

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1116278

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2006-10-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN THE SOUTHERN CAPE PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND WHO COME FROM FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING¹. TO ASSIST WITH THE PROVISION OF FOOD FOR SUCH CHILDREN². TO ASSIST WITH THE PROVISION OF TEACHING PROGRAMMES

Activities: The Garden Route Children's Trust is a UK based charity with the aim of alleviating poverty among children in South Africa through the provision of food and education.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTHERN CAPE PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA
- South Africa

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£77,218	£100,823	-	-
2023-12-31	£83,598	£95,021	-	-
2022-12-31	£72,710	£97,801	-	-
2021-12-31	£85,599	£82,597	-	-
2020-12-31	£67,475	£85,022	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ruth Jean Burns	Chair	2011-10-03
ALISON LEWIS		2011-10-03
CATHERINE LOUISE MICHELL		
CATHY WILLIAMSON		
MARK KENNETH CHAPMAN		2011-10-03
Nicola Martha Ernestine Galazka		2017-01-31
Patrick John Fleming		
Paul Hurrell		2023-05-01
RUTH BURNS		2011-10-03
Sophie Burns		2022-02-10

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	1	1	2023	To	31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Garden Route Children's Trust

Other names charity is known by

GRCT

Registered charity number (if any)

1116278

Charity's principal address

Carmel

Manor Way,
Oxshott,

Postcode

KT22 0HU

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	Ruth Burns	Chair		
2	Sophie Burns			
3	Mark Chapman	Information Officer		
4	Lesley Flaxman		Resigned 1 July 2024	
5	Nicki Galazka	Marketing & Design		
6	Patrick Fleming	Financial Advisor		
7	Alison Lewis			
8	Catherine Michell			
9	Cathy Williamson	Treasurer		
10	Paul Hurrell			
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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

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 <i>(eg trust deed, constitution)</i>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg appointed by, elected by)</i>	A Trustee or Trustees propose a candidate and give reasons why they would be suitable. The balance of skills of the group is also considered. If the Trustees are in agreement, the person is approached by the chairperson.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>The trustees review the financial controls annually.</p> <p>The GRCT has a risk policy which is reviewed every three years. The risk register is reviewed at least annually and additionally when circumstance changes significantly.</p> <p>The principal risks are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GRCT lacks direction, strategy and forward planning. • Loss of a major donor or multiple standing order givers. <p>Trustees take steps to mitigate these risks and other smaller risks identified in our risk register.</p> <p>The risk register is reviewed by our independent examiner annually.</p> <p>The charity has a written Funding Policy available.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>To relieve financial hardship and to advance the education of children who live in South Africa and who come from financially disadvantaged families and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to assist with the provision of food for such children; - to assist with the provision of teaching programmes.
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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 activities of the GRCT are centred around raising funds in the UK through community events, donor events and supporters undertaking sponsored sports events.

The public benefit in South Africa is easy to see and events in the UK give opportunities to build community locally.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in relation to the Trust's activities.

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.

The GRCT is run solely by skilled volunteers. Their contribution is significant and they are essential to our work. This approach allows the charity to keep costs to an absolute minimum (around 1% of our total receipts).

Trustees work hard to develop and maintain direct relationships of trust with individuals who can ensure that the infrastructure is sustainably available to deliver the food (mainly e'Pap porridge) to the South African children in need. Where possible, at least one of the trustees visits some of the projects every year (at their own expense).

In January 2019, the Trustees developed an application form to evaluate new opportunities in SA to ensure that all potential partners and projects are considered in a consistent way and meet the key criteria which we have set and which make our work cost effective and of maximum benefit for the donations received. In summary, the GRCT funds the projects of groups of people who are already involved with the community. The application form has been reviewed and continues to be used successfully to assess new projects for our programme.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our regular financial commitments to our beneficiaries in South Africa were maintained and the Trust continues to see improved outcomes for children who receive e'Pap at school every morning:

- Reduction in illness; obvious evidence of the reduction of sores on children's heads and skin in the poorest schools.
- Much improved concentration and better learning.
- Better school attendance in some cases.
- Strong support links and positive relationships between different sections of the SA population maintained through the regular delivery of e'Pap to teachers by volunteers.

The e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, our principal beneficiary, has taken the steps it planned in 2023 during 2024 to strengthen the leadership team and formalise the governance of the project to ensure its sustainability for years to come.

In Port Elizabeth, we have a very close relationship with the GRCT Project Association and Missionvale Care Centre. We visit both every year and are in regular contact.

The newer projects are also well-established – Hout Bay and Kleinmond, Somerset West and Gugulethu (through Hout Bay Rotary Club), Wellington (through Ma's vir Wellington), Port Elizabeth (through the GRCT Project Association and Isivuno), St Francis Bay (through the Rotary Club), Despatch (through the Dutch Reformed Church), Addo (Place of Mercy and Hope), Ocean View, Cape Town (through Soteria Ministries). Many of these were visited in 2024 and regular telephone and email contact is maintained.

The funding for The Hem of his Garment in Vryburg and pre-schools in Laingsburg through the NG Kerk ceased at the end of 2024. The geographical locations of these projects made it difficult for trustees to visit and maintain relationships with our partners which we believe is central to the principles on which we operate.

UK in person fundraising events were fewer but our new initiative 'Breakfast for breakfasts'™ launched in March 2024 and has been very successful in maintaining income. The charity continued to have many dedicated and generous donors and the support of two churches.

The trustees find that the events of most benefit to South Africa are those which build community in the UK. This is a secondary aim but one that is important to us.

Our financial position continues to be stable with income slightly lower than it was in 2023 (£77,218 versus £83,598). As we enter 2025 we are planning how to grow our income and also manage for the potential risk that we may need to reduce funding for some of our beneficiaries if we no longer have excess reserves.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees try to ensure that at the end of the financial year there are sufficient bank deposits to cover approximately 40% of the estimated total remittances for the following twelve months.
This policy is reviewed annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

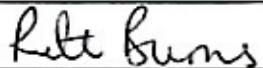
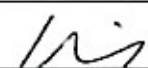
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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)	RUTH JEAN BURNS	PATRICK JOHN FLAWING
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	TRUSTEE
Date	10 JUNE 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST	1115278

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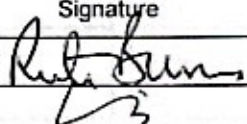
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-24		31-Dec-24

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					
Donations	42,089	6,188	-	48,277	68,577
Gift cards	-	-	-	-	110
Events	16,917	-	-	16,917	4,309
Gift Aid	8,162	2,160	-	10,322	9,327
Interest received	1,702	-	-	1,702	1,275
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	68,870	8,348	-	77,218	83,598
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,870	8,348	-	77,218	83,598
A3 Payments					
E'Pap Feeding Scheme	41,551	13,248	-	54,899	46,975
Missionvale Care Centre	9,197	-	-	9,197	8,509
GRCT Project Association	5,053	-	-	5,053	12,165
The Hem	5,844	-	-	5,844	5,364
Hout Bay Rotary Club	5,785	-	-	5,785	4,977
Kleinmond	1,283	-	-	1,283	662
Brak en Jan	494	-	-	494	100
Gugulethu	771	-	-	771	992
Laingsburg (DR Church)	1,774	-	-	1,774	1,796
Wellington (Mas vir Wellington)	1,839	-	-	1,839	1,796
St Francis Bay Rotary Club	4,067	-	-	4,067	3,143
Despatch (DR Church)	2,759	-	-	2,759	2,694
Place of Mercy and Hope	2,661	-	-	2,661	2,694
Soteria Ministries	3,005	-	-	3,005	2,334
Just Giving/Paypal costs	432	-	-	432	350
Printing, stationery & sundry supplies	404	-	-	404	227
Web hosting	292	-	-	292	-
Events	79	-	-	79	146
Bank charges	185	-	-	185	97
Sub total	87,575	13,248	-	100,823	95,021
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,575	13,248	-	100,823	95,021
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,705	- 4,900	-	- 23,605	- 11,423
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	101,150	5,405	-	106,555	117,978
Cash funds this year end	82,445	505	-	82,950	106,555

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current A/c	27,937	505	
	Natwest Reserve A/c	-	-	
	Natwest Liquidity Manager A/c	54,508	-	
	Total cash funds	82,445	505	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		RUTH JEAN BURNS PATRICK JOHN FLEMING	10/06/25 10/06/25	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2024	Charity no (if any)	1116278
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Set out on pages

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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 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.

Signed: Barbara Steele

Date: 21/6/25

Name: BARBARA STEELE

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

Address:

RICHLIN, MANOR WAY
OXSHOTT
LEATHERHEAD KT22 0HS

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/01/23** To **31/12/23**

Charity name: **The Garden Route Children's Trust**

Charity registration number: **1116278**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve financial hardship and to advance the education of children who live in South Africa and who come from financially disadvantaged families and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to assist with the provision of food for such children;- to assist with the provision of teaching programmes.
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	The activities of the GRCT are centred around raising funds in the UK through community events, donor events and supporters undertaking sponsored sports events. The public benefit in South Africa is easy to see and events in the UK give opportunities to build community locally.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in relation to the Trust's activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>In January 2019, the Trustees developed an application form to evaluate new opportunities in SA to ensure that all potential partners and projects are considered in a consistent way and meet the key criteria which we have set and which make our work cost effective and of maximum benefit for the donations received. In summary, the GRCT funds the projects of groups of people who are already involved with the community. The application form has been reviewed and continues to be used successfully to assess new projects for our programme.</p> <p>The need for e'Pap continues to grow because of the post-pandemic economic situation in South Africa</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The GRCT is run solely by skilled volunteers. The contribution of volunteers is essential to our work. This approach allows the charity to keep costs to an absolute minimum (under 2% of our total donations).</p>
Other		

