



## **Playgrounds for Palestine UK**

### **Trustee report for 2020**

Despite the pandemic, which meant that no fundraising events could take place, almost £30,000 was raised in 2020, a considerable increase on the previous year. We benefited from a very generous donation from a supporter, who also match funded donations during our Christmas appeal. Two churches, St Oswald's and All Saints supported our work, and we are very grateful to them and to all our supporters. Thanks too to Claire Trow-Smith who has examined our accounts.

During the year, monies were sent to fund specialist playground equipment at the Al-Shurooq school for the blind in Bethlehem and also for an outside gym for older students at the Talitha Kumi School near Bethlehem – this will also be used by local children. We have now funded seven playgrounds funded by Playgrounds for Palestine UK to seven – three in the West Bank, two in Gaza, and two in Lebanon.

Information about all these projects, and photographs, can be seen on our website

[www.playgroundsforPalestineUK.org](http://www.playgroundsforPalestineUK.org)

During the year, our long-standing trustees Reverend Tony Lynn and Frank Paul, stood down: both are missed. However, we were joined by Evie Dickinson, Sarah Parkhouse, Julian Lewis and Henry Bowlby, all of whom bring a wealth of expertise that is hugely beneficial. Increasingly, during the year, we have worked closely with our American counterparts, Susie and Hanan, as we seek ways of building playgrounds that are ecologically friendly.

In 2020 we started two major projects: one working with PfpUSA and the University of Gaza to design and build an eco-friendly playground for the municipality of Bani Suhaila, in Gaza, the second working to create a forest playground in Jenin in the West Bank. We hope to complete the first of these playgrounds in 2021, though the Jenin project, which is ambitious, may take longer.

The trustees of Playgrounds for Palestine UK



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UK registered charity 1164949

## 2020 Accounts

### Income

Donations received:

Individuals - gift aided	£21,264.90
Individuals - match funding	£2,500.00
Individuals - not gift aided	£255.62
All Saints Church, Putney	£1,450.00
St Oswald's Church	£3,323.48
Easy Fundraising	£39.36
Virgin Money Giving	£410.66
Fitsteps, Buckland	£155.00

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Interest	£29.15
HMRC gift aid refunded	£521.25

**Total income £29,949.42**

### Expenditure

Bank fees (CAF charges, £5 per month)	£60.00
Bank fees for transfers	£60.00
Transfer to Palestine (building playgrounds)	£18,785.65
Website fees	£168.00

**Total expenditure £19,073.65**

Opening balance	£33,499.22
Net of receipts/(payments)	£10,875.77
	<b>£44,374.99</b>

### Represented by

CAF main account	£2,733.82
CAF gold account	£41,641.17
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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Playgrounds for Palestine UK Charitable Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020 which have been provided to me by the Trustees.

### *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that:

- an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act); and
- an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### *Basis of independent examiner's report*

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### *Independent examiner's statement*

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Relevant professional qualification or body: N/A

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Date: 3 May 2021



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