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Trustees' Report and Unaudited accounts

Year ended 30 June 2021

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Charity information

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Trustees Report

Introduction

The Board of Trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Board are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the financial position as at 30 June 2021, and consider that the charity is well placed to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the assets of the charity are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity.

The charity is formally called James' Jar of Gifts and is occasionally referred to as JJOG. The charity was registered on 13 February 2019 and has the registration number 1182004. The principal office of the charity is 31 Grays Lane, Ashted, Surrey, KT21 1BZ.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of James' Jar of Gifts, and the activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit, are as follows:

- To provide grants of financial assistance to children and young people in Kenya to enable them to undertake further education or vocational training.
- To provide financial assistance to young children with disabilities in the UK to help them gain access to more educational and social opportunities.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance obtained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives in planning future activities and setting grant making policy for the period.

Structure, governance and management

James' Jar of Gifts is governed by a Constitution dated 13 February 2019, as amended on 17 February 2020. The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission.

Trustee appointment and resignations

The Charity Trustees that have served during the year were as follows:

Jill Enticott

Fenella Fraser Ker (resigned 31 January 2022)

Elizabeth Gayler (resigned 31 January 2022)

Susanna Mann (appointed 26 January 2021)

Caitlin McCartney (resigned 31 January 2022)

Eleanor McCartney

Emma McCartney

Tony McCartney

Emma McCartney and Tony McCartney were both appointed for a period of 4 years, while all other trustees were appointed for a period of 3 years.

New trustees are appointed at properly convened meetings of the existing charity trustees, and are appointed on the basis of their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to maintain and retain accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Achievements and performance

Fundraising

James' Jar of Gifts undertakes a variety of fundraising activities. Although the events of JJOG were somewhat limited due to the Covid restrictions placed on the UK overall during the year, a number of successful fundraising activities were still held, notably an online quiz evening held in the autumn of 2020 and a summer 2021 wine and cheese tasting event and raffle. These events were supplemented by valuable sponsored events throughout the period under review. During the period under review these events raised a total of £14,513.

James' Jar of Gifts also receives a number of generous donations from individual supporters – these may be one off in nature, or more regular donations that have been committed to be paid monthly. During the period

under review these donations totalled £17,274. This was supplemented by gift aid received during the period of £2,104.

Irrespective of the nature, amount, timing or frequency of the donations, the trustees would like to place on record their huge appreciation for all supporters of James' Jar of Gifts. The underlying ethos of the Charity is that no child or young person should be left behind, and the trustees acknowledge that without the very generous support of many people the disbursements that James' Jar of Gifts make to support this aim simply would not happen.

All administrative costs of running the charity are met by individual donations from the trustees.

Disbursements - Kenya

During the year James' Jar of Gifts offered an additional 6 fully funded educational scholarships to young orphans in Kenya. This brings the total number of students we supported in Kenya during the year to 12, with the students either attending universities or technical/vocational colleges. The total cost for the year to the Charity of these 12 scholarships was £13,720. These scholarships cover the full cost of attending university or college, including tuition fees, educational materials, accommodation and food.

Disbursements - UK

During the year James' Jar of Gifts made a one-off grant of £5,000 to MERU, a charity that creates assistive products for disabled children and young people. This donation was specifically made to cover the cost of providing a Bugzi, which is a powered mobility unit, to a young child with severe physical and mental impairment.

James' Jar of Gifts also made a grant of £5,005 to White Lodge, a charity based in Chertsey that provides various services for children with a disability. This grant was specifically made to pay for a range of specialist equipment that benefits the children using the services of White Lodge.

James' Jar of Gifts also agreed to fund £2,500 to Riding for the Disabled in Epsom to provide specialist equipment to allow riders to get on and off the horses safely. As at the date of this report the funds have not been spent, since the Riding for the Disabled Association in Epsom are awaiting certain planning permission that allows them to proceed with some wider plans.

How we determine which activities to fund

Decisions on which activities to fund are made after a discussion involving all trustees. All funds granted are made in accordance with the aims and objectives of James' Jar of Gifts.

For educational scholarships in Kenya the trustees have an established relationship with an orphanage in Yala, a town on the west side of the country. Orphans are invited to apply for the scholarships, outlining what they wish to study, why and what they intend to do with their educational qualification once it is obtained. The applications are then considered on an individual basis using these criteria. Successful applicants then directly communicate with the trustees throughout their university or college course, allowing trustees to keep abreast of the progress of the students and that the funds spent are continuing to be used wisely and in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

UK based activities are currently funded on a case-by-case basis, always considering the underlying ethos and objectives of the charity.

Financial summary and reserves policy

Total funds brought forward £30,857. Funds raised during the year were £33,891, while £25,018 was dispersed, leaving unrestricted surplus funds of £39,730 for the period under review and at the balance sheet date.

The charity has a policy of maintaining reserves that are estimated to cover the next 12 months disbursements at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that this is a prudent policy that ensures that our commitments are comfortably able to be met, while at the same time providing flexibility to enable the trustees to consider more one-off requests for funding from deserving causes that are in line with the aims and ethos of James' Jar of Gifts.

Post balance sheet events

Since the balance sheet date, the UK has continued with differing levels of Covid related lockdowns at different times. This has presented a number of challenges to the charity regarding holding in person events, but despite this the charity has been finding innovative ways of raising funds through various activities that have taken account of the restrictions in place at the time.

The successful ongoing fundraising activities and the healthy financial position of the charity has allowed us to grant an additional 7 full educational scholarships in Kenya, bringing our total cohort to 19 students. We have also agreed to grant £5,817 to White Lodge in Chertsey to fund a sensory room for children and young people with neurological difficulties.

Future plans

The healthy financial position of the charity means that the trustees are confident that all current scholars in Kenya will be fully funded to complete their respective course, that future scholar applications can be considered and, where appropriate, new scholarships granted, and that UK projects can continue to be assessed and funded on a case-by-case basis. All such activities will be assessed by reference to the objectives of the charity as well as the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Financial statements

The financial statements are set out on pages 10 to 14.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 March 2022 and is signed on its behalf by:



Tony McCartney
Trustee

James' Jar of Gifts

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of James' Jar of Gifts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of James' Jar of Gifts for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of James' Jar of Gifts 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 accounts of James' Jar of Gifts 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of James' Jar of Gifts as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Paul Gordon
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London E14 6GU
28 March 2022

James' Jar of Gifts
Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2021 - £	13 February 2019 to 30 June 2020 - £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>			
- Donations	2	19,378	23,690
- Charitable activities	2	14,513	15,653
- Investment income	3	-	4
Total Incoming resources		33,891	39,347
Resources expended			
- Raising funds	4	1,165	1,672
- Charitable activities	5	23,725	6,767
- Bank charges		128	51
Total resources expended		25,018	8,490
Net income and movement in funds		8,873	30,857

All activities in presented above are unrestricted in nature.

James' Jar of Gifts
Reconciliation in funds
For the period 13 February 2019 to 30 June 2020

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2021 - £	13 February 2019 to 30 June 2020 - £
Total funds brought forward		30,857	-
Net incoming resources for the period	5	8,873	30,857
Total funds carried forward	5	39,730	30,857

**James' Jar of Gifts
Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2021**

	Notes	30 June 2021 - £	30 June 2020 - £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		39,730	30,857
Net current assets		39,730	30,857
Net assets		39,730	30,857
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	5	39,730	30,857
Total charity funds	5	39,730	30,857



Tony McCartney
Trustee

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 March 2022

James' Jar of Gifts
Notes to the accounts
For the period ended 30 June 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared using the receipts and payments method as allowed under charity law.

The charity was registered on 13 February 2019, with a year-end date of 30 June in each year. Charity law requires the first financial year of a charity to be not less than 6 months and not more than 18 months in duration. The first period accounts were prepared for period 13 February 2019 through to 30 June 2020. This set of accounts has been prepared for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Donations and event related income

Donations and event related income are credited in the year in which they are received. Associated gift aid tax is also recognised in the period in which it is received.

Interest income

Interest is credited in the year in which it is received.

Cost of fundraising events

Cost of fundraising events is recognised when money is spent.

Funds dispersed for charitable activities

Funds dispersed for charitable activities is recognised when the funds are physically dispersed.

Legal form

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is run as a Public Benefit Entity. The charity is registered at:

31 Grays Lane
Ashted
Surrey
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Going concern

The trustees, having considered the financial position at the date of these financial statements, committed disbursements, and the ongoing costs of running the charity, have concluded that there are no material uncertainties in the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Voluntary income

	Year ended 30 June 2021	Period ended 30 June 2020
Donations	19,378	23,690
Income from charitable activities	14,513	15,653
Total voluntary income	33,891	39,343

3. Investment income

	Year ended 30 June 2021	Period ended 30 June 2020
Bank interest	-	4
Total investment income	-	4

4. Cost of generating income

	Year ended 30 June 2021	Period ended 30 June 2020
Event related costs	1,165	1,672
Total cost of generating income	1,165	1,672

These costs mostly comprise website hosting fees, Just Giving site fees, printing costs and insurance.

5. Funds dispersed for charitable activities

	Year ended 30 June 2021	Period ended 30 June 2020
Funds dispersed to UK recipients	10,005	245
Cost of Kenyan educational scholarships	13,720	6,522
Total funds dispersed for charitable activities	23,725	6,767

In the year ended 30 June 2021 the funds dispersed to UK recipients were payable to 2 local charities which provide specialist equipment and services to children with significant physical or mental impairments. The cost of educational scholarships in Kenya were paid to 12 young scholars to cover their tuition fees and living expenses at university or further education establishments.

In the period ended 30 June 2020, the funds dispersed to UK recipients were payable to an individual family, via a local charity, to cover the costs of transporting specialist medical and mobility equipment as part of a holiday for a child with life limiting conditions. The cost of educational scholarships in Kenya were paid to 6 young scholars to cover their tuition fees and living expenses at university or further education establishments.

6. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from the charity, and all trustees bear their own expenses (2020: £nil).

7. Taxation

James' Jar of Gifts is exempt from tax on its charitable activities (2020: exempt).

8. Reconciliation of movement in funds

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Opening reserves	30,857	-
Net surplus generated during the period	8,873	30,857
Closing reserves	39,730	30,857

9. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions requiring disclosure.