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Year ended 30 June 2023

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## **James' Jar of Gifts**

### **Charity information**

#### **Trustees**

Jill Enticott

Susanna Mann

Eleanor McCartney

Emma McCartney

Tony McCartney

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#### **Registered charity number**

1182004

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# **James' Jar of Gifts**

## **Registered charity number 1182004**

### **Trustees Report**

#### **Introduction**

The Board of Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Board are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the financial position as at 30 June 2023, 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 from social and economically disadvantaged communities in Kenya, Uganda and the UK by assisting in the provision of financial assistance to undertake further education or vocational training.
- To assist young children with disabilities in the UK to 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, 26 September 2022 and 14 August 2023. The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission.

## **Trustee appointment and resignations**

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

Jill Enticott  
Susanna Mann  
Eleanor McCartney  
Emma McCartney  
Tony McCartney

Since the last annual report Emma McCartney and Tony McCartney have been reappointed as trustees for a period of 3 years from 9 January 2023, Jill Enticott and Eleanor McCartney have been reappointed as trustees for a period of 3 years from 17 February 2023, and Susanna Mann was reappointed as a trustee for a period of 3 years from 9 January 2024.

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. Included in these for the year under review were a very successful quiz attended in November 2022, as well as two summer wine and cheese tasting events and raffles (held in July 2022 and June 2023). These events were supplemented by valuable sponsored events throughout the period under review. During the period under review these events raised a total of £24,763.

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 £5,987. This was supplemented by gift aid received during the period of £1,325.

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 continued to provide a significant number of young orphans in Kenya with fully funded educational scholarships to study in Kenya. The total number of students we have supported since inception now amounts to 19, with the students either attending universities or technical/vocational colleges. During the year a total of £20,609 was dispersed to Kenya as part of the ongoing funding of these scholarships. 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 donation of £2,909 to White Lodge, a charity based in Chertsey that provides various services for children with a disability. This donation was specifically made to pay for the installation of a sensory room for neurologically challenged children at the facility. In addition, James' Jar of Gifts made a donation of £2,500 to White Lodge as part of that organisation's fundraising to refurbish a hydrotherapy pool, a facility used by many children and young people every year.

James' Jar of Gifts also provided funding of £8,805 to cover the costs of running an intensive English language summer school during the summer of 2022 for a large number of Ukrainian children that had settled in Surrey due to

the ongoing conflict on their home country. Further funds of £2,761 were also spent on Christmas gifts for almost 150 Ukrainian children.

Furthermore, we have also made a donation of £2,390 to Danesgate Community School in York to enable the purchase of equipment to allow children from under privileged backgrounds to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh awards, as well as a donation of £1,828 to Epsom Riding for the Disabled Association for the purchase of a specialist horse saddle and to fund a team of riders taking part in national and regional equestrian competitions.

#### 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 objects 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 and are assessed against specific criteria that has been agreed by the trustees. 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 to ensure that the funds spent are continuing to be used wisely and in accordance with the objects of the charity.

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

#### **Financial summary and reserves policy**

Total funds brought forward were £33,582. Funds raised during the year were £32,077, while £41,802 was dispersed. After event costs of £2,144 and other costs of running the charity of £580 (which together comprise costs of raising funds of £2,724) and bank charges of £247, the charity had unrestricted surplus funds of £20,886 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 we have continued to fund our Kenyan scholars, with a number of them having now completed their courses. In addition, and following the change in the Constitution dated 14 August 2023, we have commenced a programme of funding for 50 young girls in Uganda. This programme aims to provide these girls with greater educational opportunities by funding their school fees, school uniforms, period products and sanitary wear. We also fund a number of workshops aimed at improving the girls knowledge of modes of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and how to avoid such transmission, as well as practical based workshops which will enable to girls to earn a living one they leave school.

### **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 our Ugandan programme supporting 50 girls will be successfully completed, 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 objects 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 15.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 April 2024 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 2023.

