

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Supporting West Africa Through Schooling (SWATS)		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1159662		
Charity's principal address	The Coach House, Gregories Farm Lane, Beaconsfield		
Postcode	HP9 1HJ		

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 Hancock			
2 Fraser Hancock			
3 Claire Purchase			
4 Richard Wilson			
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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)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. The advancement of education for the public benefit in West Africa by such means as the trustees think fit including:
 - a. providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at schools including at the Evans Primary School in Tengbeh Town, Freetown;
 - b. promoting, supporting or funding individuals or organisations in order that West African people in need can access educational or training programmes beyond primary school including:
 - i. awarding financial support to such persons (e.g. scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants or resources/items tenable for secondary, tertiary, further, higher, specialist or vocational education or training);
 - ii. providing for their education or preparation for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment.
 - iii. assisting any charity in West Africa whose aims include advancing education of persons by developing their mental, physical and moral capabilities through educational or leisure time activities;
2. The prevention or relief of poverty in West Africa by providing grants, items, and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty including, but not limited to, the purchase of food, medical supplies, medical treatment or other goods or services necessary for relieving poverty

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 purpose of SWATS is:

1. To advance the education of the pupils at the Evans Primary School, Freetown, Sierra Leone, by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school.

2. For the public benefit to promote or support the education (including social and physical training) of people in West Africa in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:

a. awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college or institution of higher or further education;

b. providing their education (including the study of music or other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance of that education or to prepare for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment.

3. The prevention or relief of poverty in West Africa by providing: grants, items, and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

4. To assist in such ways as the charity trustees think fit any charity in West Africa whose aims include advancing education of persons by developing their mental, physical and moral capabilities through educational or leisure time activities.

For the public benefit, SWATS aims to develop educated, healthy young people who are better able to find and maintain employment and thus contribute to their community. In Sierra Leone one person in employment often supports multiple members of their extended family. Thus by increasing the educational attainment and employment potential of individuals within the community, the benefits will be spread widely across the community.

Beneficiaries of SWATS will benefit from:

- Free or subsidised education
- A safe environment in which to learn
- Employment opportunities for the teaching staff that guarantees them fair and regular salaries
- Employment opportunities through building and infrastructure projects where as far as possible all projects will be staffed by local people

- Access to goods and services to reduce poverty

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout the year SWATS continued to provide grants that fully funded all running costs of the Evans Primary School. The charity paid for exam fees for a number of students this year and also undertook regular maintenance work, including to the water tank and toilets. We replaced the roof of the school and funded a sports day for the children.

This year we provided a small bonus payment to teachers to help them cope with the cost of living crisis engulfing the country and gave each employee a pay rise.

Each child continued to receive a free lunch each day.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

SWATS aims to have a full year of Evans primary school running costs (c. £12,000) in reserve at all times.

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.

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 Handcock	Claire Purchase
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	04/01/26	

P&L summary		GBP
	Income	8705
	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>(11141)</u>
	Retained surplus	(2436)
Income summary		
	Donations from individuals	2641
	Donations from charities or foundations	4789
	Gift aid on eligible donations	682
	<u>Credit interest</u>	<u>593</u>
	Total income	8705
Expenses summary		
	Salaries	(4428)
	School meals	(4436)
	School repairs, improvements and equipment	(2025)
	School exam fees	(180)
	<u>Interest & charges</u>	<u>(72)</u>
	Total expenses	(11141)

Cashflow summary		GBP
	2024 carry forward	38804
	2025 expenditure	(2436)
	2026 opening balance	36368