



LISA KENT TRUST

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 30 April 2025

Charity Registration No: 1111569

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Report of the Trustees.

The Gambia is the smallest African country and one of the world's poorest nations in Africa with widespread poverty. The country has very little economic diversity, which makes it vulnerable to food price volatility.

With a population of 2.8 million it is one of the most densely populated countries in Africa, with most of the population, 61%, converging around urban & peri urban centres. And a median age of 18.6 years.

Heavily dependent on tourism, as it lacks natural resources & few products to export.

Health sector capacity is weak and social safety nets do not exist.

The Gambian Constitution mandates free and compulsory primary education, but a lack of resources and education infrastructure has made implementation difficult and state schools in the Kombo's regularly have class sizes in excess of 60 pupils & 90 pupils in a class is not unknown.

Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) teaches a maximum of thirty-six pupils per class, our teachers are qualified and receive regular training. The resultant high-quality education is ensuring excellent results in the National Exams.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors, we now have students studying at the University of The Gambia, as well as many moving into trades and completing apprenticeships. One of our students recently graduated from University of Gambia with a degree in accountancy & has been headhunted by one of the top African Banks. We are also privileged to have students who have returned from their studies to work in our school after completing their teacher training.

Students' health & medical issues are supported, and we work with the local communities to draw attention to & educate in the issues of FGM, child marriage, rape, HIV and STD.

Lisa Kent Trust continues to strive to deliver a carbon neutral position across the group, with solar boreholes delivering water to the school, and saving the local community a three mile walk to the nearest water supply. Our pupils grow produce as part of their studies, which is then used to support the local community and trees are planted to counter some of the deforestation which continues to plague The Gambia.

Structure, Governance and Management:

Recruitment, Induction and training, Risk management, Organisational structure, Related parties.



Governing document:

The organisation is a registered charity, registered with the Charity Commission for England & Wales, with its Constitution being adopted in October 2005

Trustee selection:

Trustees are appointed in line with Charity Commission requirements and the Lisa Kent Trust's constitution.

Additional governance:

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration.

Objectives and Activities:

The Trust's objectives and principal activities is the funding & support of Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) facilitating them to: -

Promoting education in The Gambia

Advance the education of children and young people through providing, maintaining, equipping, and managing schools.

Teaching which is reflective of relevant standards and address the potential problems related to education in the Gambia

Working to the MoSBE – Gambian Curriculum – and looking at ways to continue to improve educational standards.

Working with Gambian business organisations to develop work experience opportunities for pupils with the aim to finding students future employment opportunities.

Working in Partnership with other agencies & charities to maximise the best use of funding and resources.

Continued development of the Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) schools and staff to support the delivery of high quality education.

Recycling of used school materials from UK to The Gambia, reducing UK landfill, to be utilised in both Lisa Kent Trust institutions as well as being donated to State & other charity supported institutions.

Working towards an understanding of Carbon Neutral with our pupils, staff & local community.



Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The charity trustees for the purposes of charity law are known as members of the Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee are elected to serve as per the terms set out in the Constitution.

Governance Document

The more traditional business and education skills are well represented on the Management Committee. To maintain this broad skill mix, members of the Management Committee are requested to provide a list of their skills (and update each year) and in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements; individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the Management Committee.

Trustee Induction and Training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions (of no more than 1 hour) to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Management Committee and cover: -

- The obligations of Management Committee members
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest accounts.
- Future plans and objectives

Organisational Structure

Lisa Kent Trust has a Management Committee of members who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee has four members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the Administrator for the Management Committee, under the guidance of the Chair.



Related Parties

Lisa Kent Trust delivers its objectives & activities through Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) a charitable company registered in The Gambia.

In turn, the delivery by Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) and its directors/trustees is monitored & guided in direction by the Lisa Kent Trust trustees.

And in so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objectives, the charity is also guided by both local and national Gambian policy. At a national level education provision is steered by our annual strategy. The representation of local organisations/communities has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links within the community and identifying relevant policy developments and prospective funding.

