

James' Jar of Gifts

The Board of Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Board are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the financial position as at 30 June 2025, 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, Ashtead, 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

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 Cheese & Wine event held in July 2024 as well as our annual quiz which occurred in November 2024. These events were supplemented by valuable sponsored events throughout the year. During the year these events and sponsored activities raised a total of £12,818 (2024: £26,167).

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 £14,012 (2024: £4,189).

In addition to the above gift aid was received during the period of £1,333 (2024: £1,678).

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. The total aggregate value of unconditional donations to the charity from the trustees was £2,946 (2024: £1,386).

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 £1,556 (2024: £13,392) 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. This programme is now largely complete, with students having completed their courses of study.

Disbursements – Uganda

During the year James' Jar of Gifts provided funding of £10,442 (2024: £8,925) to Project Princess in Uganda. In our previous Trustee Report we noted that we supported 50 Ugandan girls through paying school fees, purchasing school uniform and sanitary ware, and funding life and practical skills sessions. We also funded awareness sessions around the modes of transmission of HIV and how to avoid it. This programme has proven to be very successful, with increased attendance at school, improved academic results and enhanced awareness of modes of transmission of HIV being reported from the school we support. We have therefore extended our support for this programme to 74 girls in total.

Disbursements - UK

James' Jar of Gifts made donations to UK based projects during the year of £7,195 (2024: £Nil). Included in these donations are:

- A grant of £700 to fund the attendance at a 3-week outward bound course for a teenager from Surrey that had struggled academically at a mainstream school.

- A grant of £4,610 to White Lodge in Chertsey, Surrey. This grant was to cover the cost of equipment for a second sensory room to be used by children with significant disabilities.
- A grant of £1,885 to The Therapeutic Tutors, a Community Interest Company based in Surrey. These funds were for the purchase of specialist footwear, clothing and a compost toilet which will enable a significant number of additional equine therapy sessions to be run for children that have suffered some kind of trauma.

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.

Donations made to Project Princess in Uganda are made after consideration of the activities that will be undertaken as part of the project. One of the trustees, Tony McCartney, has visited the school that beneficiaries of our funding attend, and has ongoing communications with the proprietor of the school. James' Jar of Gifts also receives a termly report outlining what activities have been undertaken and the benefit accruing to the girls in Uganda as a result of the support they have received.

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 £29,021. Funds raised during the year were £28,655, while £19,193 was dispersed to the different causes outlined above. After event costs of £805 and other costs of running the charity of £690 (which

together comprise costs of raising funds of £1,495) and bank charges of £222, the charity had unrestricted surplus funds of £36,766 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 educational support for 74 girls as part of Project Princess in Uganda. We have also provided further funding of £2,325 to The Therapeutic Tutors in Surrey to enable them to purchase specialist equine equipment which has enabled them to extend their therapy sessions to a wider demographic of young people. Additionally, we provided funding of £3,000 to Challengers in Surrey to enable them to purchase kitchen equipment which will enable the running of inclusive cooking sessions for severely disabled children. Finally, we provided funding of £5,182 to Small Steps in Richmond, an organisation which provides specialist help and support to parents with physically disabled children.

Tony McCartney and Emma McCartney were reappointed as trustees for a period of 3 years from 9 January 2026, and Eleanor McCartney and Jill Enticott were reappointed as trustees for a period of 3 years from 17 February 2026.

Future plans

The healthy financial position of the charity means that the trustees are confident that our Ugandan programme supporting 74 girls will continue successfully, and that UK projects can continue to be assessed and funded on a case-by-case basis. We are also in discussion to evaluate the possibility of building a school in Uganda, although as at the date of this report no final decision or commitments have been made. 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.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 March 2026 and is signed on its behalf by:

Tony McCartney
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

James' Jar of Gifts

1182004

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jul-24

To

30-Jun-25

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	14,012	-	-	14,012	4,189
Charitable activities	12,818	-	-	12,818	26,167
Interest	492	-	-	492	339
Gift Aid	1,333	-	-	1,333	1,678
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,655	-	-	28,655	32,373
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,655	-	-	28,655	32,373
A3 Payments					
Cost of raising funds - event related costs and costs of running the charity	1,495	-	-	1,495	1,632
Funds dispersed - Kenya educational scholarships	1,556	-	-	1,556	13,392
Funds dispersed - Ugandan girls school sponsorship	10,442	-	-	10,442	8,925
Funds dispersed - UK outward bound course	700	-	-	700	-
Funds dispersed - UK - White Lodge	4,610	-	-	4,610	-
Funds dispersed - UK - Therapeutic Tutors	1,885	-	-	1,885	-
Bank charges	222	-	-	222	289
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,910	-	-	20,910	24,238
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,910	-	-	20,910	24,238
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,745	-	-	7,745	8,135
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,021	-	-	29,021	20,886
Cash funds this year end	36,766	-	-	36,766	29,021

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	Barclays - current	4,336	-	-
	Barclays - savings	32,422	-	-
	Barclays - other	8	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,766	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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
		Tony McCartney		07-Mar-26

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	James' Jar of Gifts		
On accounts for the year ended	30 June 2025	Charity no (if any)	1182004
Set out on pages	1-8 <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 30/06/2025.

**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:**

Name:

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

Address: