

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1170414

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2016-11-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY OFFERING UNDERGRADUATE GRANTS TO DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DHEISHEH PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP AND ITS VICINITY IN BETHLEHEM WHO DEMONSTRATE ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS BUT WHOSE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SITUATION HINDERS THEM FROM PURSUING UNDERGRADUATE STUDY WITHIN PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITIES.

Activities: Financially support young adults from Dheisheh Palestinian Refugee camp in Bethlehem to study for an undergraduate degree at Al Quds University, East Jerusalem and Bethlehem University. The money is sent directly to the universities not the student. All are within the OPT.Up to March 2025, JAEP has funded eighty seven young adults to study for an undergraduate degree.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Occupied Palestinian Territories

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£92,732	£47,323	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,625	£62,646	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,505	£73,457	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,163	£73,752	-	-
2021-03-31	£94,478	£78,081	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Blair Aves		2016-10-10
Benjamin Thomas Urquhart Aves		2019-02-21
ELIZABETH ANN MAGEM		2016-10-10
NICHOLAS TAYLOR		2016-10-10

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The John Aves Education Project (JAEP)

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

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Financial control & Report

Changes to income.

During the 2024/25 financial year our income almost doubled.
The main reason was a £50,000 individual donation.

In addition, the events in 2024 to remember the 20th anniversary of the death of John Aves resulted in a 20% increase in standing orders to 60. Giving from SO increased by 25%

JAEP received two one off donations (GA) of over £1000 from individuals.

JAEP received £4000 from QPSW and £2000 WDP

JAEP received £6825 from Unipal.

JAEP continues to receive donations from parishes, Quaker meetings and other organisations.

After the significant number of events in 2023 – 2024 to mark the 20 anniversary of the death of John Aves JAEP purposefully did no significant fund raising in 2024-2025.

The changing political, economic, and social situation for students and impact on expenditure.

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Running of accounts.

Because of the £50,000 donation, student grants were not paid using some of our reserves.

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At the year end we are holding £144097 in our bank accounts. £53470 is the amount already committed for grants, including reserve, this leaves us with £90627 to fund new students.

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Selection and monitoring of students

To date, JAEP has funded eighty seven young people to achieve an undergraduate degree.

At Al Quds University (AQU) selection of new students is carried out in collaboration with the Financial Aid Department (FAD) at the University. JAEP reviews its scholarship guidance notes and application form with each university on an annual basis. The FAD uploads JAEP's notes and form on the university's website as part of the annual call for JAEP's scholarship applications. At Bethlehem University (BU) the Student Finance Manager promotes the project to students from Dheisheh in need of financial aid.

JAEP Trustees and members review the scholarship applications and any supporting documents and then interview shortlisted candidates via Zoom. In 2024/25, three new AQU and 4 BU scholarships were given. This academic year universities have reopened, after being closed for the previous academic year after 07/10/2023.

In total, JAEP supported 18 students during the academic year 2024/25 (7 new and 11 continuing students). Thirteen students were studying at AQU and the remaining five were at BU.

The JAEP team continues to ensure and provide evidence that we are selecting young people who are academically able to benefit from and in need of our financial support. We further request transcripts of student results at the end of each academic year. Any student who either had poor results or did not complete the year would be contacted by JAEP for further assessment.

Unfortunately, no monitoring visit has been possible this academic year because of the security situation in the region. Studying continues to be very challenging for students and staff.

JAEP management of the project

Trustee meetings and sub meetings throughout 2024/2025 were all in person, with the option of trustees joining via zoom. Members also have regular e-communications. JAEP does not have an office or paid staff members.

There have been no new in person or webinars offered by the Charity Commission International engagement team this year.

Outreach and success with grant applications

We have continued to receive support from Unipal. In 2024/2025 Unipal funded three JAEP students at Bethlehem University studying nursing (2) and

midwifery (1). Unipal have committed to fund the students for the remaining years of their course.

Quaker Peace Social Witness (QPSW) £4000 one off grant
World Day of Prayer £2000 one off grant

JAEP produced a newsletter in November to over 150 supporters, the hit rate remains high at over 80%.

The Future

JAEP will continue to look for funding opportunities.

JAEP is planning a fundraising evening on 21st October at Ipswich Road URC.

We look forward to the time peace returns to the area and we can resume our regular monitoring visits.