		<p>The geographical locations of these three projects made it difficult for trustees to visit and maintain relationships with our partners which trustees believe is central to the principles on which we operate.</p> <p>UK in person fundraising events were fewer but we built a strategy through the year for a new fundraising initiative in 2024 to build solid income for the future. The charity continued to have many dedicated and generous donors and the support of two schools and two churches.</p> <p>The trustees find that the events of most benefit to South Africa are those which build community in the UK. This is a secondary aim but one that is important to us.</p> <p>Our financial position continues to be stable. The number of children we support with e'Pap remained more or less the same in 2023 after the growth in 2022.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We established a strategic approach to fundraising to support the maintenance of our current levels of funds transfer once our excess reserves have been utilised.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our regular financial commitments to our beneficiaries in South Africa were maintained and the Trust continues to see improved outcomes for children who receive e'Pap at school every morning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in illness; obvious evidence of the reduction of sores on children's heads and skin in the poorest schools. • Much improved concentration and better learning. • Better school attendance in some cases. • Strong support links and positive relationships between different sections of the SA population maintained through the regular delivery of e'Pap to teachers by volunteers. <p>The e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, our principal beneficiary, marked 20 years in operation. Steps have been taken by the project leaders to strengthen the leadership team and formalise the governance of the project to ensure its sustainability for years to come.</p> <p>Siyabulela and other pre-schools in Kleinmond in the Western Cape are, through Hout Bay Rotary Club, very well-established beneficiaries reporting regularly. Siyabulela has just celebrated 10 years in operation and the positive impact it has on children in the area is huge.</p> <p>The newer projects are all well-established – Hout Bay, Somerset West and Gugulethu (through Hout Bay Rotary Club), Laingsburg (through the Dutch Reformed Church), Wellington (through Ma's vir Wellington), Port Elizabeth (through the GRCT Project Association and Isivuno), St Francis Bay (through the Rotary Club), Despatch (through the Dutch Reformed Church), Addo (Place of Mercy and Hope), Ocean View, Cape Town (through Soteria Ministries) - were all visited at least once in 2023.</p> <p>The trustees took the difficult decision to cease funding in Ermelo at the end of the year and at The Hem of his Garment in Vryburg and at Laingsburg with effect from the end of 2024.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position of the GRCT at the end of 2023 was secure and stable.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees try to ensure that at the end of the financial year there are sufficient bank deposits to cover approximately 40% of the estimated total remittances for the following twelve months. This policy is reviewed annually.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£106,555
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	The principal source of funds in 2023 was from standing orders, donations and associated Gift Aid. Some money was raised through events and the sale of Christmas cards.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Fall off in donations which is being mitigated with our new fundraising strategy developed in 2023. Exposure to currency exchange rates has grown as the amount of funds we send to South Africa has grown.
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	Trust
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	A Trustee or Trustees propose a candidate and give reasons why he or she would be suitable. The balance of skills of the group is also considered. If the Trustees are in agreement, the person is approached by the chairperson.

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	<p>The GRCT has a principal beneficiary, the e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, which operates on the Garden Route in South Africa. The GRCT also funds a number of other projects which are managed by trusted partners -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Missionvale Care Centre Programme for orphaned and vulnerable children as well as feeding programmes in the Missionvale school and other schools/pre-schools in Port Elizabeth. The GRCT has set up the GRCT Project Association to monitor the projects in Port Elizabeth and manage the funds for those projects. 2. The feeding of children in pre-schools in Hout Bay and Gugulethu (Cape Town), Kleinmond and Somerset West. The Hout Bay project is managed by the Hout Bay Rotary Club whose members also oversee the other projects. 3. The feeding of pre-school children in Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in Laingsburg is managed by the Dutch Reformed Church in the town. 4. The feeding of pre-schools in an ECD centre and creche in Wellington is run by Ma's vir Wellington. 5. Through the Rotary Club of St Francis Bay, feeding in a pre-school and creche

		<p>in the town and four in surrounding areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Feeding in a township on the edge of Despatch (near Port Elizabeth) managed by one of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the town. 7. Feeding at the Place of Mercy and Hope in Addo run by two Irish nuns. 8. Soteria Ministries runs the feeding in Ocean View and Jim se Bos.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Trustees work hard to develop and maintain direct relationships of trust with individuals in our partner organisations who can ensure that the infrastructure is sustainably available to deliver the food (mainly e'Pap porridge) to the South African children in need.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Garden Route Children's Trust
Other name the charity uses	GRCT
Registered charity number	1116278
Charity's principal address	Carmel, Manor Way, Oxshott, KT22 0HU

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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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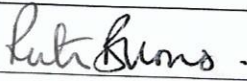

Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	RUTH JEAN BURNS	PATRICK JOHN FLEMING
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	12/05/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST	1116278

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-23		31-Dec-23

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					
Donations	56,809	11,768	-	68,577	49,176
Gift cards	110	-	-	110	-
Events	4,309	-	-	4,309	15,299
Gift Aid	7,984	1,343	-	9,327	7,828
Interest received	1,275	-	-	1,275	407
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,487	13,111	-	83,598	72,710
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,487	13,111	-	83,598	72,710
A3 Payments					
E'Pap Feeding Scheme	39,123	7,852	-	46,975	47,677
Missionvale Care Centre	8,509	-	-	8,509	8,500
GRCT Project Association	12,165	-	-	12,165	12,600
The Hem	5,364	-	-	5,364	5,350
Hout Bay Rotary Club	4,977	-	-	4,977	4,700
Kleinmond	662	-	-	662	2,750
Brak en Jan	100	-	-	100	259
Gugulethu	992	-	-	992	-
Laingsburg (DR Church)	1,796	-	-	1,796	2,000
Wellington (Mas vir Wellington)	1,796	-	-	1,796	3,500
St Francis Bay Rotary Club	3,143	-	-	3,143	3,200
Despatch (DR Church)	2,694	-	-	2,694	3,000
Place of Mercy and Hope	2,694	-	-	2,694	1,500
Soteria Ministries	2,334	-	-	2,334	1,300
Just Giving/Paypal costs	350	-	-	350	381
Printing, stationery & sundry supplies	227	-	-	227	625
Web hosting	-	-	-	-	201
Events	146	-	-	146	-
Bank charges	97	-	-	97	258
Sub total	87,169	7,852	-	95,021	97,801
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,169	7,852	-	95,021	97,801
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 16,682	5,259	-	- 11,423	- 25,091
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	117,832	146	-	117,978	143,069
Cash funds this year end	101,150	5,405	-	106,555	117,978

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current A/c	48,344	5,405	
	Natwest Reserve A/c	-	-	
	Natwest Liquidity Manager A/c	52,806	-	
	Total cash funds	101,150	5,405	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

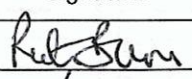
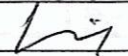
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RUTH BURNS	12/05/24
	PATRICK FLEMING	12/05/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1116278

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

**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 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.

Signed:

B Steele

Date:

18/5/2024

Name:

BARBARA STEELE

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

Address:

RICHLIN, MANOR WAY

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

Blank area for disclosure details.

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1116278

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	January	2022	To	31	December	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST**

Other names charity is known by **GRCT**

Registered charity number (if any) **1116278**

Charity's principal address

Longstead
Sheath Lane
Oxshott, Surrey
Postcode KT22 0QU

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	Ruth Burns	Deputy Chair		
2	Mark Chapman	Information officer		
3	Lesley Flaxman			
4	Nicki Galazka	Marketing & Design		
5	Patrick Fleming	Financial adviser		
7	Alison Lewis			
8	Catherine Michell	Chair		
10	Cathy Williamson	Treasurer		
11	Sophie Burns		Appointed in February 2022	
12	Paul Hurrell		Appointed in May 2023	
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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

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)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	A Trustee or Trustees propose a candidate and give reasons why he or she would be suitable. The balance of skills of the group is also considered. If the Trustees are in agreement, the person is approached by the chairperson.

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.

The GRCT has a principal beneficiary, the e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, which operates on the Garden Route in South Africa. The GRCT also funds a number of other projects –

1. The Missionvale Care Centre Programme for orphaned and vulnerable children as well as feeding programmes in the Missionvale school and other schools/pre-schools in Port Elizabeth and Ermelo. The GRCT has set up the GRCT Project Association to oversee the projects in Port Elizabeth and manage the funds for those projects and the project in Ermelo. In 2020 we added Isivuno, a teacher training charity which supports a number of pre-schools in the Port Elizabeth area.
2. The feeding of children in pre-schools in Hout Bay and Gugulethu (Cape Town), Kleinmond and Somerset West. The Hout Bay project is managed by the Hout Bay Rotary Club which also assists with the logistics for the other three projects.
3. The Hem of his Garment is supported with e'Pap feeding through Tiger Kloof School.
4. The feeding of pre-school children in Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in Laingsburg is managed by the Dutch Reformed Church in the town.
5. The feeding of pre-schools in an ECD centre and creche in Wellington is run by Ma's vir Wellington.
6. The Rotary Club of St Francis Bay oversees feeding in a pre-school and creche in the town, feeding of school children in Storms River Village and feeding in pre-schools in Blouilliesbos and Coldstream.
7. Feeding in a township on the edge of Despatch (near Port Elizabeth) managed by two of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the town.
8. Feeding at the Place of Mercy and Hope in Addo was begun in late 2022.

The GRCT works with fourteen partners in total with some of the partners operating in multiple locations.

Trustees work hard to develop and maintain direct relationships of trust with individuals who can ensure that the infrastructure is sustainably available to deliver the food (mainly e'Pap porridge) to the South African children in need. Where possible, at least one of the trustees visits some of the projects every year (at their own expense).

The GRCT has a risk policy which is reviewed every three years. The Risk Register is reviewed at least annually and additionally when circumstance changes significantly.

The principal risks are

- The GRCT lacks direction, strategy and forward planning.
- Loss of a major donor or multiple standing order givers.

Trustees take steps to mitigate these risks and other smaller risks identified in our risk register.

The Risk Register is reviewed by our independent examiner annually.

The charity has a written Funding Policy available.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To relieve financial hardship and to advance the education of children who live in South Africa and who come from financially disadvantaged families and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:

- to assist with the provision of food for such children;
- to assist with the provision of teaching programmes.

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 activities of the GRCT are centred around raising funds in the UK through community events, donor events and supporters undertaking sponsored sports events. [In 2022 we continued to transition back to our pre-pandemic style of fundraising activity.](#)

The public benefit in South Africa is easy to see and events in the UK give opportunities to build community locally.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in relation to the Trust's activities.

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.

In January 2019, the trustees developed an application form to evaluate new opportunities in SA to ensure that all potential partners and projects are considered in a consistent way and meet the key criteria which make our work cost effective and of maximum benefit for the donations received. In summary, the GRCT funds the projects of groups of people who are already involved with the community for which they request funds. The application form [continues to be](#) used successfully to assess new projects.

Post pandemic the need for e'Pap is greater than ever. The means of distribution settled back into the usual routes, mainly through pre-schools and schools as 2022 progressed.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Standing orders and other donations made up £49,176 of a total income of £72,710.

A sum of £96,336 was remitted to our beneficiaries in South Africa over the course of the year.

Our regular financial commitments to our beneficiaries in South Africa were maintained and the Trust continues to see improved outcomes for children who receive e'Pap at school every morning:

- Reduction in illness; very obvious evidence of the reduction of sores on children's heads in the poorest schools.
- Much improved concentration and better learning.
- Better school attendance in some cases.
- Strong support links and positive relationships between different sections of the SA population maintained through the regular delivery of e'Pap to teachers by volunteers.

Although COVID had the biggest impact in 2020, 2021 was also a very challenging year and in 2022 there was still an impact on the number of children attending schools and creches because of increased unemployment and financial need.

In February 2022 Patrick Fleming visited all of the established partners and projects except Ermelo and was pleased to see how well they were doing. Our new partners, ie Place of Mercy and Hope in Addo, the Noon Gun Rotary Club in Cape Town (Gugulethu) and Brak en Jan pre-school in Somerset West, have established a good routine and we are getting positive reports on the impact of e'Pap breakfasts on the children's health.

UK in-person fundraising events are building back post pandemic. The charity continues to have many dedicated and generous donors and the support of two schools and two churches.

The trustees find that the events of most benefit to South Africa are those which build community in the UK. This is a secondary aim but one that is important.

Our financial position continues to be stable. The number of children supported with e'Pap has continued to increase through 2022. The trustees are now working to ensure a pro-active approach to fundraising so that this position is maintained in a 3-5 year time frame and all projects can be sustained.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees try to ensure that at the end of the financial year there are sufficient bank deposits to cover approximately 40% of the estimated total remittances for the following twelve months.
This policy is reviewed annually.

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.

For more on the sources of funds see Section C above.

The charity has a written Funding Policy available.

The financial position is stable and positive.

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)	RUTH JEAN BURNS	PATRICK JOHN FLEMING
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE (DEPUTY CHAIR)	TRUSTEE (ACTING CHAIR)
Date	12 MAY 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

No (if any)
1116278

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-22	To	Period end date 31-Dec-22
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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					
Donations	43,091	6,085	-	49,176	59,324
Events	15,299	-	-	15,299	13,800
Gift Aid	6,689	1,139	-	7,828	12,374
Interest received	407	-	-	407	101
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,486	7,224	-	72,710	85,599
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,486	7,224	-	72,710	85,599
A3 Payments					
E'Pap Feeding Scheme	38,877	8,800	-	47,677	39,186
Missionvale Care Centre	8,500	-	-	8,500	8,250
GRCT Project Association	12,600	-	-	12,600	12,300
The Hem	5,350	-	-	5,350	5,125
Hout Bay Rotary Club	4,700	-	-	4,700	5,189
Kleinmond	2,750	-	-	2,750	1,061
Brak en Jan	259	-	-	259	-
Laingsburg (DR Church)	2,000	-	-	2,000	3,100
Wellington (Mas vir Wellington)	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,250
St Francis Bay Rotary Club	3,200	-	-	3,200	2,600
Despatch (DR Church)	3,000	-	-	3,000	1,005
Place of Mercy and Hope	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Soteria Ministries	1,300	-	-	1,300	-
Just Giving/Paypal costs	381	-	-	381	565
Printing, stationery & sundry supplies	625	-	-	625	-
Web hosting	201	-	-	201	30
Events	-	-	-	-	576
Bank charges	258	-	-	258	360
Sub total	89,001	8,800	-	97,801	82,597
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	89,001	8,800	-	97,801	82,597
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 23,515	- 1,576	-	- 25,091	3,002
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	141,347	1,722	-	143,069	140,067
Cash funds this year end	117,832	146	-	117,978	143,069

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

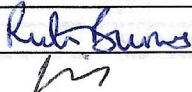
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current A/c	26,301	146	-
	Natwest Reserve A/c	-	-	-
	Natwest Liquidity Manager A/c	91,531	-	-
	Total cash funds	117,832	146	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		RUTH BURNS	12/05/23
		PATRICK FLEMING	12/05/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1116278

Set out on pages

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1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

Signed:

B Steele

Date:

13/5/23

Name:

BARBARA STEELE

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

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Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD FOR LABRADOR AND NUNAVUT

Form for reporting a complaint or concern regarding a member of the Board or its staff.

1. Name of the person making the complaint: _____

2. Name of the person(s) being complained against: _____

3. Description of the complaint or concern: _____

4. Date of the complaint: _____

5. Contact information: _____

6. Signature: _____

7. Date: _____

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1116278

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 January 2021	To	31 December 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST**

Other names charity is known by **GRCT**

Registered charity number (if any) **1116278**

Charity's principal address

Longstead
Sheath Lane
Oxshott, Surrey
Postcode KT22 0QU

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	Ruth Burns	Deputy Chair		
2	Mark Chapman	Information officer		
3	Lesley Flaxman			
4	Nicki Galazka	Marketing & Design		
5	Patrick Fleming	Financial advisor		
6	Jenny Jennings		Resigned in February 2022	
7	Alison Lewis			
8	Catherine Michell	Chair		
9	Dudley Sloggett		Resigned in February 2022	
10	Cathy Williamson	Treasurer		
11	Sophie Burns		Appointed in February 2022	
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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

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)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	A Trustee or Trustees propose a candidate and give reasons why he or she would be suitable. The balance of skills of the group is also considered. If the Trustees are in agreement, the person is approached by the chairperson.

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.

The GRCT has a principal beneficiary, the e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, which operates on the Garden Route in South Africa. The GRCT also funds a number of other projects –

1. The Missionvale Care Centre Programme for orphaned and vulnerable children as well as feeding programmes in the Missionvale school and other schools/pre-schools in Port Elizabeth and Ermelo. The GRCT has set up the GRCT Project Association to monitor the projects in Port Elizabeth and manage the funds for those projects and the project in Ermelo. In 2020 Isivuno was added.
2. The feeding of children in pre-schools in Hout Bay (Cape Town), and Kleinmond. The Hout Bay project is managed by the Hout Bay Rotary Club whose members also oversee the project in Kleinmond.
3. The Hem of his Garment is supported with e'Pap feeding through Tigerkloof School.
4. The feeding of pre-school children in Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in Laingsburg is managed by the Dutch Reformed Church in the town.
5. The feeding of pre-schools in an ECD centre and creche in Wellington is run by Ma's vir Wellington.
6. Two new projects were started –
 - Through the Rotary Club of St Francis Bay, feeding in a pre-school and creche in the town, a creche in Storms River Village and one in Coldstream.
 - Feeding in a township on the edge of Despatch (near Port Elizabeth) managed by two of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the town.

Travel to South Africa was not permitted for most of 2021 but the increased use of Zoom facilitated South African partners joining our meetings virtually. The new projects were developed through pre-existing, personal contacts.

Trustees work hard to develop and maintain direct relationships of trust with individuals who can ensure that the infrastructure is sustainably available to deliver the food (mainly e'Pap porridge) to the South African children in need.

The GRCT has a risk policy which is reviewed every three years. The Risk Register is reviewed at least annually and additionally when circumstance change significantly.

The principal risks are

- The GRCT lacks direction, strategy and forward planning.
- Loss of a major donor or multiple standing order givers.

Trustees take steps to mitigate these risks and other smaller risks identified in our risk register.

The Risk Register is reviewed by our independent examiner annually.

The charity has a written Funding Policy available.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To relieve financial hardship and to advance the education of children who live in South Africa and who come from financially disadvantaged families and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:

- to assist with the provision of food for such children;
- to assist with the provision of teaching programmes.

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 activities of the GRCT are centred around raising funds in the UK through community events, donor events and supporters undertaking sponsored sports events. In the last year we successfully adapted our usual in person events to a virtual trek which took place in January 2021 and raised a significant amount of money.

The public benefit in South Africa is easy to see and events in the UK give opportunities to build community locally and, this year because they were virtual, more globally too.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in relation to the Trust's activities.

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.

In January 2019, the trustees developed an application form to evaluate new opportunities in SA to ensure that all potential partners and projects are considered in a consistent way and meet the key criteria which make our work cost effective and of maximum benefit for the donations received. In summary, the GRCT funds the projects of groups of people who are already involved with the community for which they request funds. The application form has been used successfully several times to assess new projects for our programme.

In addition, trustees agreed at the start of the pandemic to be more flexible in our distribution methods for e'Pap when schools were closed.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Standing orders and other donations made up £59,324 of a total income of £85,599.

A sum of £81,066 was remitted to our beneficiaries in South Africa over the course of the year.

Our regular financial commitments to our beneficiaries in South Africa were maintained and the Trust continues to see improved outcomes for children who receive e'Pap at school every morning:

- Reduction in illness; very obvious evidence of the reduction of sores on children's heads in the poorest schools.
- Much improved concentration and better learning.
- Better school attendance in some cases.
- Strong support links and positive relationships between different sections of the SA population maintained through the regular delivery of e'Pap to teachers by volunteers.

The impact of COVID on the feeding projects varied depending on the level of restrictions and these changed as the government responded to changes in the rate of infection. When schools were closed some beneficiaries were unable to provide the usual e'Pap meals but the majority found ways to get e'Pap to the children who needed it most. In some cases the children collected packets of e'Pap to take home and in other cases contacts in the community were able to deliver packets of e'Pap directly to families. Although COVID had the biggest impact in 2020, 2021 was still a very challenging year. The number of children attending school and the creches was down across the board and yet there was still huge need.

The e'Pap Children's Feeding Project has been able to expand to George and it has found reliable alternative means to distribute e'Pap in periods of school closure.

Kleinmond in the Western Cape and Ermelo near Johannesburg were new partners in 2019. They are now well-established beneficiaries reporting regularly.

The new projects are also doing well despite the challenges presented by COVID - Laingsburg (through the Dutch Reformed Church), Wellington (through Ma's vir Wellington), Port Elizabeth (through the GRCT Project Association and Isivuno), St Francis Bay (through the Rotary Club) and Despatch (through the Dutch Reformed Church).

UK fundraising events were limited by COVID restrictions but we held a very successful virtual event in January 2021 with some of the funds raised coming in during December 2020. This event raised a significant sum of money and kept our donors and beneficiaries connected.

The trustees find that the events of most benefit to South Africa are those which build community in the UK. This is a secondary aim but one that is important to us.

With our financial position continuing to be stable we are still in a good position to increase the number of children we support with e'Pap in South Africa in a sustainable way, even after the extra pandemic support in 2020.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees try to ensure that at the end of the financial year there are sufficient bank deposits to cover approximately 40% of the estimated total remittances for the following twelve months.
This policy is reviewed annually.

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.

For more on the sources of funds see Section C above.

The charity has a written Funding Policy available.

The financial position is stable and positive.

Section F

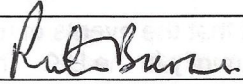

Other optional information

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)	RUTH JEAN BURNS	PATRICK JOHN FLEMING
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	DEPUTY CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	09/06/22	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST	1116278

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-21		31-Dec-21

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					
Donations	52,005	7,319	-	59,324	59,967
Events	13,800	-	-	13,800	1,076
Gift Aid	11,836	538	-	12,374	5,788
Interest received	101	-	-	101	644
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	77,742	7,857	-	85,599	67,475
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	77,742	7,857	-	85,599	67,475
A3 Payments					
E'Pap Feeding Scheme	32,396	6,790	-	39,186	49,103
Missionvale Care Centre	8,250	-	-	8,250	14,050
GRCT Project Association	12,300	-	-	12,300	9,500
The Hem	5,125	-	-	5,125	5,400
Hout Bay Rotary Club	5,189	-	-	5,189	3,500
Kleinmond	1,061	-	-	1,061	2,825
Laingsburg (DR Church)	3,100	-	-	3,100	-
Wellington (Mas vir Wellington)	3,250	-	-	3,250	-
St Francis Bay Rotary Club	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
Despatch (DR Church)	1,005	-	-	1,005	-
Just Giving/Paypal costs	556	9	-	565	320
Printing, stationery & sundry supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Web hosting	30	-	-	30	231
Events	576	-	-	576	-
Bank charges	360	-	-	360	93
Sub total	75,798	6,799	-	82,597	85,022
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	75,798	6,799	-	82,597	85,022
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,944	1,058	-	3,002	- 17,547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	139,403	664	-	140,067	157,614
Cash funds this year end	141,347	1,722	-	143,069	140,067

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current A/c	50,223	1,722	-
	Natwest Reserve A/c	-	-	-
	Natwest Liquidity Manager A/c	91,124	-	-
	Total cash funds	141,347	1,722	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

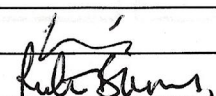
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PATRICK FLEMING	09/06/22
	RUTH BURNS	09/06/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1116278

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(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 31/12/2021.

**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 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.

Signed:

B Steele

Date:

14/6/22

Name:

BARBARA STEELE

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

FCA

Address:

RICHLIN, MANOR WAY

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LEATHERHEAD KT22 0HS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1116278

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2020 Period start date
To 31 December 2020 Period end date

Charity name: GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

Charity registration number: 1116278

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve financial hardship and to advance the education of children who live in South Africa and who come from financially disadvantaged families and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing: - to assist with the provision of food for such children; - to assist with the provision of teaching programmes.
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	The activities of the GRCT are centred around raising funds in the UK through community events, donor events and supporters undertaking sponsored sports events. In the last year we successfully adapted our usual in person events to a virtual trek. The public benefit in South Africa is easy to see and events in the UK give opportunities to build community locally, and this year because they were virtual, more globally too.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in relation to the Trust's activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	In January 2019, the trustees developed an application form to evaluate new opportunities in SA to ensure that all potential partners and projects are considered in a consistent way and meet the key criteria which make our work cost effective and of maximum benefit for the donations received. In summary, the GRCT

		<p>funds the projects of groups of people who are already involved with the community for which they request funds. The application form has been used successfully several times in 2020 to assess new projects for addition to our programme.</p> <p>In addition, trustees agreed at the start of the pandemic to be more flexible in our distribution methods for e'Pap when schools were closed. The trustees met more often to take considered decisions to provide extra funding to our trusted partners in South Africa to alleviate hunger created by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	Para 1.20	<p>Standing orders and other donations made up £59,967 of a total income of £67,475. A sum of £84,378 was remitted to our beneficiaries in South Africa over the course of the year.</p> <p>Our regular financial commitments to our beneficiaries in South Africa were maintained and the Trust continues to see improved outcomes for children who receive e'Pap at school every morning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in illness; very obvious evidence of the reduction of sores on children's heads in the poorest schools. • Much improved concentration and better learning. • Strong support links and positive relationships between different sections of the SA population maintained through the regular

		<p>delivery of e'Pap to teachers by volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better school attendance in some cases. <p>Additional payments were sent to the e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, Missionvale Care Centre and the project in Kleinmond in response to the dire situation caused by the COVID pandemic. There was also an additional payment to the GRCT Project Association following a special request from a contact in Johannesburg; this was sent on a "one-off" basis.</p> <p>The impact of COVID on the feeding projects varied depending on the level of restrictions and these changed as the government responded to changes in the rate of infection. In most cases it was severe. When schools were closed some beneficiaries were unable to provide the usual e'Pap meals but the majority found ways to get e'Pap to the children who needed it most. In some cases the children collected packets of e'Pap to take home and in other cases contacts in the community were able to deliver packets of e'Pap directly to families.</p> <p>The E'Pap Children's Feeding Project has been able to expand to George and it has found reliable alternative means to distribute e'Pap in periods of school closure.</p> <p>Kleinmond in the Western Cape and Ermelo near Johannesburg were new partners in 2019. They are now well-established beneficiaries reporting regularly. Work in Ermelo has been very challenging due to the strict military-managed lockdown in that area.</p> <p>As well as providing additional special support to existing projects, trustees assessed and approved new projects in Laingsburg (through the Dutch Reformed Church), Wellington (through Ma's vir Wellington) and Port Elizabeth (through the GRCT Project Association and Isivuno).</p> <p>UK fundraising events have been limited by COVID restrictions but we held a very successful virtual event in January 2021 with some of the funds raised coming in during December 2020. This event raised a significant sum of money and kept our donors and beneficiaries connected.</p>
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		<p>The trustees find that the events of most benefit to South Africa are those which build community in the UK. This is a secondary aim but one that is important to us.</p> <p>With our financial position continuing to be stable we are still in a good position to increase the numbers of children we support with e'Pap in South Africa in a sustainable way, even after the extra pandemic support in 2020.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		<p>The GRCT has a risk policy which is reviewed every three years. The Risk Register is reviewed at least annually and additionally when circumstance change significantly.</p> <p>The charity has a written Funding Policy available.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Stable and positive.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees try to ensure that at the end of the financial year there are sufficient bank deposits to cover approximately 40% of the estimated total remittances for the following twelve months. This policy is reviewed annually.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Around £140,000.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
	Para 1.46	The principal risks are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GRCT lacks direction, strategy and forward planning,

A description of the principal risks facing the charity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of a major donor or multiple standing order givers Trustees take steps to mitigate these risks and other smaller risks identified in our risk register. Our risk register is reviewed by our independent examiner annually.
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	Trust
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	A Trustee or Trustees propose a candidate and give reasons why he or she would be suitable. The balance of skills of the group are also considered. If the Trustees are in agreement, the person is approached by the chairperson

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		<p>The GRCT has a principal beneficiary, the e'Pap Children's Feeding Project, which operates on the Garden Route in South Africa. The GRCT also funds a number of other projects –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Missionvale Care Centre Programme for orphaned and vulnerable children as well as feeding programmes in the Missionvale school and other schools in Port Elizabeth and Ermelo. The GRCT has set up the GRCT Project Association to monitor the projects in Port Elizabeth and manage the funds for those projects and the project in Ermelo. In 2020 Isivuno was added. The feeding of children in pre-schools in Hout Bay, Cape Town, and Kleinmond. The Hout Bay project is managed by the Hout Bay Rotary Club

		<p>whose members also oversee the project in Kleinmond.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Hem of his Garment is supported with e'Pap feeding through Tigerkloof School. 4. The feeding of pre-school children in Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in Laingsburg is managed by the Dutch Reformed Church in the town. 5. The feeding of pre-schools in an ECD centre and creche in Wellington is run by Ma's vir Wellington. <p>Travel to South Africa was not permitted for most of 2020 but the increased use of Zoom facilitated South African partners joining our meetings virtually. The new projects were developed through pre-existing face to face, personal contact before the pandemic.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Trustees work hard to develop and maintain direct relationships of trust with individuals who can ensure that the infrastructure is sustainably available to deliver the e'Pap funded by the GRCT to the South African children in need. See para 1.38
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Garden Route Children's Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1116278
Charity's principal address	Longstead Sheath Lane Oxshott Surrey KT22 0QU

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	Ruth Burns	Deputy Chair	Chair in 2020	
2	Mark Chapman	Information officer		

3	Lesley Flaxman		
4	Nicki Galazka	Marketing & Design	
5	Patrick Fleming	Financial advisor	
6	Jenny Jennings		
7	Alison Lewis		
8	Catherine Michell	Chair	Deputy Chair in 2020
9	Dudley Sloggett		
10	Cathy Williamson	Treasurer	
11			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)	<i>Ruth Burns.</i>	<i>PJ</i>
Full name(s)	RUTH JEAN BURNS	PATRICK JOHN FLEMING
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	28/06/21	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST	1116278

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-20		31-Dec-20

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					
Donations	47,339	12,628	-	59,967	39,676
Events	1,076	-	-	1,076	9,275
Gift Aid	4,100	1,688	-	5,788	17,864
Interest received	644	-	-	644	414
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,159	14,316	-	67,475	67,229
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,159	14,316	-	67,475	67,229
A3 Payments					
E'Pap Feeding Scheme	35,370	13,733	-	49,103	36,210
Missionvale Care Centre	14,050	-	-	14,050	8,000
GRCT Project Association	9,500	-	-	9,500	-
The Hem	5,400	-	-	5,400	2,400
Hout Bay Rotary Club	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,000
Kleinmond	2,825	-	-	2,825	-
Just Giving/Paypal costs	300	20	-	320	344
Printing, stationery & sundry supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Web hosting	231	-	-	231	-
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	93	-	-	93	136
Sub total	71,269	13,753	-	85,022	50,090
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	71,269	13,753	-	85,022	50,090
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,110	563	-	- 17,547	17,139
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	157,513	101	-	157,614	140,475
Cash funds this year end	139,403	664	-	140,067	157,614

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current A/c	48,380	664	-
	Natwest Reserve A/c	-	-	-
	Natwest Liquidity Manager A/c	91,023	-	-
	Total cash funds	139,403	664	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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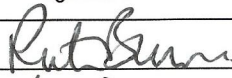
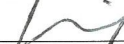
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RUTH BURNS	17/06/21
	PATRICK FLEMING	17/06/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1116278

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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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE