

Company number  
02567458

Charity number  
1001398

**The Marlborough Brandt Group**  
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Accounts

For the Year ended

31 December 2022

**Oakensen Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
31 Stallard Street  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 9AA

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**Trustees Annual Report**

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the charity are to promote and sustain the link established between the communities of Marlborough and Gunjur in 1981, to advance education of students in Gunjur and more generally in the UK, and the prevention or relief of poverty and sickness for people in The Gambia. In 2022 the Trustees agreed to maintain our flexible support for our partner charities in the continued and lasting impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, helping them to return to on the ground delivery during the year or in 2023.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

During 2022 we maintained a stable financial position. The work of the charity has continued to be influenced by the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We now have confirmed youth group trips in 2023. The 2023 Summer Trip will be around 20 students from St. John's School Marlborough, led by Venture Force, who are also taking out a large group from a school in Leeds. The Summer Trip is now in direct partnership with the St Johns to ensure the financial security of all those involved following new best practice coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have also supported a 2023 group from Thriving Through Venture with £10,000 legacy funds from 2019 delayed due to the pandemic.

As in 2021, the Trustees agreed to focus the charity efforts on supporting our long-standing charity partners and the poorest people of Gunjur through the impact of Covid-19 as well as getting back towards delivering out community impact aims in Gunjur.

- We maintained our support for Disability Africa helping with £3,500 of funding to support with the impact of the pandemic, building repairs and home visits for disabled young people around Gunjur.
- We started a new three-year partnership with long-time partner Project Gambia supporting teacher professional education for pre-school teachers. We made both year 1 and year 2 payments totalling £6,506.
- We continued our support with £3,500 for the BEREEL micro-finance and employability programme.
- In readiness for the 2023 Summer Group, we subsidised two places on the trip with £2,269 with disadvantaged students selected by St Johns School, Marlborough.
- We supported TARUD with a total of £13,055 which is a mix of funding support from St. James Place Wealth Management for an extended health programme and direct support for wages and office maintenance.
- We submitted GiftAid claims for 2020 and 2021 which, due to the Covid-19 Emergency Appeal brought in an additional £2,956.
- We also received a one-off unrestricted donation of £15,000 from St. James's Place Wealth Management.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Trustees are aware of their obligation to provide public benefit and the charity complies with this duty by offering its services in a way that ensures that the public have full and unrestricted access to the advice and support it provides.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

MBG aims to be between a £20,000 deficit and cost neutral during the year to sustain its long-term grant making ability. In 2022 we maintained to our long-term grant making strategy. MBG is a volunteer run charity that works remotely to minimise costs. Income arises only through donations, grants and fundraising, and is supported by cash reserves. The Trustees consider that the principal risks facing the organisation are the loss of that income stream and overspending of cash assets. The Trustees consider that their financial procedures adequately manage those risks.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees aim to retain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to continue to provide an effective service in line with its objectives, and sets a target level of general reserves equivalent to 12 months expenditure.

#### **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

During 2023 MBG will continue to support its charity partners as they return to normal operations and will see youth groups back in Gunjur, particularly our long-standing school Summer Trip and supporting other groups to travel to Gunjur. We will continue our existing multi-year grant commitments, donate to support the Summer Group community project and ensure a Trustee visit to Gunjur to review the projects we support with on the ground visits. It being six years since the closure of the MBG office and the implementation of the new grants strategy and we will continue to review our strategic approach.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Charity number: 1001398  
Company number: 2567458  
Registered Office: 31 Stallard Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9AA

#### **Our Advisors**

Examiners: Oakensen, 31 Stallard Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9AA  
Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ  
Co-op, 2nd floor, Miller Street, Manchester, M26 4JG

#### **Directors and trustees**

Director and trustee	A B Davies J Busby D Johnson M Gajadharsingh
Secretary	J Busby

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document**

The Marlborough Brandt Group is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association updated on the 4th September 2014. It was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 2nd January 1991.

**Appointment of trustees**

The Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, with any casual vacancies arising during the year being filled by the co-option of additional Trustees. The Trustees are chosen for their breadth of experience, relevant skills, and interest in the objectives and activities of the charity.

There are currently 3 trustees who meet regularly to supervise the operations of the charity. Applications for these posts are actively sought. Day to day responsibility of the charity is managed by these Trustees who act as the Management Committee.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Trustees are to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.


The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. 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.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

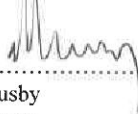
The Annual General Meeting appointed David Oakensen FCA of Oakensen Limited as independent examiner to the charity for the year.

This report was approved by the board on

20/9/23



A B Davies  
Trustee



J Busby  
Trustee

## **The Marlborough Brandt Group**

### **Independent examiner's report to the members of The Marlborough Brandt Group**

I report on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, set out on pages 4 to 8.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

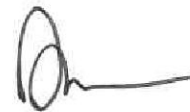
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **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 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 accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



**David Oakensen FCA**  
Independent Examiner

**Oakensen Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
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20 September 2023

**The Marlborough Brandt Group**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Income from donations and legacies	2	17,991	10,000	27,991	20,573
Income from charitable activities	3	2,742	-	2,742	2,475
Interest receivable		115	-	115	4
<b>TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		<b>20,848</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>30,848</b>	<b>23,052</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	19,090	10,178	29,268	34,345
Other expenditure	5	1,591	-	1,591	1,733
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>20,681</b>	<b>10,178</b>	<b>30,859</b>	<b>36,078</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>167</b>	<b>(178)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(13,026)</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>167</b>	<b>(178)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(13,026)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<b>Total funds at 1 January 2022</b>		<b>71,466</b>	<b>19,047</b>	<b>90,513</b>	<b>103,539</b>
<b>Total funds at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>71,633</b>	<b>18,869</b>	<b>90,502</b>	<b>90,513</b>

There were no recognised gains and losses other than those shown in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

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**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		91,610		91,521	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(1,108)</b>		<b>(1,008)</b>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>90,502</b>		<b>90,513</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>90,502</b>		<b>90,513</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Unrestricted funds	7		71,633		71,466
Restricted funds	8		18,869		19,047
			<b>90,502</b>		<b>90,513</b>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective July 2014).

Approved by the board on.....*20/09/23*



A B Davies  
Trustee

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

*Basis of accounting*

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

*Incoming resources*

Collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resources to which they relate are received. Grants are accounted for when the charity is legally entitled to the amounts due. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

*Charitable expenditure*

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises expenditure on lunches and project trips for the members.

*Funds*

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

*Trade debtors*

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, which is usually the invoice price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts

*Trade creditors*

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price, which is usually the invoice price.

*Taxation*

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

*Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty*

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No significant judgements have had to be made in preparing these financial statements.

<b>2 Income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift aid	2,956		2,956	2,203
Grants	15,000	10,000	25,000	15,000
Donations	35		35	870
Legacies	-		-	2,500
	<u>17,991</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>27,991</u>	<u>20,573</u>

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<b>3</b>	<b>Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Memberships	2,742	-	2,742	2,475
	Fundraising	-	-	-	-
		<u>2,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>2,475</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Direct charitable expenditure	18,885	10,178	29,063	33,801
	Insurance	205	-	205	544
		<u>19,090</u>	<u>10,178</u>	<u>29,268</u>	<u>34,345</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Office costs	124	-	124	72
	Computer and website costs	194	-	194	194
	Travel	77	-	77	-
	Bank charges	88	-	88	459
	Bookkeeping and accountancy	1,108	-	1,108	1,008
		<u>1,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,591</u>	<u>1,733</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Other creditors			1,108	1,008
<b>7</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Balance as at</b>			<b>Balance as at</b>
		<b>1 January</b>			<b>31 December</b>
		<b>2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Charitable funds	71,466	20,848	(20,681)	71,633
		<u>71,466</u>	<u>20,848</u>	<u>(20,681)</u>	<u>71,633</u>
<b>8</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Balance as at</b>			<b>Balance as at</b>
		<b>1 January</b>			<b>31 December</b>
		<b>2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Business Development	18,761	-	(180)	18,761
	Vibe Challenge	286	-	(180)	106
	TARUD health project	-	10,000	(9,998)	2
		<u>19,047</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(10,178)</u>	<u>18,869</u>

The Business Development fund is for the provision of micro-finance loans.

The Vibe Challenge provides funding for a schools competition for business development.

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**9 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Net current assets £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Restricted funds	18,869	18,869
Unrestricted funds	71,633	71,633
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>90,502</u>	<u>90,502</u>

**10 Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amounts as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the company should it be wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payments of the company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.