



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Projects Aiding Gambian Education and Natural Talent (PAGEANT)		
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	PAGEANT		
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1093963		
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Old School		
	Worthing Road		
	Southwater, Horsham		
	<b>Postcode</b>	RH13 9DT	

### 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	Philippa Howard	Secretary		
2	Catriona Boswell			
3	Andrew Williams	Chair	1/1/23 – 5/9/23	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Philippa Howard	
Catriona Boswell	
Andrew Williams	1/1/23 – 5/9/23

### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by other trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The provision of education and fostering of natural talent, SPECIFICALLY TO SUPPORT EDUCATION AND RELATED PROJECTS IN THE GAMBIA.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The provision and improvements of facilities at schools in The Gambia.

Acting as a conduit for UK residents to sponsor children's education in The Gambia.

Helping Gambian women attain a degree of self-sufficiency.

The trustees affirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**All schools are in The Gambia**

**Dembadu LBS & Nursery in Salagi:** rendering, painting and tiling all floors of new school

**Yundum Barracks LBS library:** provision of text books - LBS, UBS & SSS

**Humanity:** completion of new LBS building ground floor, toilets and borehole

**Albreda LBS:** repair of storm damage to roof of female staff quarters

**Pakalinding UBS:** repair of storm damage to roof plus new windows of library

Direct sponsorship of 7 medical students at university, in association with AFRICMED hospital

A total of 500 children have been supported for their education by sponsors through PAGEANT since the charity was started – during 2023 there were 150 students in full sponsorship

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has little or no need for reserves as it has very few ongoing commitments. School projects are only started if there is sufficient money to complete them. In practice a reserve of approximately £25,000 is kept, in order to ensure continuity of sponsorship for at least one year.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During the year the charity received a significant legacy which will be used on school projects. This is unlikely to re-occur

## Section F

## Other optional information

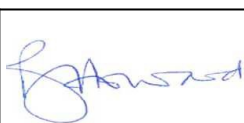
## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Philippa Joan Howard

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

14/9/2024



## Income

	2021
Membership	£1,327
Sponsorship	£28,836
Donation	£18,579
Gift Aid	£7,857
<b>Total incomings</b>	<b>£56,598</b>

## Expenditure

<b>Beneficiaries</b>	
UK Purchases	£23
UK Exam Fees	£0
Transfers to The Gambia	£52,447
<b>Subtotal Beneficiaries</b>	<b>£52,470</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Costs (UK)	£7,241
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£59,711</b>

<b>Transfer to Reserves</b>	<b>-£3,113</b>
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## TOTAL RAISED SINCE PAGEANT WAS STARTED

**Note 1:** The charity acts as agents for UK spons  
During the year the charity received £24,542 fro  
Gift Aid includes recoveries from eligible donati



## ACCOUNTS UP TO END 2023

2022	2023
£1,095	<b>£990</b>
£23,884	<b>£24,542</b>
£7,003	<b>£56,219</b>
£6,829	<b>£7,145</b>
<b>£38,811</b>	<b>£88,896</b>
	includes bequest of £48,331.26

**Balance Sh**

**UK Funds b**

**Transfer to**

**UK Funds c,**

£0	<b>£914</b>
£0	<b>£254</b>
£53,027	<b>£63,029</b>
£53,027	<b>£64,197</b>

£606	<b>£1,098</b>
<b>£53,633</b>	<b>£65,295</b>

-£14,821	<b>£23,601</b>
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**£1,277,382 excluding GET transfer**

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om sponsors for payment to students. These funds are n  
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Asset		2021	2022	2023
/f		£70,226	£67,113	<b>£52,292</b>
Reserves		-£3,113	-£14,821	<b>£23,601</b>
/f		£67,113	£52,292	<b>£75,893</b>
of which				
UK Bank		£67,015	£52,175	<b>£75,285</b>
Cash		£99	£117	<b>£609</b>
money in Banjul				<b>£8,269</b>
total available				<b>£84,162</b>

***Reserve funds already allocated                      £32,166***

**idents in The Gambia  
ot PAGEANT funds.**



Recipient	2023
	Expenditure
<b>Sponsorship</b>	£20,407
	£1,539
	£3,520
	£1,580
	£1,066
<b>School projects</b>	
Dembadu LBS & Nursery in Salagi	£9,415
Yundum Bcks LBS library	£2,000
Humanity	£11,950
Albreda LBS	£1,345
Pakalinding UBS	£2,600
<b>Community aid</b>	
Gift Token items	£110
<b>Gambian agents - i.e.</b>	
Wandifa Saidykhan	£1,440
Yankuba Ceesay	£1,440
Abdoulie Gibba	£1,440
additional assistance	£443
telephone credit	£79
<b>Small projects</b>	
personal donations	£1,480
minibus for Pageant use only	£79
	£197
	£200
<b>Costs (UK)</b>	£658

	£58
	£186
	£85
	£110
<b>UK purchases</b>	£914
<b>UK-paid exam fees</b>	£254
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£64,596</b>
<b>Total UK expenditure</b>	<b>£65,295</b>
<b>Total incomings</b>	<b>£88,547</b>
<b>UK funds to reserves</b>	<b>£23,252</b>
<b>UK Funds in hand</b>	£75,893
<b>Gambian funds in hand</b>	£6,585
<b>(exch rate 78.7422)</b>	£1,684
<b>So, available funds</b>	<b>£84,162</b>
<b>Already allocated for 2024</b>	<b>£6,896</b>
as & when appropriate	£788
(use in early 2024)	<b>£137</b>
(use in early 2024)	<b>£1,875</b>
(use in early 2024)	<b>£2,370</b>
(used Feb 2024)	<b>£12,280</b>
(use during 2024)	£3,500
(use during 2024)	£4,320
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£32,166</b>

## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE 2023

### Money used for ...

500 students have been fully sponsored by the end of 2023 - an increase of 2 students this

students sponsored by **Linda**

7 additional medical students now sponsored in association with Africmed

students assisted from emergency fund

additional help for sponsored students

rendering, painting and tiling all floors of new school

books - LBS, UBS & SSS

completion of new LBS building ground floor, toilets, borehole

repair of storm damage to roof of female staff quarters

repair of storm damage to roof plus new windows of library

gift token items distributed by agents in 2023

paid a monthly wage of D8,600 + extra on trips

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incl. medication, hospital tests, festival gifts

for contacting students

**Linda Murgatroyd's** donations to Gambian families

tax and insurance plus new driving licence

maintenance and parts

Fuel

flight & malarone for PJH audit trip in November - paid by **Pippa Howard**

postage
bank charges for tranfer of funds to Banjul bank
web hosting etc
summer party lunch expenses
phones for agents for new IT system, tablets as prizes for best SSS students
ACCA fees

£699 excess in Gambian TrustBank

<b>in UK at 31 December 2023</b>
<b>518,543.05 GMD in Gambian TrustBank at 31 December 2023</b>
<b>132,565 GMD cash with Linda at 31 December 2023</b>

Funds held for long term sponsorship, plus Sheila Hill & Ian Howard memorial scholarships
funds in hand for Pageant Loan scheme to be set up for more Women's groups
Gift Tokens
borehole forYundum Barracks library
Dembadu LBS & Nursery extended perimeter wall
2nd payments and new children 2022-3 sponsorship
continuing sponsorship of UTG medical students in association wth AfricMed
basic wages for agents in 2024
<b>Further projects to be assessed during 2024...</b>

## **FWK opinion re Pageant accounts 2023**

I have reconciled the transaction records to the bank statements and validated the internal record keeping through the 'suspense account' of envelopes.

There is some money which does not pass through the bank account but the amounts involved are a small proportion of the total transactions and this situation would be normal in charitable work of this nature.

I have also validated a sample of larger transactions of different categories against the evidence provided and have found nothing to indicate that the transaction records are not an accurate reflection of the actual transactions.

The accounts presented at the 2024 AGM contained some small errors in relation to the income split between membership fees and sponsorship, a missing transaction, the bank and envelope balances and the value of Gambian assets. Updated accounts have therefore been prepared for 2023 to correct these errors. My opinion is based on these updated accounts but I have no hesitation in confirming my opinion that, from the information presented to me, the updated accounts represent a true and fair picture of the charity's activities during 2023.

Fred King

5/9/2024