



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

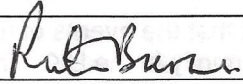

Other optional information

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
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-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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

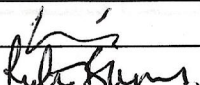
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



PATRICK FLEMING
RUTH BURNS

09/06/22
09/06/22



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

Set out on pages

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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):

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Address:

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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

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