

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

To

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. appointment, 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 '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 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)

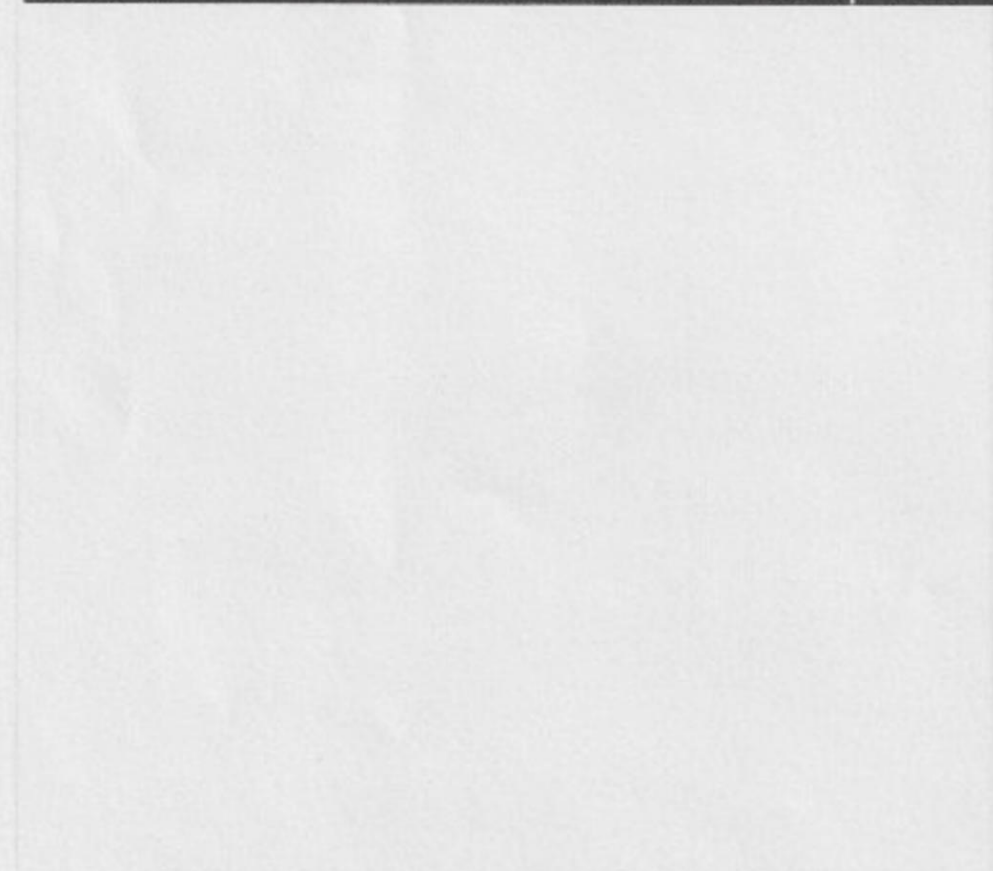
You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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

<p>The right of every child to the provision of health and advancement of education in the Gambian Youth Africa is guaranteed but not exclusively by helping with nursery school provision by working with nursery schools, the local community, local government bodies and other children to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and nutritional supplements 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 2,502 pupils enrolled.</p> <p>The school websites must be set for profit, community schools and they retain the agreed standards to qualify for ESS+ help.</p> <p>ESS currently equals 11 ECD (Early Child Development) schools (state provision at ECD level is minimal).</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 guided 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>  </p>	<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy or grant making • policy programme related investment • contribution made by volunteers
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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

GSS now assists 11 pre-primary community schools with 1,506 pupils aged 3-7. We work with MoBSE (Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education) and the local school committees. 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.

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.

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

Section F

Other optional information

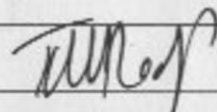
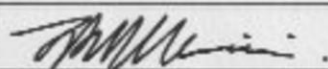
Section G

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

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

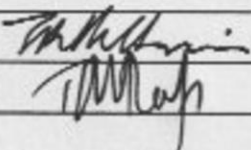
Section A Receipts and payments

	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	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

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



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Gambia School Support		
On accounts for the year ended	31 July 2023	Charity no (if any)	1176136
Set out on pages	1 to 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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").

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:

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.