



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/25

Period start date

To

31/12/25

Period end date

Charity name: The Barber Charitable Trust

Charity registration number: 269544

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes Grants To Organisations• Other Charitable Activities
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Charitable Purposes• Education/training• The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives• Disability• The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty• Overseas Aid/Famine Relief• Accommodation/housing• Religious Activities• Economic/community Development/Employment• Other Charitable Purposes <p>Who the charity helps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children/Young People• Elderly/Old People• People With Disabilities• People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin• Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies• Other Defined Groups <p>Where the charity operates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throughout England• Madagascar
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	The Trustees have read and are guided by the Charity Commission information.

issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Trustees make regular visits to the projects in Madagascar several times a year including monitoring the use of funds. No expenses are taken. Other Volunteers have made visits to Madagascar too, and helped with selling craft products.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Funds sent to Association BOO Madagascar (charity registered in Madagascar), and Lake Mantasoa School, have enabled the school to grow and develop. In 2024 a new Library was built and equipped. A new Science block was built in 2025 and also more staff accommodation. A proportion of donations help towards teachers' salaries as well as materials for classes. 350 pupils receive a hot meal each day - the funds help buy foods and give employment to parents who cook the meals. Providing exercise books for all, means that many who weren't able to go to school, are now able. The medical work is supported by BCT in the form of salaries for the School Nurses/Midwives, and medicines for children and staff. The effects reach out to all the wider families of pupils, and the work has made a centre for the communities around.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The objects of the Trust are to make grants to appropriate institutions and individuals. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Trust carries out these objects by:

Funding projects in rural Madagascar including Community Development work with Association BOO Madagascar, a charity registered in Madagascar, with Lake Mantasoa School.

Madagascar is a country in crisis. After decades of economic disarray, its income, healthcare and education levels are among the lowest in the world: 79.7 per cent of Malagasy people live on less than £1.73 per day – the global poverty baseline.

Giving policy

The beneficiaries of our giving programme are ultimately the rural population of Madagascar, mostly living below the poverty level of £1.75 a day. The school has grown and had great success at getting children into education and staying there, with very good public exam results. The school families are cared for medically too. Many locals, and members of the school families are employed in different aspects of the work, helping counter rural unemployment.

2025 saw the building and opening of the School Science Lab, funded by BCT.

350 children have received clothes, educational materials, meals and medicines.

The Vocational Training has been expanded with all secondary students learning skills in, amongst other things, woodwork, agriculture, cooking, and sewing.

The medical work has seen the birth of dozens of babies, with training in “The First 1000 days of life” and “Helping Babies breathe”.

Our Midwifery work is on hold for the moment as registration documents need to be updated. We have a new school Nurse.

Older folk meet for meals and fellowship several times a year.

Youth who have gone on to Lycée level education have been cared for, helped with fees and equipment, and allowed to use the school resources of computers and library.

The Guest Houses on-site help towards the sustainability of the projects as well as creating work opportunities.

Local road maintenance projects provide employment for many locals and improve community and visitor access.

Financial Review

Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£7352 in Co-Op Bank £1535 cash (for carrying to next trip to Madagascar)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves ready to send /carry in early 2026 to complete building of Science Block and pay salaries and food programme
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8887
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	0
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going	Para 1.23	N/a

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from churches, individuals, Trusts, legacies, from work done, from sales of goods made by team in Madagascar.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Amount kept in higher rate savings account with 35 day interest
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Changing exchange rates and bank charges when sending money abroad.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Family members

Additional information (optional)

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Partnership with Association BOO Madagascar and Lake Mantasoa School. Equip Madagascar and Mobile Health Madagascar also partner with the work.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Barber Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	269544
Charity's principal address	Bethany, 1 Sefton Place Cottages, Warningcamp, Arundel BN18 9QY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

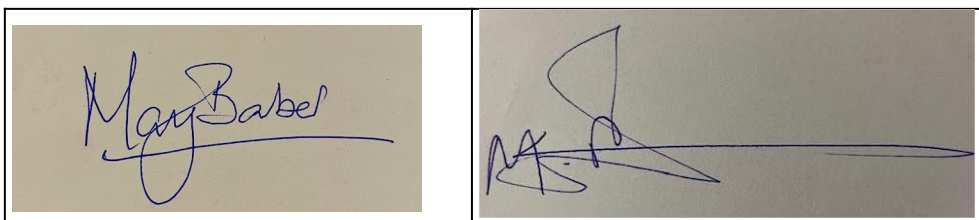
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Martin Barber	Trustee. Chair		
2	Mary Barber	Trustee. Book-keeper		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Book-keeper, Trustee

Chair, Trustee

Date

10/3/26