Anne Aves (Trustee)

Liz Magem (Trustee)

Nick Taylor (Trustee)

**JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT
YEAR END 31st March, 2025**

INCOME	2024/25	
Regular Gift Aid Donations	11,046	
One-off Gift Aids	4,183	
Tax reclaim Gift Aid	3,058	
Other Donations	69,123	
Fund Raising	136	
St. Eds printing refund	138	
Bank Interest / other	1,499	
Cmas Cards and other sales	3,549	
	<u>£ 92,732</u>	£

EXPENDITURE	2024/25	
Bank Charges	0	
Educational Grants	44,572	
Administration Expenses	71	
Fund raising	57	
Foreign Travel Expenses	0	
Other Costs squarespace & google	259	
Cmas /greeting cards	2,364	
	<u>£ 47,323</u>	£

STATEMENT of FUNDS

	2024/25		
	£	£	£
Balance at beginning of year			
Current & Busines	98,691		112,589
		98,691	
Add Surplus (loss) for year			
Income	92,732		48,748
Expenditure	47,323	45,409	62,646

£ 144,100

£

Represented by
Current Account
Saving Account

£ 1,276

£ 142,821

£ 144,097

2023/24

8,276

3,544

2,931

12,236

15,594

270

1,197

4,700

48,748

2023/24

0

53,938

442

5,527

0

111

2,628

62,646

2023/24

£

112,589

-13,898

98,691



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Trustee Name: JOHN ALES Education Project

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025 Charity no (if any) 1170414

Set out on pages

1 & 2 (remember to indicate the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

BA Sargent

Date:

1/10/25

Name:

BARBARA ANN SARGENT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

QUALIFIED AS ACCA ACCOUNTANT

(if any):

Address:

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During the 2023/24 financial year our income increased by 58%. This was for the following reasons:

- £2492 Bishop of Norwich Open Gardens in May 2023.
- £6488 Mannington Open House and Gardens September 2023 run jointly with The Matthew Project.
- £4538 5 church services and 11 talks to mark the 20th anniversary of John's death in January 2004 and to celebrate the achievements of JAEP.
- All raised the awareness and importance of the work of JAEP. Regular gift aid increased on the previous year by £1579. From 15 new standing orders and 10 increased standing orders.
- Income from card sales was a new high, with an increase of more than £1000 on the previous year. This was because greetings cards sold well at events.
- Support for the work of JAEP increased after 07/10/23 which had a significant impact for our students and their families.
- Following a suggestion from JAEP independent examiner in August 2023, the 2023-2024 accounts record fund raising expenditure as a separate item, thereby enabling us to calculate the effectiveness of the different events. Mannington, an event run jointly incurred the highest costs (£3797), as we shared the profits 50/50. Costs for the Bishop Open Gardens were £533.35. The 20th Anniversary events incurred the lowest costs (£220).

The changing political, economic, and social situation for students and impact on expenditure.

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Running of accounts.

As in the previous year student grants were paid using some of our reserves and these were reduced by £13k. This was anticipated and reflects the roll out of funding from the very generous gifts received in 2019 and 2020. The donor requested that the money was used to provide more scholarships and not invested.

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Following 07/10/2023 all checkpoints in the West Bank were closed, students were unable to travel to university, learning returned online. The academic year has been very challenging for students and staff.

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The Chair and Secretary attended in person / webinar Charity Commissioners International Engagement Team training events. These included:

- 20 July (in person): Working Overseas: Risks, Responsibilities, and Legal Duties
- 17 October (webinar): Safeguarding expectations in an international context.
- 21 March (webinar): Charities and Social media.

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Over 100 attended the Bishop of Norwich Open Gardens on 21 May.

A record number of over 1200 attended the Mannington Hall and Gardens Charity Day on Sunday 3 September.

The five church services and eleven events to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of John Aves and celebrate the achievements of JAEP exceeded all expectations, with approximately 1000 attending.

JAEP produced Newsletters in April, November, and January to over 130 supporters, the hit rate remains high at over 80%.

The Future

JAEP has applied for funding to help pay the outstanding family share of student tuition fees from:

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Fund raising	5,616
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Other Costs squarespace & google	379
Cmas /greeting cards	2,658
	<u>£ 62,646</u>

STATEMENT of FUNDS

	£	2023/24 £
Balance at beginning of year		
Current & Business	112,589	112,589
Add Surplus (loss) for year		
Income	48,747	
Expenditure	62,646	<u>-13,899</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>98,690</u>
Represented by		
Current Account	£	1,351
Saving Account	£	<u>97,337</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>98,688</u>

2022/23

6,580
5,186
2,223
10,929

253
3,334
£ 28,505

2022/23

0
67,501
55

2,719
3,182
£ 73,457

2022/23

£	£
157,541	157,541
28,505	
73,457	-44,952
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Signed: [Signature] Date: 15/8/24

Name: BARBARA SARGENT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACCOUNTANT (FCCA QUALIFIED)

(if any):

Address:

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Barclays Bank were instructed by the UK Government to undertake a Periodic Review of all their accounts to ensure all account holders were abiding by Money laundering laws. It would appear the task was under resourced by Barclays, emails and phone calls were not answered for weeks. JAEP received the first request in September 2022. The process wasn't completed until December 2022 and was very labour intensive!

Financial control & Report

During the 2022/23 financial year our income increased slightly. This was mainly due to a very successful fund-raising event held in November 2022, The Big Give Christmas Campaign raised £5292. This was the first time we had run the, well established, match funded campaign which was well received by our supporters. JAEP also had a stall for the second successive year at Mannington Hall Charity Day in September.

Regular gift aids increased on the previous year by a hundred pounds which is an indication of the level of support JAEP receives that hasn't been impacted by the continuing cost-of-living crisis and world uncertainty.

JAEP continues to receive regular financial support from local churches and Quaker Meetings. Namely St. Peter Mancroft, Eaton Parish Church, URC Ipswich Road, Aylsham, Exeter and Norwich Quaker meetings.

The 20% reduction in the value of the pound against the US\$ had a big impact on the number of students we felt it was expedient to fund in September 2022. Scholarships are confirmed in September / October, i.e. at the beginning of the academic year. This coincided with an hourly fall in the value of the pound. Fortunately, our policies protected us during these times and underlines our prudent approach.

As the £ continued to be unpredictable against the \$, the current level of reserve needed for commitment to existing students is added to the notes section of the monthly accounts.

Income from card sales decreased slightly during the year from £3,726 to £3,334. This was due to one of the designs not selling well.

Travel expenses were incurred this year as covid travel restrictions have been lifted. These monitoring visits are an essential part of our validation process for student selection and provide student stories for fund raising talks.

As in the previous year student grants were paid using some of our reserves and these were reduced by £45k. This was anticipated and reflects the roll out of funding from the very generous gifts received in 2019 and 2020. The donor requested that the money was used to provide more scholarships and not invested.

At the year end we are holding £112,585 in our bank accounts. £72,842 is the amount already committed for grants, this leaves us with £39,743 to fund new students.

The accounts will be independently checked and a letter of compliance issued.

As we work through the generous gifts previously made, I am satisfied with the continued progress the charity is making and the controls in place to ensure comprehensive compliance and levels of reserves. We have adjusted our support to new students to reflect the current level of income and fluctuations in the pound /US\$ exchange rate.

The treasurer updates the ledgers once every month onto an Excel spreadsheet. After the bank reconciliation a copy of the account spreadsheets is emailed to each of the Trustees to ensure that there is transparency but also to ensure that back-ups are available off site in addition to regular on-site procedures.

Selection and monitoring of students

JAEP has funded seventy four young people to achieve an undergraduate degree.

At Al Quds University election of new students is carried out in collaboration with the Financial Aid Department (IAD) at the University. Al Quds University remains JAEP's main partner. Al Quds University has campuses in East Jerusalem, Abu Dis, and al-Bireh. JAEP reviews its scholarship guidance notes and application form with each university on an annual basis. The FAD uploads JAEP's notes and form on the university's website as part of the annual call for JAEP's scholarship applications. At Bethlehem University the Student Finance Manager promotes the project to students from Dheisheh in need of financial aid.

JAEP Trustees and members review the scholarship applications and any supporting documents and then interview shortlisted candidates via Zoom. The applications from Bethlehem University were received well after the closing date. Because of this JAEP did not to fund any students in September 2022. JAEP launched its application process for 2023/2024 in April 2023 (outside this reporting period).

The JAEP team continues to ensure and provide evidence that we are selecting young people who are academically able to benefit from and in need of our financial support. To this end we receive transcripts of student results at the end of each academic year. Any student who either had poor results or did not complete the year would be contacted by JAEP.

Monitoring visit 18 – 28 February 2023

The Chair and Secretary returned for their first post Covid visit since 2020. The visit took the same format as previously. Staying in Ecce Homo Convent Via Dolorosa from 18 – 23 February, travelling daily by bus from East Jerusalem to Al Quds University (AQU) in Abu Dis. From 23 – 27 February staying in Dheisheh Palestinian Refugee Camp. In Bethlehem. While staying in Dheisheh the trustees spent a morning at Bethlehem University (BU). At both AQU and BU the staff who administer JAEP cleared their diaries to spend time with us. As a result our partnerships continue to grow and deepen. At the time of our visit JAEP was sponsoring 26 young people living in Dheisheh, 21 at AQU and 5 at BU. We spent time with 15 at AQU and all 5 at BU. The 6 current AQU students we didn't see were out on placement. While staying at Dheisheh we met a number of the young people again and recorded videos.

The visit didn't raise any concerns with our relationships at either university. While staying at Dheisheh Camp the staff there set up a meeting with The Head of Student Affairs at Dar Al Kalima University in Bethlehem.

JAEP management of the project

Trustee meetings and sub meetings throughout 2022/2023 were all in person, with the option of trustees joining via zoom. Members also have regular e-communications. JAEP does not have an office or paid staff members.

The Chair and Secretary continue to look for opportunities to attend events by the Charity Commissioners International Engagement Team.

Outreach and success with grant applications

We have continued to receive support from Unipal. In 2022/2023 Unipal continues to fund two JAEP students. Both students are studying Midwifery one at Al Quds University and the other at Bethlehem University. Unipal have committed to fund both students for the remaining years of their course. Unipal funded a student studying Special Education at Al Quds University for two years 2018/2019 and 2019/ 2020.

JAEP was successful in their application to The Big Give Christmas Challenge Campaign. We launched the campaign in July 2022 and by the deadline of 02/09/2022 JAEP had received £1000 in pledges. This was matched by a donation of £1000 from a Champion. The next step in the Big Give Challenge was to raise £2000 in a week from 29 November to 6 December. We launched this stage with a JAEP event on 29 November. The total raised was £5292 (includes gift aid).

JAEP was successful in their application to run one of the Bishop of Norwich Open Gardens. Our allocated Sunday is 21 May.

JAEP had further success in being selected to organise, with the Matthew Project. Mannington Hall and Gardens Charity Day on Sunday 3 September. We will share the profits 50/50.

As Covid-19 restrictions have eased we have returned to talking to groups. For 2022-2023 we have given eight? which includes St. Peter Mancroft having JAEP as their Lent Appeal in April 2022 and Mannington Hall Charity Day in September. JAEP continues to receive support and donations from many of these organisations for examples as Charity of the Month.

Online donations continue at a steady rate and were invaluable during the Big Give campaign.

JAEP produced Newsletters in July, October and November (Big Give Campaign) 2022. The Newsletter was sent electronically to an increasing number of supporters 99, 103 and 114 respectively. The open rate continues to be high, 76.8%, 79.6% and 80.4% retrospectively. Seven supporters receive the Newsletter by post.

The Future

Monitoring visits enable us to:

Maintain and develop our links with Dheisheh Refugee Camp. This enables us to better target the most disadvantaged students with the greatest potential.

Maintain and development our strong link with Al Quds University.
Continue to develop our understanding of how JAEP applicants are selected by Bethlehem University

Follow up on the meeting to discuss funding undergraduate students, with the newly appointed Director of Student Affairs at Dar Al Kalima University of the Arts in Bethlehem.

2022 – 2023 has been a very busy year for fund raising events. The plan is for 2024 to be maintaining contact with the twenty organisations who, pre the pandemic regularly invited us to give talks and/or make donations to the project, to offer to return to update them about JAEP. We continue to grow this number and maintain a calendar of talks and events throughout the year.

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the death of John. Events are being made to mark this with one major event at Norwich Cathedral.

The Trustees feel that future “organic” growth will better target the students able to provide a dividend of skills in their community while keeping costs to a minimum.

Anne Aves (Trustee)

Liz Magem (Trustee)

Nick Taylor (Trustee)

**JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT
YEAR END 31st March, 2023**

INCOME	2022/23	
Regular Gift Aid Donations	6,580	
One-off Gift Aids	5,186	
Tax reclaim Gift Aid	2,223	
Other Donations/Fund Raising	10,929	
Bank Interest	253	
Xmas Cards and other sales	3,334	
	<u>£ 28,505</u>	£

EXPENDITURE	2022/23	
Bank Charges	0	
Educational Grants	67,501	
Administration Expenses	55	
Foreign Travel Expenses	2,719	
Other Costs	3,182	
	<u>£ 73,457</u>	£

STATEMENT of FUNDS

	2022/23		
	£	£	£
Balance at beginning of year			
Current & Business	157,541		205,130
		157,541	
Add Surplus (loss) for year			
Income	28,505		26,163
Expenditure	73,457	<u>-44,952</u>	73,752
	<u>£</u>	<u>112,589</u>	<u>£</u>
Represented by			
Current Account	£	1,746	
Saving Account	£	<u>110,840</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>112,585</u>	

2021/22

6,477

2,054

2,112

11,530

264

3,726

26,163

2021/22

70

71,722

57

0

1,903

73,752

2021/22

£

205,130

-47,589

157,541



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

TOKA Aves Education Project

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/23

Charity no (if any)

1170414

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/23.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: Barbara Ann Sargent

Date: 8/9/2023

Name: Barbara Ann Sargent

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Qualified as ACCA but not now a member of the professional body

(if any):

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West Bridgford

Nottingham NG2 6FG.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Nothing to disclose

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1170414

Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

(1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022)

We have been an independent charity since the end of November 2016. The Trustees' annual report outlines progress made in respect to compliance and financial control, philosophy and working practices, as well as a progress update on numbers of students supported and our current financial position.

The John Aves Education Project team

JAEP's policy has always been to enrol Trustees and committee members with relevant experience and skills to fulfil the objects of the JAEP. This is to identify and monitor selection of suitable candidates from the Dheisheh Refugee Camp in Palestine as well as to manage efficiently and with compliance the administration of the charity.

JAEP currently has five Trustees and one committee member who joins in the Board of Trustees meetings and regularly liaises with the Trustees. The experience, skills and interest of the team are wide and all are mentioned here:

Anne Aves is our Chair and the widow of John, in whose memory JAEP was founded. Anne worked at City College Norwich from 1984 until her retirement in 2017. Her roles have included teaching, Head of Department and managing regional projects to re-engage vulnerable young people. Anne has returned to Dheisheh Camp, Al Quds and Bethlehem universities a number of times.

Liz Magem is the secretary for our committee. Liz has been involved in education for over 30 years. Her roles have included Head of Department at City College Norwich, a training consultant for Aviva and a principal lecturer for QA, the UK's leading learning company. Liz is currently a freelancer trainer. Liz and Anne Aves have been friends for over 30 years, and through that friendship Liz came to know John. Liz has accompanied Anne on her visits to Dheisheh Camp in 2018 and 2020.

Nick Taylor is our treasurer. Nick is a retired local businessman with solid financial and management skills. His companies won many local and national business awards and he brings a discipline and focus to the charity.

Ben Aves. Ben is a son of John and Anne. Ben is Director - Global Communications Strategy at LEGO group the UK base is in London.

Ed Aves Edmund is a son of John and Anne. Edmund works as a freelance photographer.

Samia Tabari is a member of JAEP's committee. She is a social development expert with a focus on women and children and youth programmes, primarily in the Middle East. She retains professional and personal connections to the Middle East and speaks Arabic. Samia offers advice on the scholarship process and applicants. She is based in the UK.

Compliance

We have a Trust Deed that fully complies with the requirements of the Charities Commission. We have further controls beyond our statutory obligations which are outlined in the following documents. Procedures and Policies. Here we outline our working procedures that enable full and accountable management of our charity.

1. We only commit to the funding of a student if we have sufficient funds (plus a reserve) to finance the entire duration of their course.
2. **The Reserve.** We quantify the total financial commitment to our students for their entire course. To this figure we add 10% and a further £1,000. This becomes our reserve and no expenditure can dip into this amount.
3. Risk Register. This is regularly updated to ensure that risk is identified, measured and minimised. In light of any weaknesses then the Procedures and Rules are amended to mitigate any identified risk.
4. Data Protection. We take our responsibilities seriously and do not share any individual's information with any other organisation except with Inland Revenue in respect to claiming Gift Aid.
5. Safeguarding Policy. Informed by attendance at a Charity Commission International Engagement Team webinar our safeguarding policy and procedures have been updated and embedded in our procedures and policies.

Financial control & Report

During the 2021/22 financial year our income fell by a significant £68k to £26k. This follows the previous year's drop of £80k. This is, however, set against a very large gift during the 2019/2020 year and again in 2020/2021. Regular gift aids were only marginally down on the previous year by a couple of hundred pounds but with cost-of-living crisis and world uncertainty, I consider this a fair result. We must be more cautious with future grants to students until such time as income recovers. Fortunately, our policies protect us during these times and underlines our prudent approach.

Income from card sales increased during the year to a healthy £3,726 up from £2,500.

Expenditure reduced slightly during the year which was reflected in slightly reduced grants and no travel expenses due to Covid travel restrictions.

The result was that we paid out for grants using some of our reserves and these were reduced by £48k. This was anticipated and reflects the roll out of funding from the very generous gifts received in 2019 and 2020.

At the time of writing this report we are holding £157,538 in our bank accounts. £100,941 is the amount already committed for grants, this leaves us with £56,597 to fund new students.

The accounts will be independently checked and a letter of compliance issued.

As we work through the generous gifts previously made, I am satisfied with the continued progress the charity is making and the controls in place to ensure comprehensive compliance and levels of reserves. A word of caution is that we must adjust our support to new students to reflect the current level of income.

The treasurer updates the ledgers at least once every month onto an Excel spreadsheet. After the bank reconciliation a copy of the account spreadsheets is emailed to each of the Trustees to ensure that there is transparency but also to ensure that back-ups are available off site in addition to regular on-site procedures.

Selection and monitoring of students

JAEP has funded seventy young people to achieve an undergraduate degree.

Selection of new students is carried out in collaboration with the Financial Aid Department (IAD) of Al Quds University. Al Quds University remains JAEP's main partner. Al Quds University has campuses in East Jerusalem, Abu Dis, and al-Bireh. JAEP reviews its scholarship guidance notes and application form with each university on an annual basis. The FAD uploads JAEP's notes and form on the university's website as part of the annual call for JAEP's scholarship applications. At Bethlehem University the Student Finance Manager promotes the project to students from Dheisheh in need of financial aid. JAEP Trustees and members review the scholarship applications and any supporting documents and then interview shortlisted candidates via Skype. JAEP launched its

application process for 2022/2023 in April 2022 (outside this reporting period).

The JAEP team continues to ensure and provide evidence that we are selecting young people who are academically able to benefit from and in need of our financial support. To this end we receive transcripts of student results at the end of each academic year. Any student who either had poor results or did not complete the year would be contacted by JAEP. This did not happen in 2021.

Students returned to face to face teaching from September 2021.

Impact of Covid-19 on family finances continues

Our donations, especially from standing orders have remained steady, enabling us to offer thirteen scholarships. This is slightly down on last years' high of sixteen. Covid-19 has continued to result in less opportunities for employment which has meant families have struggled to pay the tuition fees, with the result students have built up even more debt. We decided in 2021/ 2022 to maintain the same level of funding as 2020/2021 and also to continue to pay the debt. Without payment of the debt students would not be able to graduate.

JAEP management of the project

Trustee meetings and sub meetings throughout 2021/2022 were mostly in person as COVID restrictions were eased from July 2021 onwards. Members also have regular e-communications. Continuing Covid-19 restrictions for international travel meant that no visit to the area was possible in 2021/2022. JAEP does not have an office or paid staff members.

The Chair and Secretary have attended webinars hosted by the Charity Commissioners International Engagement Team on 09/12/21 and 02/02/2022.

Outreach and success with grant applications

The application for a one off grant to the Britain Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers Peace and Social Witness) to buy laptops to support learning for students was successful. Seven laptops have been bought and distributed to the most financially needy students at Al Quds University. FAD at the university purchased the laptops and administer the scheme. Highlighting our very strong relationship with this team and university.

We have continued to receive support from Unipal. In 2021/2022 Unipal funded a second JAEP student. The student is studying Midwifery at Bethlehem University. Unipal have committed to fund the student for the remaining two years of her course. Unipal funded a student studying Special Education at Al Quds University for two years 2018/2019 and 2019/ 2020

Covid-19 meant that most organisations have not returned to meeting in person with the result that no talks were booked for 2021/22. JAEP continues to receive support and donations from many of these organisations for examples as Charity of the Month.

Online donations via our website launched in July 2021.

JAEP produced Newsletters in April and November 2021. The Newsletter was sent electronically to ninety two supporters, both individuals and organisations, and to seven supporters by post.

The Future

As the £ continues to fall against the \$ we will add to the notes section of the monthly accounts the current level of reserve needed for commitment to existing students.

Apply to the Big Give initiative to broaden our supporters base and also generate more income. The scheme match funds donations received.

Contact the twenty organisations who, pre the pandemic regularly invited us to give talks and/or make donations to the project, to offer to return to update them about JAEP. We continue to grow this number and maintain a calendar of talks and events throughout the year.

Maintain and develop our links with Dheisheh Refugee Camp. This enables us to better target the most disadvantaged students with the greatest potential.

Maintain and development our strong link with Al Quds University.

Following trustees' visit to Bethlehem University in February 2020 we will continue to refine the selection process and develop our links there, which will enable us to financially support more young people from Dheisheh to study there.