### **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.

Joanne Scott  
6 Old Hall Park  
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Kent  
TN27 9EW

25 April 2024

**James' Jar of Gifts**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2023 - £	Year ended 30 June 2022 - £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>			
- Donations	2	7,312	7,549
- Charitable activities	2	24,763	14,444
- Bank interest		2	-
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<b>32,077</b>	<b>21,993</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
- Raising funds	3	2,724	1,170
- Charitable activities	4	41,802	26,800
- Bank charges		247	171
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>44,773</b>	<b>28,141</b>
<b>Net outgoings and movement in funds</b>		<b>(12,696)</b>	<b>(6,148)</b>

All activities in presented above are unrestricted in nature.

**James' Jar of Gifts**  
**Reconciliation in funds**  
**For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2023 - £	Year ended 30 June 2022 - £
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>33,582</b>	<b>39,730</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources for the period</b>	7	<b>(12,696)</b>	<b>(6,148)</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	7	<b>20,886</b>	<b>33,582</b>

**James' Jar of Gifts**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 30 June 2023**

	Notes	30 June 2023 - £	30 June 2022 - £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		20,886	33,582
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>20,886</b>	<b>33,582</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>20,886</b>	<b>33,582</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	7	20,886	33,582
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20,886</b>	<b>33,582</b>

Tony McCartney  
Trustee  
Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 April 2024

**James' Jar of Gifts**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the period ended 30 June 2023**

**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. This set of accounts has been prepared for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**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.

**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  
KT21 1BZ

**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 2023	Year ended 30 June 2022
Donations	7,312	7,549
Income from charitable activities	24,763	14,444
Bank interest	2	-
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	<b>32,077</b>	<b>21,993</b>

## 3. Cost of generating income

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Year ended 30 June 2022
Event related costs and costs of running charity	2,724	1,170
<b>Total cost of generating income</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>1,170</b>

These costs mostly comprise the cost of events, website hosting fees, Just Giving site fees and insurance.

## 4. Funds dispersed for charitable activities

	Year ended 30 June 2023	Year ended 30 June 2022
Funds dispersed to UK recipients	21,193	2,908
Cost of Kenyan educational scholarships	20,609	23,892
<b>Total funds dispersed for charitable activities</b>	<b>41,802</b>	<b>26,800</b>

In the year ended 30 June 2023 the funds dispersed to UK recipients were to fund an intensive language summer school for Ukrainian children that settled in the UK as a result of the ongoing war (£8,805), Christmas gifts for almost 150 Ukrainian children that had settled in Surrey (£2,761), funding for the purchase of equipment for Danesgate

Community School in York to enable a number of young people to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme (£2,390), a donation to Epsom Riding for the Disabled to purchase a specialist saddle and to fund a team of disabled riders to enter regional and national dressage competitions (£1,828), and donations to White Lodge in Chertsey to complete a sensory room fit out and to part fund the refurbishment of a hydrotherapy pool (£5,409). The costs of educational scholarships in Kenya of £20,609 were paid to a number of young scholars to cover their tuition fees and living expenses at university or further education establishments.

In the year ended 30 June 2022 the funds dispersed to UK recipients were a donation to White Lodge in Chertsey, Surrey for the installation of a sensory room for neurologically challenged children (£2,908). The costs of educational scholarships in Kenya of £23,892 were paid to a number of young scholars to cover their tuition fees and living expenses at university or further education establishments.

## **5. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from the charity, and all trustees bear their own expenses (2022: £nil).

## **6. Taxation**

James' Jar of Gifts is exempt from tax on its charitable activities (2022: exempt).

## **7. Reconciliation of movement in funds**

	<b>30 June 2023</b>	<b>30 June 2022</b>
Opening reserves	33,582	39,730
Net deficit generated during the period	(12,696)	(6,148)
<b>Closing reserves</b>	<b>20,886</b>	<b>33,582</b>

## **8. Related party transactions**

There have been no related party transactions requiring disclosure (2022: nil).