

The Olive Harvest Trust

Statement of Accounts and Report 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

All amounts are in £

Opening balance			
CAF Bank	19,782.41		
Cash (£, ILS)	113.15		
Total opening assets	19895.56		
Income		Expenditure	
Total donations (1) including GiftAid and interest	7889.96	Dalia study in Spain (2)	3458.75
		OHT leaflets March	35
		Burin June electrical repairs	1200
		Madama boys school Sept. fence repair and monitor for classroom	1750
		Urif Nov. tablets etc for internet access	4461
		Bruqin Nov. playground refurbishment	268
		Madama online education Dec.	3,500
		CAF monthly a/c fees	60
		Total expenditure	14732.75
Surplus/deficit for the year			6842.79
CAF Bank closing			12,939.62
Cash in hand			113.15
Total assets			13,052.77

Notes below

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1. Some of the donation figures are the net amount after Stripe (our payment company) has taken their fee: 1.4% +0.20p.
2. The money raised for Dalia's study was £3658.75 and a surplus of £200 passed into the general OHT accounts.

Prepared by OHT Treasurer, Stuart Sweeney, September 2024

Charitable objects of The Olive Harvest Trust

ADVANCING EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUPILS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE IN THE RURAL AREAS OF SOUTH NABLUS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES THINK FIT, INCLUDING BY:

1 PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM WHERE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ARE INADEQUATE. THESE MAY INCLUDE COMPUTERS AND RELATED ITEMS, SCIENCE EQUIPMENT CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND BOOKS.

2 PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR SPORTS AND PHYSICAL TRAINING.

3 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SPECIALIST OR SUPPORT TEACHERS.

4 PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS TO ENABLE THEM TO STUDY OUTSIDE OF PALESTINE.

Trustees

Andrew Eastaugh, Chair

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Report

In 2023, The Olive Harvest Trust has continued its work in education in South Nablus in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in a variety of forms. Financial details are given in the accounts above. For Burin Secondary School, we assisted with funding for necessary electrical repairs. In Madama Boys' School we financed the repair of a fence and provided a monitor for classroom work. We also continued our support for the playground in Bruqin by contributing to a refurbishment programme.

The latter stages of the year, post 7th October, saw an increase in the restrictive measures implemented by the Israeli occupation. Due to the proliferation of checkpoints and army and settler attacks in the rural areas of the OPT student and staff cannot get to schools and parents are often afraid of letting their children go to school. On many days schools remain closed. Thus, online learning has become vital for maintaining school tuition – always an important part of life in the West Bank. We began raising a special fund to provide tablets, mobile phones and other requirements for online learning and the first recipients were Urif School and Madama Boys' School. We expect to continue this branch of our funding in 2024.

A Palestinian student from Madama, Dalia Faraj, was supported with living expenses by the OHT during studies 2022/23 and was awarded her Master's Degree in Technology and Engineering Management from the University of Tarragona in Spain.

The Trustees met on several occasions, with Zoom meetings predominating and proving successful. At these meetings we were sometimes joined by some of our school partners in the West Bank to update us about the situation. Funding for schools by the Palestinian Authority becomes more problematic, due to the failure by the Israeli government to hand over the tax payments due to the PA. Thus, the work of the Olive Harvest Trust becomes an even more important, if small, lifeline for the successful continuation of school education in the south Nablus region of the West Bank.

The accounts were approved by the Olive Harvest Trust Trustees on 21st October 2024.

Andrew Eastaugh, Chair, Olive Harvest Trust