We are making plans for visiting the area in March 2023. As well as spending time at Dheisheh Camp, Al Quds University, Bethlehem

University we will meet staff at Dar Al Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem to progress our discussions to fund students from this university.

The Trustees feel that future “organic” growth will better target the students able to provide a dividend of skills in their community while keeping costs to a minimum.

Anne Aves (Trustee)

Liz Magem (Trustee)

Nick Taylor (Trustee)

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

YEAR ENDED 31st March, 2022

INCOME	General Funds 2021/22 £	General Funds 2020/21 £
Regular Gift Aid Donations	6,477	6,692
One-off Gift Aids	2,053	1,629
Tax reclaim Gift Aid	2,112	1,725
Other Donations/Fund Raising	11,529	81,797
Other Income	264	135
Xmas Cards and other sales	3,725	2,500
	£ 26,160	£ 94,478

EXPENDITURE

	2021/22	2020/21
Bank Charges	70	25
Educational Grants	71,722	74,263
Administration Cost	57	216
Foreign Travel Expenses	0	1,754
Other costs	1,903	1,823
	£ 73,752	£ 78,081

STATEMENT OF FUNDS as at 31st March, 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	205,130	188,733
Add surplus (loss) for the year		
Income	26,160	94,478
Expenditure	73,752	78,081
	£ 157,538	£ 205,130
Represented by:		
Current and Business Account	£ 157,538	£ 205,130

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

ACCOUNTS

For the period to 31 March 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
John Aves Educational Project

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**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 (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:

Date:

25/11/2022

Name:

Mike Barnes FCA

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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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.

[Empty box for disclosure details]

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1170414

Accounts



The John Aves Education Project (JAEP)

Charity Number 1170414

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

(1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021)

JAEP has been operational since 2007. JAEP has been registered as an independent charity since the end of November 2016. The Trustees' annual report outlines progress made in respect to compliance and financial control, philosophy and working practices, as well as a progress update on numbers of students supported and our current financial position.

The John Aves Education Project team

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Compliance

We have a Trust Deed that fully complies with the requirements of the Charities Commission. We have further controls beyond our statutory obligations which are outlined in the following documents.

1. Procedures and Policies. Here we outline our working procedures that enable full and accountable management of our charity.
2. Reserves Policy. The Trustees rely on JAEP's existing funds and dedicated supporters for entering commitments with new grantees. We only commit to the funding of a student if we have sufficient funds (plus a reserve) to finance the entire duration of their course. This also takes into account JAEP's existing funding commitments. We quantify the total financial commitment to our students for their entire course. To this figure we add 10% and a further £1,000. This becomes our reserve and no expenditure can dip into this amount.
3. Risk Register. This is regularly updated to ensure that risk is identified, measured and minimised. In light of any weaknesses then the Procedures and Policies are amended to mitigate any identified risk.
4. Data Protection. We take our responsibilities seriously and do not share any individual's information with any other organisation except with Inland Revenue in respect to claiming Gift Aid. We seek the individual's consent before publishing/sharing any data.
5. Safeguarding Policy. Informed by attendance at a Charity Commission International Engagement Team webinar our safeguarding policy and procedures have been updated and embedded in our procedures and policies.

Financial control & Report

During the 2020/21 financial year our income fell by £82k. This might cause some alarm but it was set against a very large gift during the previous year. Covid appears to have had little effect on our regular income which decreased by only £270. This is extremely reassuring and demonstrates the resilience of our future income.

Income from card sales was at a healthy £2,500 and although slightly down on last year we still made a profit of £850 and have some £2000 retained in stock.

Expenditure also increased during the year by £41,642 (46%).

1. Educational grants increased to £74,263 which reflects the increased number of students we can now support.
2. There were two lots of travel costs to Bethlehem during this period. This was a question of timing that two annual trips occurred during the same financial period.

At the time of writing this report we are holding £205,600 in our bank accounts. Taking into account reserves this leaves us with £115,200 to commit to new students.

The accounts will be independently checked and a letter of compliance issued.

Overall, I am satisfied with the continued progress the charity is making and the controls in place to ensure comprehensive compliance and levels of reserves. With such a solid foundation I anticipate a phased increase in grants to students. The treasurer updates the ledgers at least once every month onto an Excel spreadsheet. After the bank reconciliation a copy of the account spreadsheets is emailed to each of the Trustees to ensure that there is transparency but also to ensure that back-ups are available off site in addition to regular on-site procedures.

Selection and monitoring of students

Since its establishment, JAEP has funded fifty seven young people to achieve an undergraduate degree.

Selection of new students is carried out in collaboration with the Financial Aid Department (IAD) of Al Quds University. Al Quds University remains JAEP's main partner. Al Quds University has campuses in East Jerusalem, Abu Dis, and al-Bireh. JAEP reviews its scholarship guidance notes and application form with each university on an annual basis. The FAD uploads JAEP's notes and form on the university's website as part of the annual call for JAEP's scholarship applications. At Bethlehem University the Student Finance Manager promotes the project to students from Dheisheh camp in need of financial aid. JAEP Trustees and members review the scholarship applications and any supporting documents and then interview shortlisted candidates via Skype. JAEP launched its application process for 2021/2022 in March 2021.

Impact of Covid-19 on JAEP students

Increased levels of donations, including the legacy, enabled us to offer sixteen scholarships in 2020/2021. The highest number to date. The worsening financial situation resulted in less opportunities for employment which has meant that families have struggled to pay the tuition fees, with the result students have built up even more debt. We reviewed this and decided to increase our funding and also to pay a sizable proportion of the debt. Without payment of the debt students would not be able to graduate.

The JAEP team continues to ensure and provide evidence that we are selecting young people who are academically able to benefit from and in need of our financial support. To this end we receive transcripts of student results at the end of each academic year. Any student who either had poor results or did not complete the year would be contacted by JAEP.

The global pandemic has meant that students are learning remotely from home.

JAEP management of the project

Trustee meetings and sub meetings throughout 2020-2021 were mostly held online. When permitted, socially distanced meetings were held, for example when interviewing students by Skype. Members also have regular e-communications. No international travel will be planned for the foreseeable future. JAEP does not have an office or paid staff members.

The Chair and Secretary have attended webinars hosted by the Charity Commissioners International Engagement Team on 09/12/20, 28/01/21, 12/02/21, 24/02/21, 10/03/21. 17/03/21.

Outreach

Covid-19 meant that all talks booked for 2020/21 were cancelled. JAEP continued to receive support and donations from many of these organisations.

The new website was launched in January 2021.

JAEP produced Newsletters in May and October 2020 and March 2021. The Newsletter was sent electronically to ninety supporters, both individuals and organisations, and to eight supporters by post.

The Future

1. We have been invited to apply for a second Quaker Peace and Social Witness grant in July 2021. The application is for a one off grant to buy laptops to support elearning for students.
2. Increasing overall support base through regular giving of gift aids. As of March 2021 JAEP has 46 monthly standing order donations which generate £10,000 per annum.
3. Contact the twenty organisations who, pre the pandemic regularly invited us to give talks and/or make donations to the project, to offer to return to update them about JAEP. We continue to grow this number and maintain a calendar of talks and events throughout the year.
4. Maintain and develop our links with Dheisheh Refugee Camp. This enables us to better target the most disadvantaged students with the greatest potential.
5. Following trustees' visit to Bethlehem University in February 2020 we will continue to refine the selection process and develop our links there, which will enable us to financially support more young people from Dheisheh camp to study there.
6. Following trustees' visit in February 2020 to Dar Al Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem and subsequent online meetings with their key

staff, we have adapted our application form to attract applicants from creative vocational courses. We hope to receive applications and support these students from March 2023.

7. The Trustees feel that future “organic” growth will better target the students able to provide a dividend of skills in their community while keeping costs to a minimum.

Anne Aves (Trustee)

Liz Magem (Trustee)

Nick Taylor (Trustee)

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

YEAR ENDED 31st March, 2021

INCOME	General Funds 2020/21 £	General Funds 2019/20 £
Regular Gift Aid Donations	6,692	6,962
One-off Gift Aids	1,629	1,227
Tax reclaim Gift Aid	1,725	1,429
Other Donations/Fund Raising	81,797	164,108
Other Income	135	564
Xmas Cards and other sales	2,500	2,604
	£ 94,478	£ 176,894

EXPENDITURE	2020/21	2019/20
Bank Charges	25	50
Educational Grants	74,263	34,826
Administration Cost	216	1,514
Foreign Travel Expenses	1,754	0
Other costs	1,823	49
	£ 78,081	£ 36,439

STATEMENT OF FUNDS as at 31st March, 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	188,733	48,279
Add surplus (loss) for the year		
Income	94,478	176,894
Expenditure	78,081	36,439
	£ 205,130	£ 188,734
Represented by:		
Current and Business Account	£ 205,130	£ 188,733

JOHN AVES EDUCATION PROJECT

ACCOUNTS

For the period to 31 March 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
John Aves Educational Project

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**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:

Date:

29/10/2021

Name:

Mike Barnes ACA

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

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