



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

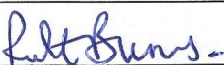
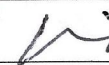
Other optional information

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	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-22		31-Dec-22

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
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RUTH BURNS
PATRICK FLEMING

12/05/23
12/05/23



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

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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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:

- 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:

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

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