

GAMBIA SCHOOL SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1176136

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-12-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AND ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN BRUFUT, THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY HELPING WITH NURSERY SCHOOL PROVISION BY WORKING WITH NURSERY SCHOOLS, THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES AND OTHER CHARITIES TO PROVIDE GOOD EDUCATION, SPORTING FACILITIES, HEALTHCARE AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN.

Activities: Working with the Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education and local communities, we are helping to improve the quality and quantity of Early Child Development education provision in The Gambia. We assist schools provided they meet agreed standards. Our projects are overseen by an implementing partner staffed by experienced locals. All teachers attend our training program to enhance their skills.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£156,998	£131,537	-	-
2024-07-31	£101,324	£94,716	-	-
2023-07-31	£114,214	£117,551	-	-
2022-07-31	£121,555	£76,970	-	-
2021-07-31	£76,219	£68,610	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOSH DALE-HARRIS	Chair	2014-10-01
EDWARD PETER DALE-HARRIS		2014-10-01
NICK STEVENSON		2017-06-06
Nicola Kelly		2024-10-03
ROBERT JOHN WHITCOMBE		2014-10-01
Timothy Lodge		2019-01-08

GAMBIA SCHOOL SUPPORT

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
		Period start date			Period end date	
From	1	August	2022	To	31	July

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Gambia School Support
Other names charity is known by	GSS
Registered charity number (if any)	1176136
Charity's principal address	Goulds House
	Greatham
	Hampshire
	Postcode GU33 6HA

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	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	Chairman		
2	Edward Peter Dale-Harris			
3	Robert Whitcombe	Treasurer		
4	Nicolas Stevenson	Secretary		
5	Timothy Lodge			
6	Nicola Kelly		3 Oct 2024	Apt by vote at AGM
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Names of trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 27 November 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the members. They will retire at the next AGM but shall be eligible for re-election.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Gambia School Support (GSS) was registered by the UK Charity Commission on the 6 December 2017.</p> <p>The money raised by GSS is paid into its Charities Aid Foundation Bank account in the UK and is transferred to the ‘Gambia Schools Project’ bank account held with the Trust Bank of The Gambia.</p> <p>GSS’s implementing partner in The Gambia is an organisation known as the ‘Gambia Schools Project Charity’ an organisation registered under the Companies Act 2013 – registration number 2024/C23843.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty, the preservation of health and advancement of education in The Gambia, West Africa, in particular but not exclusively by helping with nursery school provision by working with nursery schools, the local community, local government bodies and other charities to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and nutritional supplements for the children.

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)

GSS's purpose is to make a substantial contribution to UN SDG 4.2 'that all children have access to quality early childhood education and care by 2030' and we measure the quality of the education provided through adopting the UN SDG 4.2.1 indicator, a method of assessing pre-primary age children.

GSS assists, not operates, community owned pre-primary schools. Today, we are supporting 13 schools with 1,837 pupils (age 2-7) and 71 teachers.

The schools, to receive GSS support, must adhere to best practices - 35 to a class, qualified teachers, proper safeguarding, attend our training programs, work with our coach/inspectors and demonstrate good accounting/administration/governance. They must charge fees, though 20% of places have to be free to pupils from hardship backgrounds or are disabled.

In return GSS maintains and supplies the schools, contributes c. 70% of salaries and provides food at 7 schools.

Over time, our intervention is designed to transform them into independent centres of excellence.

GSS works through a trusted implementing partner, the 'Good Schools Project Charity' (GSP). The GSP evolved from the original organisation we set up in 2019 and is now registered under the Gambian Companies Act (Aug 24). The GSP team is led by one of the foremost educators at ECD level (Early Child Development) in The Gambia.

