**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

THE GAMBIAN SCHOOLS TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30/04/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1093083

Set out on pages

1 To 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

John Barlow

Date:

13. 01. 2026

Name:

JOHN HOWARD BARLOW

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCOUNTANT - ACCA

Address: