



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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 <p>Trustees take steps to mitigate these risks and other smaller risks identified in our risk register.</p> <p>Our risk register is reviewed by our independent examiner annually.</p>
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"> 1. 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. 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

		<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		
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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
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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
GARDEN ROUTE CHILDREN'S TRUST

No (if any)
1116278

Receipts and payments accounts

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

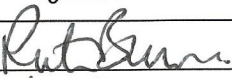

Section A Receipts and payments

	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))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Set out on pages

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1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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:

29/6/21

Name:

BARBARA STEELE

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

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Address:

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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).

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

NONE