

GHANA SCHOOL AID

England & Wales · Charity number 299178

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1992-10-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN GHANA PARTICULARLY CHILDREN ATTENDING VILLAGE SCHOOLS BY THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH SCHOOLS

Activities: Ghana School Aid supports the education of children, particular girls and young women, with a focus on rural areas by making grants to schools, vocational and teacher training centres in support of local efforts, for building materials, technical equipment, teaching and learning materials, books, and School Links to enable exchange and new experiences for young people in an interconnected world.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GHANA
- Ghana

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£29,474	£36,307	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,764	£39,457	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,396	£28,633	-	-
2022-03-31	£40,527	£24,347	-	-
2021-03-31	£23,837	£28,139	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
William Spooner	Chair	2026-01-22
Alhassan Salifu Baako		2026-01-22
Catherine Anne Regan		2026-01-22
MS PENNY SEWELL		2012-01-31
Michael Alexander Hammer		2026-01-22
Nigel William Dennis		2019-01-17
Professor Susannah Harding Mayhew		2026-01-22
Roderic Guy Hemphill Earle		2026-01-22
Samuel Kofi Ohene		2026-01-22

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity name: Ghana School Aid

Charity registration number: 299178

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Ghana School Aid is a small charity established to help the education of children in schools and colleges in Ghana, particularly those in rural areas and with an emphasis on access to education for girls.
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	<p>Ghana School Aid seeks to fulfil its aims by making grants to schools and colleges in Ghana in support of local efforts, for example for school building improvements or essential educational equipment. We provide school furniture, books, writing materials, and occasionally computer and technical equipment, as well as assisting with building of classrooms, sanitary facilities and maintenance. This year we have supported schools to undertake renovations, mend leaking roofs, provide desks, chairs, as well as bunk beds and mattresses for Technical Institutes.</p> <p>Our aim is to support efforts to enable Ghanaian children to acquire a sound education appropriate for them to take their place in the world today.</p> <p>Our main annual social event – the AGM and Reunion – is also a fundraising event. We publish and distribute a booklet, annually, called the Ghana School Aid Newsletter, containing articles of interest,</p>

		reports of activities and projects, with many pictures and photographs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>In recent years we have accepted applications submitted to us via our website. This policy resulted in a very large number of applications to be considered which varied in quality and could not all be satisfied.</p> <p>We are now taking applications from schools and projects that already have some contact with GSA or have been identified by one of our Ghanaian representatives or by a member of the GSA Committee. The priorities for giving grants are explained on the Grants page of our website – www.ghanaschoolaid.org</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Trustees, Ghana representatives (who have been involved in the education sector for many years) and committee members work for Ghana School Aid on a voluntary basis. The charity has no paid staff.

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	<p>In the financial year 2024-2025 12 school projects were supported with grants totalling £32,835. The average of grants provided was just over £2,700.</p> <p>Four (4) projects involved contributions to new classroom / school buildings, five (5) projects supported maintenance such as for leaking roofs and classrooms, two (2) projects focused on toilet facilities, and one (1) project provided classroom furniture.</p> <p>Ghana School Aid asks for and receives reports on project progress and completion. Our local representatives regularly visit projects to assess progress and adherence to budgets. Schools report a great improvement to the facilities for schools to function better, and to the school environment.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		The charity met its objectives of supporting schools and education of children in Ghana
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Ghana School Aid raises about £25-35,000 annually from a variety of sources, incl. individual donations, legacies and memorial gifts, trust and foundations, and fundraising events.</p> <p>This financial year GSA raised £29,474.11</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	GSA does not hold investments
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance at the end of the period was £15,142.94 after income of £29,474.11 and expenditure of £36,307.21. Financial details are supplied with this report including a list of grants to schools.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to allow for any unexpected expenditure and ensure that GSA can meet its financial obligations at all times
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	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	Individual donations, legacies, donations in memory, grants from trusts & foundations, and fundraising events
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	There are no funds invested
		Public and government commitments to causes of international development is in flux. This affects the general environment

<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>for charitable giving for overseas purposes, incl. for education in Ghana.</p> <p>GSA's focus will remain on mobilising support for its cause in its main supporter group of people with practical experience of life in Ghana and the importance of supporting its young people.</p>
<p>Other</p>		<p>n/a</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated 8th July 1987
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	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	Appointed by current Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	n/a
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	GSA is a charity run on an entirely voluntary basis. There are no paid staff and expenses are kept to a minimum. GSA benefits from long established connections with other people and organisations with an interest in Ghana and local networks of support in-country.
	Para 1.51	n/a

Relationship with any related parties		
Other		n/a

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ghana School Aid
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	299187
Charity's principal address	30 Merchant Taylors Almshouses Brandram Road London SE13 5RX

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

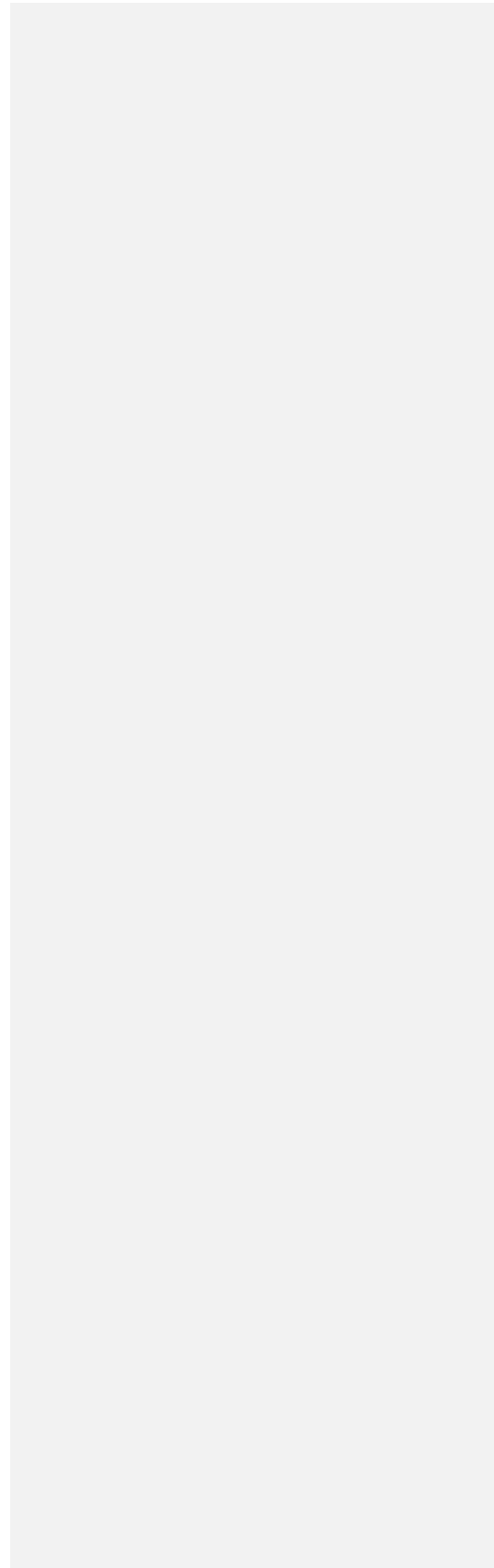
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	William Spooner	Chair		
2	Jo Hallet	Secretary		
3	Nigel Dennis	Treasurer		
4	Penny Sewell	Website and Fundraising Manager		
5	Jennifer MacDougall			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	



Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Representative in Accra	Kofi Ohene	Formerly Registrar Zenith University College, Accra, Ghana
Rep in Tamale	Salifu Baako	Formerly Headteacher, Kanvilli Tawfikiya JHS, Tamale, Ghana

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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

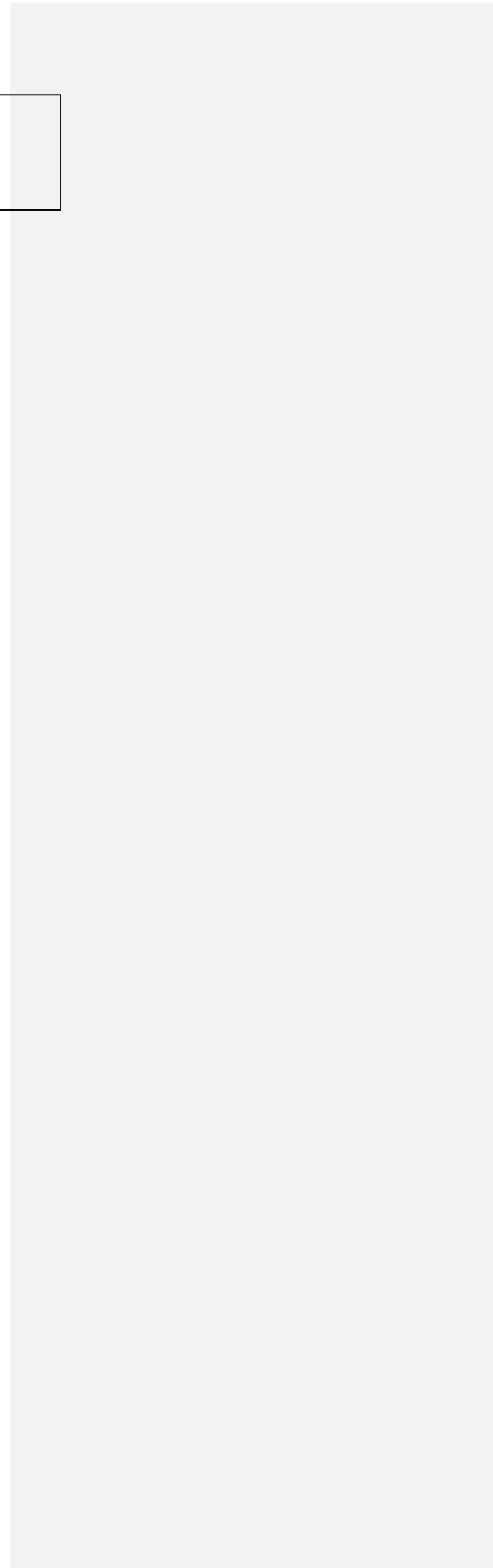
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information



Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jo Hallett	Nigel Dennis
Full name(s)	Jo Hallett	Nigel Dennis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	31/01/2026	

GHANA SCHOOL AID TRUST – CHARITY NUMBER 299178

Treasurer's Report 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

	2024-2025	2023 - 2024
INCOME	£	£
Earle Bequest	.....	10,000.00
Other Donations In Memory and Legacies	2,245.44	2,150.00
Donations from Trusts	20,500.00	11,150.00
Other Donations	5,205.00	5,711.85
Donations through Give as You Live	475.00	3,197.88
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2023	.....	1,080.00
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2024	520.00	442.00
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2025	120.00	.....
HMRC Gift Aid	<u>408.67</u>	<u>1,032.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>29,474.11</u>	<u>34,764.23</u>

	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to projects in Ghana	32,835.00	36,845.00
Advertising Leaflets	.....	179.22
Newsletter May 2024 (and May 2023)	686.55	734.72
Website	72.00	-----
Lunch and AGM 2023	.....	342.52
Lunch and AGM 2024	220.00	215.00
Lunch and AGM 2025	180.00	.....
Fundraising	2,163.66	885.50
Expenses of Officers in Ghana	130.00	225.00
Bank Transfer Fees	<u>20.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>36,307.21</u>	<u>39,456.96</u>

FUNDS at 31st March 2025	£
NatWest Current Account Balance 1 st April 2024	21,976.04
Income less Expenditure £29,474.11 - £36,307.21 =	<u>(6,833.10)</u>
Nat West Current Account Balance 31st March 2025	<u>15,142.94</u>

GRAND TOTALS 1986 – 31st March 2025	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
	£	£
1986 – 31 st March 2024	488,518.78	466,542.74
Add 1 st April 2024 – 31 st March 2025	<u>29,474.11</u>	<u>36,307.21</u>
Total	<u>517,992.89</u>	<u>502,849.95</u>

Income less Expenditure £517,992.89 - £502,849.95 = £15,142.94

ANALYSIS OF GRANTS TO PROJECTS IN GHANA 2024-2025	£
Adaklu-Kodzobi Basic School Library, Ho, Volta Region; Earle Project	12,000
Inclusion Centre, Nandom; Refit of learning and library space	2,000
Jo Bedu Basic School Assembly hall roof	2,000
Kanvilli Tawfikiya Primary School for roofing	2,650
Kwasi Dot Presidential KG for renovation & painting of school building	1,750
Nambiri School for repair of roof damaged by storm	2,000
Otaakrom Technical Institute for 100 mono desks	1,500
Zagyuri Miskiya School for plastering, flooring & painting	1,500
Zamzamiya Primary/KG for repair of roof and washroom and partitioning	2,700
Zamzamiya Primary/KG to complete blocks A & B	335
Zuarungu Moshie JHS for KVIP type toilet	3,400
Zugu Dabogni Technical Institute for additional boys hostel accommodation	<u>1,000</u>
Total	<u>32,835</u>

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GHANA SCHOOL AID. CHARITY NUMBER 299178
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the attached Income and Expenditure of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the Income and Expenditure did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the Income and Expenditure did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the Income and Expenditure give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 Income and Expenditure to be reached



21/01/2026
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Charity name: Ghana School Aid

Charity registration number: 299178

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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	<p>Ghana School Aid seeks to fulfil its aims by making grants to schools and colleges in Ghana in support of local efforts, for example for school building improvements or essential educational equipment. We provide school furniture, books, writing materials, and occasionally computer and technical equipment, as well as building materials. This year we have supported schools to undertake renovations, mend leaking roofs, provide KG desks and bunk beds and mattresses for Technical Institutes.</p> <p>Our aim is to support efforts to enable Ghanaian children to acquire a sound education appropriate for them to take their place in the world today.</p> <p>Our main annual social event – the AGM and Reunion – is also a fund-raising event. We publish and distribute a booklet, annually, called the Ghana School Aid Newsletter, containing articles of interest, reports of activities and projects, with many pictures and photographs.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Whereas in recent years we have accepted applications submitted to us via our website, a policy which resulted in a very large number of applications to be considered, we are now taking applications from schools and projects that already have some contact with GSA or with one of our Ghanaian representatives or with a member of the GSA Committee. The priorities for giving grants are explained on the Grants page of our website – www.ghanaschoolaid.org
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Trustees, Ghana representatives and committee members work for Ghana School Aid on a voluntary basis.
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	<p>The 19 grants given out during the year 2023- 2024 included repairs to schools and to pupil transport following heavy rain, furniture for schools, completion of a boys' dormitory in a Technical Institute, building a toilet block in a JHS and completion of repairs to teachers' quarters.</p> <p>Schools report a great improvement to the facilities for schools to function better, and to the school environment.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance at the end of the period was £21,976 after income of £34,764 and expenditure of £24,395. Financial details are supplied with this report including a list of grants to schools.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to allow for any unexpected expenditure;
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Legacies, donations in memory and trusts
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	There are no funds invested
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated 8th July 1987
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	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	Appointed by current Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	299187
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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	Edward Mayne	Vice Chair		
2	Letitia Boateng			
3	Penny Sewell	Website Manager		
4	Jo Hallett	Secretary		
5	Nigel Dennis	Treasurer		
6	Jennifer MacDougall			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Representative in Accra	Kofi Ohene	Zenith University College, Accra, Ghana
Rep in Tamale	Salifu Baako	Formerly Headteacher, Kanvilli Tawfikiya JHS, Tamale, Ghana
Rep in Eastern Ghana	Patrick Nyante	Former Headteacher, Eastern Region

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jo Hallett	Nigel Dennis
Full name(s)	Jo Hallett	Nigel Dennis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	31/01/2025	

GHANA SCHOOL AID TRUST – CHARITY NUMBER 299178

Treasurer's Report 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

	2023 - 2024	2022 - 2023
INCOME	£	
Earle Bequest	10,000.00	-----
Other Donations In Memory and Legacies	2,150.00	3,739.87
Donations from Trusts	8,150.00	10,650.00
Donation from Morel Trust for Ayebia Clarke Publishing Ltd	3,000.00	-----
Donations for Atikagome School	-----	950.00
Other Donations	5,711.85	6,132.00
Donations through Give as You Live	3,197.88	2,409.99
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2022	-----	40.00
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2023	1,080.00	292.00
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2024	442.00	-----
HMRC Gift Aid	1,032.50	176.25
Interest	-----	<u>5.43</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>34,764.23</u>	<u>24,395.54</u>
EXPENDITURE	£	
Grants to projects in Ghana (See Analysis)	33,845.00	26,208.50
Grant to Ayebia Clarke Publishing Ltd donated by Morel Trust	3,000.00	
Grant to Let's Read Ghana	-----	360.10
Advertising Leaflets	179.22	219.22
Newsletter May 2023 (and May 2022)	734.72	686.95
Website	-----	60.00
Lunch and AGM 2023	342.52	-----
Lunch and AGM 2024	215.00	-----
Fundraising	885.50	980.98
Expenses of Officers in Ghana	225.00	100.00
Bank Transfer Fees	<u>30.00</u>	<u>17.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>39,456.96</u>	<u>28,632.75</u>
FUNDS at 31st March 2024	£	£
NatWest Current Account Balance 1 st April 2023		26,668.77
Income less Expenditure £34,764.23 - £39,456.96	=	<u>(4,692.73)</u>
Nat West Current Account Balance 31st March 2024		<u>21,976.04</u>

GRAND TOTALS 1986 – 31st March 2024	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
	£	£
1986 – 31 st March 2023	453,754.55	427,085.78
1 st April 2023 – 31 st March 2024	<u>34,764.23</u>	<u>39,456.96</u>
Total	<u>488,518.78</u>	<u>466,542.74</u>

Income less Expenditure £488,518.78 - £466,542.74 = £21,976.04

ANALYSIS OF GRANTS TO PROJECTS IN GHANA 2023-2024

	£
Abonse School for repairs due to heavy rainfall	£2,000.00
Action Through Enterprise for repairing desks	£320.00
Asokore Holy Trinity Primary School for 100 dual desks	£2,200.00
Golazoli Amalia E/A Primary School for furniture for pupils	£1,000.00
Hartley Trust Foundation School for repair to Pupil transport	£2,000.00
Jisonayilli MA JHS for 40 metal dual desks	£1,000.00
Kumawu Technical Institute for 60 mattresses for bunk beds	£2,000.00
Kumawu Technical Institute for bunk beds	£2,000.00
Kunkulung D/A Primary School for roofing	£1,000.00
Lungbun Gundaa Primary School for three new classrooms	£3,000.00
Lungbung DA JHS for renovation of buildings	£1,800.00
Sorugu JHS for 4 toilet block	£1,500.00
Sorugu JHS to finish work already undertaken to build a toilet	£250.00
Tibung DA Basic School for completion of teachers' quarters & repairing roof	£1,500.00
Voggu DA JHS for renovation of concrete floors and repair of roof leaks	£2,400.00
Zagyuri Miskiye KG and Primary School for finishing KG building	£3,000.00
Zagyuri Miskiye KG and Primary School for equipment	£375.00
Zuarungo Moshie JHS for flooding; Renovation of buildings & gravel area	£2,850.00
Zugu Dabogni Technical Institute for completion of boys' dormitory	<u>£1,000.00</u>
Total	<u>£33,845.00</u>

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the Income and Expenditure did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the Income and Expenditure did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the Income and Expenditure give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 Income and Expenditure to be reached



30/01/2025

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GHANA SCHOOL AID

England & Wales - Charity number 299178

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Charity name: Ghana School Aid

Charity registration number: 299178

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Ghana School Aid is a small charity established to help the education of children in schools and colleges in Ghana, particularly those in rural areas.
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	<p>Ghana School Aid seeks to fulfil its aims by making grants to schools and colleges in Ghana in support of local efforts, for example for school building improvements or essential educational equipment. We provide school furniture, books, writing materials, and occasionally computer and technical equipment, as well as building materials. This year we have supported schools to build toilets, and provide sanitation for their staff and pupils.</p> <p>Our aim is to support efforts to enable Ghanaian children to acquire a sound education appropriate for them to take their place in the world today.</p> <p>Our main annual social event – the AGM and Reunion – is also a fund-raising event. We publish and distribute a booklet, annually, called the Ghana School Aid Newsletter, containing articles of interest, reports of activities and projects, with many pictures and photographs.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Whereas in recent years we have accepted applications submitted to us via our website, a policy which resulted in a very large number of applications to be considered, we are now taking applications from schools and projects that already have some contact with GSA or with one of our Ghanaian representatives or with a member of the GSA Committee. The priorities for giving grants are explained on the Grants page of our website – www.ghanaschoolaid.org
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Trustees, Ghana representatives and committee members work for Ghana School Aid on a voluntary basis.
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	<p>The majority of the 20 grants given out during the year 2021- 2022 were for schools, to provide sanitation facilities. Most schools in Ghana have been built without toilets. You can imagine the consequences of this policy.</p> <p>Schools report increased attendance, fewer instances of ill health and huge environmental improvements when toilets or urinals are built in a school.</p> <p>We have had a record income this year, largely due to the employment of a fundraiser, who feeds the details of possible funding trusts to one of our Trustees, who sends out request letters to them all.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance at the end of the period was £30,905.98 after income of £40,527.41 and expenditure of £24,347.06. Financial details are supplied with this report including a list of grants to schools.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to allow for any unexpected expenditure;
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Legacies, donations in memory and trusts
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	There are no funds invested
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated 8th July 1987
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Appointed by current Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ghana School Aid
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	299187
Charity's principal address	Flat D Third Floor, 52 Charleville Road, London, W14 9JH

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	Edward Mayne	Vice Chair		
2	Letitia Boateng			
3	Penny Sewell	Website Manager		
4	Jo Hallett	Secretary		
5	Nigel Dennis	Treasurer		
6	Jennifer MacDougall	Newsletter Editor		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Representative in Accra	Kofi Ohene	Zenith University College, Accra, Ghana
Rep in Tamale	Salifu Baako	Headteacher, Kanvilli Tawfikiya JHS, Tamale, Ghana

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jo Hallett	Nigel Dennis
Full name(s)	Jo Hallett	Nigel Dennis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	31/07/2022	

GHANA SCHOOL AID TRUST – CHARITY NUMBER 299178

Treasurer's Report 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

INCOME		£
Regular Donations		5,153.91
Irregular Donations including Legacies and Donations In Memory		8,655.56
Donations from Trusts		19,590.00
Donations through Virgin Money Giving		4,373.67
Donations through Everyclick		18.08
Donations through Giving.com		5.37
Donations through Give as You Live		1,486.48
Annual Lunch Bookings and Donations 2022		220.00
HMRC Gift Aid		1,023.91
Interest from COIF Deposit Fund		<u>0.43</u>
TOTAL INCOME	(Income 2020 – 2021 = £23,837.48)	<u>40,527.41</u>

EXPENDITURE		£
Grants to projects in Ghana (See Analysis)		20,717.00
Fundraising		2,822.73
Expenses of Officers in Ghana		20.00
Annual Lunch and AGM 2021		66.00
Annual Lunch and AGM 2022		78.36
Newsletter May 2021		626.97
Bank Transfer Fees		<u>16.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(Expenditure 2020 – 2021 = £28,138.84)	<u>24,347.06</u>

FUNDS at 31st March 2022	£	£
NatWest Current Account Balance 1 st April 2021	13,725.63	
COIF Deposit Account Balance 1 st April 2021	<u>1,000.00</u>	14,725.63
Add Income less Expenditure £40,527.41 - £24,347.06 =		<u>16,180.35</u>
TOTAL Balance at 31st March 2022		<u>30,905.98</u>

Nat West Current Account Balance 31 st March 2022		29,905.98
COIF Deposit Account Balance 31 st March 2022		<u>1,000.00</u>

TOTAL **30,905.98**

GRAND TOTALS 1986 – 31st March 2022	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
	£	£
1986 – 31 st March 2021	388,831.16	374,105.97
1 st April 2021 – 31 st March 2022	<u>40,527.41</u>	<u>24,347.06</u>
Total	<u>429,359.01</u>	<u>398,453.03</u>

Income less Expenditure **£429,359.01 - £398,453.03 =** **£30,905.98**

ANALYSIS OF GRANTS TO PROJECTS IN GHANA 2021-2022; TOTAL £20,717**£**

Abonse Presbyterian Basic School for completion of urinals; Eastern	300.00
Akrodie Islamic Basic School for urinals and handwashing facilities; Ahafo	1,347.00
Ankoma D.A. Basic School for three seater toilet; Eastern	1,159.00
Anyinasuso E.A. Primary School for 5 seater ventilated latrines and sinks; Ashanti	1,124.00
Aperade Senior High School for 5 seater KVIP for girls and female staff; Eastern	1,383.00
Aperade SHS to complete 5 seater KVIP for girls and female staff; Eastern	750.00
Asuofua D.A. Primary D School for urinal facility; Ashanti	1,148.00
Baaleyiri R.C. Basic School for six toilet stances latrines; Upper West	1,111.00
Diasibe AME Zion Primary School for urinal facility; Ahafo	1,050.00
Manhyia No 1 M.A. Basic School for handwashing equipment and urinals; Ahafo	1,330.00
Nyame Nti D.A. Basic School for six seater ventilated latrine; Eastern	1,038.00
Otabilokrom D.A. Primary School for toilet - five latrines; Central	899.00
Sampa Methodist KG and Primary School for urinal particularly for females; Bono East	1,188.00
Action Through Enterprise; text books, exercise books and pens for two JHS schools.	1,320.00
Asuofua Basic School for handwashing items; Ashanti	550.00
Diasibe AME Zion Primary School for handwashing items; Ahafo	550.00
Sampa Methodist Primary School for handwashing items; Bobo East	550.00
Walewale Vocational Technical School to complete 6-seater toilet; North East	1,200.00
Tamasco Secondary School in Tamale to complete the existing project;	2,600.00
Joe Bedu School	<u>120.00</u>
Total	<u>20,717.00</u>

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GHANA SCHOOL AID. CHARITY NUMBER 299178
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

I report on the attached Income and Expenditure of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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