

**Project Gambia Trust Ridgewood**

**Registered Charity no 1160143**

**Annual Report to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

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**1. Charitable objects**

In summary our charitable objects are:

- ✓ Promote and support the advancement of education in The Gambia
- ✓ Advance the education of the UK public in issues facing those in The Gambia
- ✓ Prevent and relieve poverty in The Gambia

**2. Activities**

This year we have taken 3 school trips out to The Gambia, in addition to which ongoing projects included:

- Schools feeding programme
- Let's see red (period poverty)
- Project Gambia shop
- Container full of donated goods sent out
- Work in various schools including sponsored children, building new classrooms and refurbishment of classrooms
- Training of teachers in phonics, numeracy, assessment and reporting
- Setting up a Junior Leadership Programme
- Support for new businesses
- Establishment of a new school

**Further details** on all of the above can be found on our website at [www.projectgambia.org.uk](http://www.projectgambia.org.uk)

**3. Governance**

Project Gambia Trust Ridgewood is a registered charity in the UK (reg no 1160143), the address is 25 Clark Street, Stourbridge DY8 3UF, and email address is [projectgambia1@gmail.com](mailto:projectgambia1@gmail.com)

Throughout the year the trustees were:

- C V Bridgewater
- S Davis
- J Hill (Treasurer)

- B Hodt (Executive Officer)
- J Hodt (Chair)

G R Broadhead resigned her position as a trustee on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, and we would like to thank her for her support over 9 years as a trustee. Alex Smith was appointed as a trustee on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

During the year the trustees met twice, including an AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The trust did not employ anybody and no trustees were remunerated for their work with Project Gambia.

4. Annual accounts

The annual accounts are set out below.

5. Independent examiner's report

The independent examiner's report is set out below.

The trustees would like to thank David Benton AAT, for his support and assistance in producing this report.



**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

Project Gambia Trust Ridgewood

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 May 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1160143

Set out on pages

3 and 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 05 / 2024.

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").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*David Benton*

Date:

12/11/2024

Name:

David Benton

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

AAT

Address:

8 Perrins Rise, Perrins Lane

Stourbridge, West Midlands

DY9 8XP

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.



**Receipts and payments accounts**

CC16a

For the period  
from

01-Jun-23

To

31-May-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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Organised trips	134,763	-	-	134,763	-
General Donations	6,346	-	-	6,346	-
Period Poverty	2,047	-	-	2,047	-
Food Programme	4,092	-	-	4,092	-
Promotions	919	-	-	919	-
Sponsored Children	6,394	-	-	6,394	-
Container	4,020	-	-	4,020	-
Ebay shop	1,041	-	-	1,041	-
St Peters Building	4,151	-	-	4,151	-
Other	6,712	-	-	6,712	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>170,485</b>	-	-	<b>170,485</b>	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>170,485</b>	-	-	<b>170,485</b>	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Organised trips	117,422	-	-	117,422	-
General Donations	22,056	-	-	22,056	-
Period Poverty	4,771	-	-	4,771	-
Food Programme	3,689	-	-	3,689	-
Promotions	5,700	-	-	5,700	-
Sponsored Children	6,040	-	-	6,040	-
Container	3,973	-	-	3,973	-
Ebay shop	3,934	-	-	3,934	-
St Peters Building	2,228	-	-	2,228	-
Other	169,813	-	-	169,813	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>169,813</b>	-	-	<b>169,813</b>	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>169,813</b>	-	-	<b>169,813</b>	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>672</b>	-	-	<b>672</b>	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>73,804</b>	-	-	<b>73,804</b>	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>74,476</b>	-	-	<b>74,476</b>	-

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	74,476	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	74,476	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GEORGIA WILKINSON	4/1/25
	ALEX SMITH	4/1/25