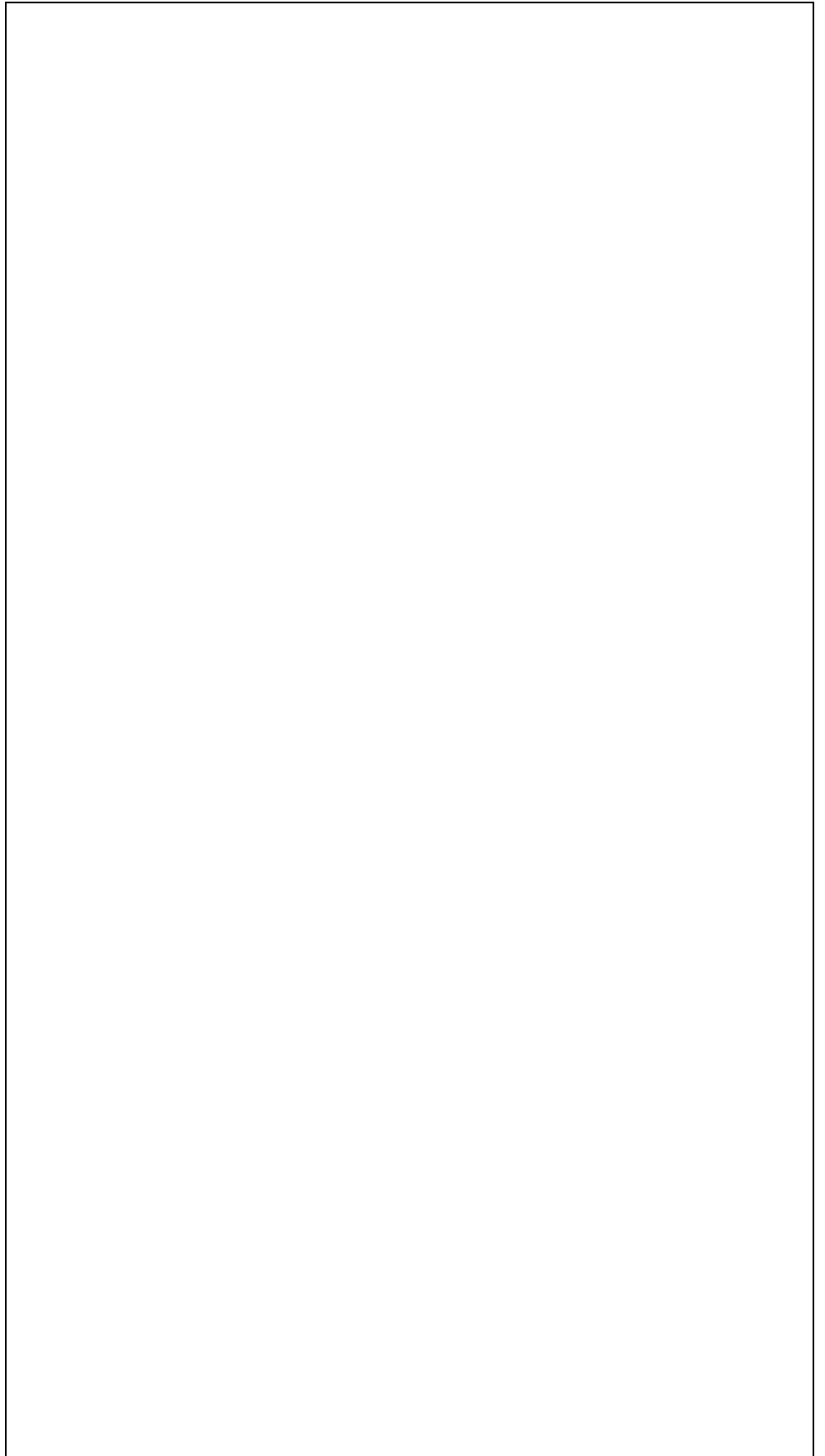
Finally, as required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Detailed information can be found on the GSS website: gambiaschoolsupport.org

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

GSS's impact has grown rapidly, increasing the schools we assist from 2 to 13 since 2021. Twelve were at risk of failing and the other GSS founded in June 2021 with the Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education (MoBSE). Two schools have been added to our 'network' during this year.

To date, GSS has spent £130k on improving school infrastructure - £23k on the new school, £80k restoring 6 dilapidated schools and £27k improving 6 other schools. Now they all have good safe learning environments including bespoke Level 1 (age 3-4) classrooms – these are larger, tiled floors and mats etc.

A main area of focus is on improving the teaching. We support a bespoke 'Teacher & Training Development Program', recognised as being one of the best of its kind in the country. The program comprises an intensive course of workshops which all the teachers attend plus specialist workshops for the Head Teachers and Year 1 teachers. We back these up with a team of 3 coach/inspectors who visit each school monthly to provide 'on the job' coaching in the classroom. Progress has been measured since March 2023 with every teacher being appraised at the end of each term. The results have continued to be good this year contributing to the transformation in the capabilities of the teachers.

In the last year GSS has introduced a program of assessing the pupils through the adoption of the UN ECDI2030 tool. It is early days though soon we will be measuring the impact our intervention is making through comparing pupil attainment with the UNICEF 'norm'.

The key to a project of this nature is finding good people and we have been working with an exceptionally capable 'implementing partner' organisation. In the past year this has been formalised through the setting up of a Gambian registered charity 'Good Schools Project Charity' (GSP). Its executive comprises a team of tried and tested locals. Its General Secretary is one of the most experienced and well-respected Early Child Development (ECD) educators in The Gambia, exemplified by the fact that MoBSE brings him in to help draft the new ECD curriculum and that he is invited regularly by Gambia College as a guest speaker to lecture on ECD best practice. He has Masters Degrees in Education and Public Administration and worked for MoBSE for 18 years (8 as Head Master).

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

GSS reserves policy is reviewed by its trustees every 12 months. After scrutinising its detailed income and expenditure forecast in Oct 2024, the trustees decided to hold a reserve of £100,000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Fundraising activities
 GSS's income is well diversified with support from a range of organisations including Charitable Trust, Corporate Benevolent Funds, Foundations both UK and overseas, City of London Livery companies and Church benevolent funds.
 About 15% of its income from monthly donations and 10% from one-off donations from private individuals.
 Several of GSS's supporters have made multi-year awards giving us a predictable cash flow with which to plan the development of the HSS project.

Section F Other optional information

[Empty box for 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)	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman	
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Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2024	To	Period end date 31/07/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	143,109	-	-	143,109	92,367
Gift aid	9,568	-	-	9,568	7,631
Interest	4,321	-	-	4,321	1,326
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	156,998	-	-	156,998	101,324
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	156,998	-	-	156,998	101,324
A3 Payments					
Good Schools Project Charity	125,500	-	-	125,500	90,000
Bank charges	66	-	-	66	66
Travel expenses - Trustees	5,277	-	-	5,277	3,683
Other	694	-	-	694	967
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	131,537	-	-	131,537	94,716
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	131,537	-	-	131,537	94,716
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,461	-	-	25,461	6,608
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	121,085	-	-	121,085	117,814
Cash funds this year end	146,546	-	-	146,546	121,085

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	146,546	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	146,546	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Gambia School Support

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176136

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(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 **31/07/2025**

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

27/10/25

Name:

James Robbins

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

ACCA

Address:

The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NZ

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1176136

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			Period end date			
From	1	August	2022	To	31	July 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Goulds House
Greatham
Hampshire
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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)
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Names of trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution adopted 27 November 2017
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected by the members. They will retire at the next AGM but shall be eligible for re-election.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Gambia School Support (GSS) was registered by the UK Charity Commission on the 6 December 2017.</p> <p>The money raised by GSS is paid into its Charities Aid Foundation Bank account in the UK and is transferred to the 'Gambia Schools Project' bank account held with the Trust Bank of The Gambia.</p> <p>GSS's implementing partner in The Gambia is an organisation known as the 'Gambian Management Team'.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty, the preservation of health and advancement of education in The Gambia, West Africa, in particular but not exclusively by helping with nursery school provision by working with nursery schools, the local community, local government bodies and other charities to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and nutritional supplements for the children.

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)

GSS currently assists 12 ECD (Early Child Development) schools (State provision at ECD level is minimal).

The schools we assist must be 'not for profit' community schools and meet certain pre-agreed standards to qualify for GSS's help.

At present the 12 schools have 1,700 pupils enrolled.

As required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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



Section D **Achievements and performance**

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

GSS now assists 12 pre-primary community schools with 1,700 pupils aged 3-7. We work with MoBSE (Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education) and the local school 'Boards'. Our projects are implemented by an organisation called the 'Gambian Management Team' (GMT), who are capable and experienced locals. GSS has continued to help build the capabilities and capacity of the GMT to enable it to become an established service provider.

We support a bespoke 'Teacher & Training Development Program', recognised as being one of the best of its kind in the country. This program comprises an intensive course of workshops which all the teachers attend. We have also set up a team of 3 coach/inspectors who visit each school monthly to provide 'on the job' coaching in the classroom and complete an inspection. The teaching has been steadily improving. This has been measured since March 2023 with every teacher being appraised at the end of each term.

We have now adopted the UNICEF ECDI2030 method of assessing the development of the children which will enable us to measure the impact our intervention is making.

GSS's plan is to grow the project as quickly as the constraints allow. The main constraints are raising sufficient funds and the capacity of the GMT.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

GSS reserves policy is to hold 12 months running costs, currently £90,000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Fundraising activities

Over one third of GSS's income is from monthly donations from private individuals.

The remainder is from charitable trusts, corporate giving funds and other philanthropic organisations.

Section F

Other optional information

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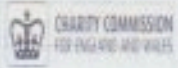
Section G

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)	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date		



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/08/2023 To 31/07/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	92,367	-	-	92,367	108,241
Gift aid	7,631	-	-	7,631	5,807
Interest	1,326	-	-	1,326	166
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	101,324	-	-	101,324	114,214
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	101,324	-	-	101,324	114,214
A3 Payments					
Good Schools Project Charity	90,000	-	-	90,000	110,000
Bank charges	66	-	-	66	103
Travel expenses - Trustees	3,683	-	-	3,683	6,229
Other	967	-	-	967	1,219
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	94,716	-	-	94,716	117,551
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	94,716	-	-	94,716	117,551
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,608	-	-	6,608	- 3,337
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	114,477	-	-	114,477	117,814
Cash funds this year end	121,085	-	-	121,085	114,477

Signature:

Print Name: R. B. Williams

Date: 21/07/24

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	121,085	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	121,085	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

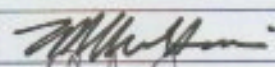
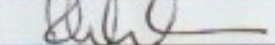
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  	Print Name J. R. DALE-HARRIS R. J. WHITCOMB	Date of approval 3/10/24 3/10/24
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Gambia School Support

On accounts for the year ended

31 July 2024

Charity no (if any)

1176136

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2024

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 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.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

02/10/24

Name:

James Robbins

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

ACCA

Address:

The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NZ

Section B

Disclosure

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GAMBIA SCHOOL SUPPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1176136

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 August 2022	To	31 July 2023

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Charity name **Gambia School Support**

Other names charity is known by **GSS**

Registered charity number (if any) **1176136**

Charity's principal address **Goulds House**

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Hampshire

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Names of trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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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)

GSS currently assists 11 ECD (Early Child Development) schools (State provision at ECD level is minimal).

The schools we assist must be 'not for profit' community schools and meet certain pre-agreed standards to qualify for GSS's help.

At present the 11 schools have 1,506 pupils enrolled.

As required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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<p>The role of charity, the preservation of health and advancement of education in the Gambian Youth Africa is central but not exclusively by fighting with primary school provision by working with primary schools, the local community, local government bodies and other charities to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and educational equipment for the children.</p>	<p>Summary of the objects of the Charity set out in its governing document</p>
<p>At present the 11 schools have 2,302 pupils enrolled. The school website must be set for profit, community schools and they contain pre-agreed standards to qualify for ESS a help. ESS currently meets 11 EOI (Early Child Development) schools (state provision at EOI level is minimal).</p> <p>The school website must be set for profit, community schools and they contain pre-agreed standards to qualify for ESS a help.</p> <p>As required by Section 17(1) of the Children Act and the Children (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have been regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or other.</p>	<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the activities undertaken that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)</p>

Section D

Achievements and performance

<p>For more information on the charity's achievements and performance, please refer to the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012.</p>	<p>You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy or grant making • other programme related investment • contribution made by volunteers
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During the past year we have set up a bespoke 'Teacher & Training Development Program'. This comprises an intensive course of workshops which all the teachers attend. We have also set up a team of 4 coach/inspectors who visit each school monthly to provide 'on the job' coaching in the classroom and complete an inspection which scores each school on 10 attributes.

GSS's plan is to grow the project as quickly as the constraints allow. The main constraints are raising sufficient funds and the capacity of the GMT.

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

GSS reserves policy is to hold 12 months running costs, currently £90,000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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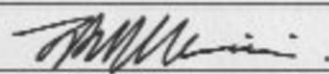
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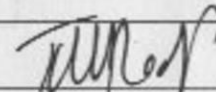
Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)





Full name(s)

Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris

TIMOTHY RALPH HENRY LODGE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

TRUSTEE

Date

8 OCTOBER 2023

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2022	To	Period end date 31/07/2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	108,241	-	-	108,241	118,384
Gift aid	5,807	-	-	5,807	3,171
Interest	166	-	-	166	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	114,214	-	-	114,214	121,555
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	114,214	-	-	114,214	121,555
A3 Payments					
Payments to Trust Bank of The Gambia	110,000	-	-	110,000	72,000
Bank charges	103	-	-	103	127
Travel expenses - Trustees	6,229	-	-	6,229	4,373
Other	1,219	-	-	1,219	470
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	117,551	-	-	117,551	76,970
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	117,551	-	-	117,551	76,970
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,337	-	-	- 3,337	44,585
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	117,814	-	-	117,814	73,229
Cash funds this year end	114,477	-	-	114,477	117,814

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	114,477	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	114,477	-	-

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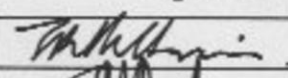
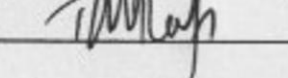
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J.R. VALE-HARRIS	8/10/2023
	T.R. L. LODGE	8/10/2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Gambia School Support

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1176136

Set out on pages

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(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 **31/07/2023**

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

10/10/2023

Name:

James Robbins

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

ACCA

Address:

The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NZ

Section B

Disclosure

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.

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GAMBIA SCHOOL SUPPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1176136

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	1	August	2021	To	31	July	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Gambia School Support

Other names charity is known by GSS

Registered charity number (if any) 1176136

Charity's principal address

Goulds House	
Greatham	
Hampshire	
Postcode	GU33 6HA

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	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	Chairman		
2	Edward Peter Dale-Harris			
3	Robert Whitcombe	Treasurer		
4	Nicolas Stevenson	Secretary		
5	Timothy Lodge			
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Names of trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution adopted 27 November 2017
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty, the preservation of health and advancement of education in The Gambia, West Africa, in particular but not exclusively by helping with nursery school provision by working with nursery schools, the local community, local government bodies and other charities to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and nutritional supplements for the children.

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)

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At present the schools have over 1,200 pupils enrolled.

As required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Importantly, GSS through the GMT is improving the teaching standards with training workshop and seminar programs and regular on the job coaching. Progress is measured through regular inspections.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees policy is to maintain 12 months reserves which currently amounts to £70,000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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;
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Fundraising activities

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)	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	14 September 2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gambia School Support 1176136

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/08/2020 To 31/07/2021

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	118,384	-	-	118,384	72,002
Gift aid	3,171	-	-	3,171	4,218
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	121,555	-	-	121,555	76,219
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121,555	-	-	121,555	76,219
A3 Payments					
Payments to AVI Schools charity	72,000	-	-	72,000	67,500
Bank charges	127	-	-	127	87
Travel expenses - Trustees	4,373	-	-	4,373	1,023
Other	470	-	-	470	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	76,970	-	-	76,970	68,610
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,970	-	-	76,970	68,610
Net of receipts/(payments)	44,585	-	-	44,585	7,609
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73,229	-	-	73,229	65,620
Cash funds this year end	117,814	-	-	117,814	73,229

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	117,814	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J.R. DALE-HARRIS	14/9/2022

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Fundraising activities

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Section F Other optional information

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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)	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	14 September 2022	

GAMBIA SCHOOL SUPPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1176136

Accounts



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Gambia School Support

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176136

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(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 **31/07/2020**

**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
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Signed:

Date:

Name:

Michael Willan

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

FCA

Address:

The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NZ

Section B Disclosure

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2020	To	Period end date 31/07/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	72,002	-	-	72,002	57,631
Gift aid	4,218	-	-	4,218	5,711
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,219	-	-	76,219	63,342
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,219	-	-	76,219	63,342
A3 Payments					
Payments to AVI Schools charity	67,500	-	-	67,500	35,000
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	650
Bank charges	87	-	-	87	112
Travel expenses - Trustees	1,023	-	-	1,023	6,407
Other	-	-	-	-	240
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	68,610	-	-	68,610	42,409
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	68,610	-	-	68,610	42,409
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,609	-	-	7,609	20,933
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,620	-	-	65,620	44,687
Cash funds this year end	73,229	-	-	73,229	65,620

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date		Period end date		
From	1	August	2020	To	31	July 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Gambia School Support
Other names charity is known by	GSS
Registered charity number (if any)	1176136
Charity's principal address	Goulds House
	Greatham
	Hampshire
	Postcode GU33 6HA

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	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	Chairman		
2	Edward Peter Dale-Harris			
3	Robert Whitcombe	Treasurer		
4	Nicolas Stevenson	Secretary		
5	Timothy Lodge			
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Names of trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 27 November 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the members. They will retire at the next AGM but shall be eligible for re-election.

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.

Gambia School Support (GSS) was registered by the UK Charity Commission on the 6 December 2017.

The money raised by GSS is paid into its Charities Aid Foundation Bank account in the UK and is transferred to the 'Gambia Schools Project' bank account held with the Trust Bank of The Gambia.

GSS's implementing partner in The Gambia is an organisation known as the 'Gambian Management Team'.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty, the preservation of health and advancement of education in The Gambia, West Africa, in particular but not exclusively by helping with nursery school provision by working with nursery schools, the local community, local government bodies and other charities to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and nutritional supplements for the children.

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)

GSS currently assists 4 ECD (Early Child Development) schools (State provision at ECD level is minimal).

The schools we assist must be 'not for profit' community schools and meet certain pre-agreed standards to qualify for GSS's help.

At present the schools have over 800 pupils enrolled.

As required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

GSS has been operating for 7 years and in the past year we have undertaken 3 new projects:

Pirang Nursery School

Pirang is a large village in a rural 'up country' location. Abandoned some years ago by its European sponsors, the school was rundown with its staff demotivated and underpaid. Working with the village elders and the Ministry of Education GSS refurbished and improved the buildings, provided equipment/teaching materials and teacher training.

Bakary Sambouya Nursery School

A UK charity had assisted this community nursery school for many years, though had decided to close down putting both school at risk. GSS agreed to assist the school which was doing well though 2 classrooms were out of action due to termites attacking its roof timbers. We restored the classrooms, are training the teachers and providing equipment when needed.

Brufut ECD Center

In a joint venture with the Ministry of Education and local community, we have recently created a new nursery school for 185 children. GSS funded the restoration of 5 dilapidated classrooms in the grounds of the Brufut State Primary school, recruited the staff and equipped the school. The new school opened in September 2021.

More generally, we apply our Trustees' business and governance skills, tailored to an African environment, to the schools we sponsor as we believe that this will deliver a sustainable educational model. To date this has stood us in good stead with our donors, local communities in the Gambia and the Ministry of Education.

GSS has no employees and its minimal UK overheads are paid by its trustees. Our trustees donate all their travel and accommodation costs and GSS's accounts are independently examined on a pro bono basis. The trustees make sure that every penny raised is spent in The Gambia.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees policy is to maintain 9-12 months reserves which currently amounts to £40,000 to £50,000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Fundraising activities

Section F

Other optional information

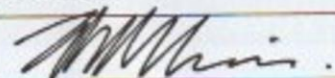
Section G

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)

Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

8 December 2021