Achievements and performance

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of schools for teaching children and young people and ensuring once they complete their education, they are provided with the skills & ability to deliver in the workplace & enhance the development of the economy in The Gambia.

The Trust greatly appreciates the support of our sponsors who continue to sponsor children throughout their education.

As students move up the education structure in The Gambia the costs become higher and on occasions sponsors are not in a position to increase their already generous contributions. The Trust has established a Scholarship Fund to support these students complete their goals & ambitions.

Voluntourism trips (Community tourism) – provide volunteers with the opportunity to see and support the work of the Trust in The Gambia as well as living in a Gambian community. Volunteers deliver a variety of support, including the development of 'work experience' and regular reviews with the older students guiding them towards their occupational goals.

Duke of Edinburgh Residential Trips for volunteers looking to achieve the residential section of their Gold Award. In many cases these residential courses have proved to be life changing to the participants, many return to The Gambia and others find it has dramatically broadened their horizons & understanding of life's needs.

Fundraising events – Lisa Kent Trust deliver a comprehensive & varied events calendar which both raise funds as well as awareness of the Trust's work, including Eco Events to publicise our work & our recycling efforts.

The Trusts continues to ship a wide variety of products to the Gambia, thanks to the support of local businesses and schools who donate furniture which they no longer require, which then have a useful life in our schools & their local communities.



Thanks to the support of a very generous donor and a variety of Grant Funders, including Pat Newman Memorial Trust, The Ward Family Trust, Paradigm Norton Trust, Strathspey Charitable Trust, Ann & Christopher Fielden Charitable Trust, Hudson Charitable Trust and Sydney E Franklin Deceased New Second Charity and a number of others, we have been able to construct the first of two new buildings in the school grounds, incorporating a new office and a substantially larger library, which will also be used as an exam hub and in time an IT suite.

Construction started on the 1st January 2025 & was completed by the middle of March. The new single storey building, measuring 22 metres by 8 metres, includes a new office section adjoining the entrance to the school ensuring everyone who enters the premises is immediately dealt with by our Head Administrator, ensuring the safety of all our pupils and ensuring easy access for parents to the School Administration team and if required teaching staff. Since its opening at the beginning of the summer term it has already enabled the team to prepare lesson plans & papers for exams in a spacious and secure space, as well as a confidential space for our Headmaster and Heads of Departments to be able to interview & liaise with pupils' parents.

The library is awaiting transfer of books from its current location to the new site, in the meantime the store off the library has been populated by portable exam desks and chairs, allowing the library space to easily be converted to a formal exam room, and has already been utilised for Mock exams. And more recently the Grade 3 & 8 students have used this facility for their National Examinations. This has enabled our students to experience exam conditions in line with those of the University of The Gambia & other educational institutions to which in time they will move.

The physical library will move across in the Autumn term 2025, with the old library providing a study space for our pupils who will use the facility for additional lessons, which our team of teachers have always been keen to support.

Our Nursery School team are now looking forward to their own educational space in our adjoining grounds which is planned for construction to start in November 2025 funds allowing.

Outreach

The outreach work of the charity provides support to children from very poor backgrounds in The Gambia who may otherwise not have the opportunity for an early start at schooling. Lisa Kent Trust aims to deliver young adults with a quality education into the workplace to add to the current very small pool of candidates which have the potential to be employed by the large national & international companies operating in The Gambia.

Financial Review

Lisa Kent Trust, thanks to the support of generous sponsors & donors, continues to be sustainable and will continue to support Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) to delivering its objectives.



Lisa Kent Trust historically funded Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) with a loan to facilitate the purchase of lands and covering the construction of the Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) buildings, an asset on their financials.

This loan, secured on the land & buildings, has again been reviewed by the trustees who agreed considering the current potential political position, although improved, are currently not sufficiently stable for the cessation of the liability from Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia).

Principal Funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity continue to focus on funding by way of donations, child sponsorship and scholarship funding.

Voluntourism/ Community Tourism programme, was a great success this year, we were inundated with enquiries and were able to offer weeks late in the Autumn Term & also in the Spring Term. The attendees had a great time and were fully accepted & integrated in the local community who see the benefits to their school & the opportunities these programmes create.

Grant funding has this year assisted in our aims to start to expand & improve the facilities in the school.

Investment policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment. A reserve account is retained to ensure the ability to support Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia)'s salary commitments to its teaching staff.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements or reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 6 and 12 months of the expenditure. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding.

Plans for future periods

Lisa Kent Trust will look to develop our fund-raising activities, expanding on Community Tourism & Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award excursions to The Gambia, as well as developing new & exciting events for our supporters in the UK.

We continue to develop our recycling efforts & are working very closely with our shipper to support our schools, and our local communities.



We are expanding our Scholarship scheme & are keen to support the development of our pupils once they leave our Schools. We recently welcomed back one of our old pupils who has joined as initially as a Teaching Assistant & is looking to develop her skills so she can teach at primary level.

The coming academic year requires further substantial investment into our school with the need for a separate nursery building for pupils from 4 to 7-8 years of age.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 10th July 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Tinkler", written in a cursive style.

Mrs Elizabeth Tinkler (Chair)

Annual Accounts

Lisa Kent Trust

For the period ended 30 April 2025



Prepared on

14 July 2025

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Profit and Loss

May 2024 - April 2025

		Total
	May 2024 - Apr 2025	May 2023 - Apr 2024 (PP)
INCOME		
Child sponsorship	13,861.00	14,107.00
DoE / Volunteers	9,971.19	9,734.22
Donations and legacies	32,102.75	14,981.85
Fund Raising Events	1,155.66	1,119.92
Gift Aid	9,143.33	5,809.72
Grant Funding	7,300.00	
Kings College Roof Tour	1,050.00	
Sales of Product Income		135.05
Scholarship Fund	240.00	440.00
Services	30.00	
Total Income	74,853.93	46,327.76
COST OF SALES		
Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) - Cash Donations	15,500.00	33,000.00
Lisa Kent Trust (Gambia) - Other Donations	2,123.60	
Total Cost of Sales	17,623.60	33,000.00
GROSS PROFIT	57,230.33	13,327.76
EXPENSES		
Advertising/Promotional	1,062.40	451.84
Bank and Paypal charges	74.06	66.92
Commissions on grants	1,064.80	
Computer Costs	564.27	286.38
Insurances	780.96	923.82
Mileage	63.00	387.45
Office/General Administrative Expenses	132.10	17.00
Other Professional Services	648.00	667.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery	205.20	155.98
Volunteering and Shipping	9,585.76	5,717.05
Total Expenses	14,180.55	8,673.44
NET OPERATING INCOME	43,049.78	4,654.32
OTHER INCOME		
Interest earned	327.72	262.85
Total Other Income	327.72	262.85
OTHER EXPENSES		
Depreciation	394.95	112.00
Total Other Expenses	394.95	112.00
NET OTHER INCOME	-67.23	150.85
NET INCOME	£42,982.55	£4,805.17

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2025

		Total
	As of Apr 30, 2025	As of Apr 30, 2024 (PP)
FIXED ASSET		
Tangible assets		
Office Equipment Cost	1,364.95	515.00
Office Equipment Depreciation	-796.95	-402.00
Total Tangible assets	568.00	113.00
Non-Current Assets		
LKT The Gambia Loan	165,047.05	143,547.05
Total Non-Current Assets	165,047.05	143,547.05
Total Fixed Asset	165,615.05	143,660.05
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Lisa Kent Trust (5874)	17,399.92	18,532.32
Lisa Kent Trust - Restricted (6704)	4,286.96	4,241.60
LKT- Reserve acc (1068) - 6 months working revenue	41,100.78	20,818.42
Paypal	2,833.64	859.91
Total Cash at bank and in hand	65,621.30	44,452.25
DEBTORS		
Debtors	420.00	250.00
Total Debtors	420.00	250.00
CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	0.00	311.50
Total Current Assets	0.00	311.50
NET CURRENT ASSETS	66,041.30	45,013.75
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	480.00	480.00
Total Current Liabilities	480.00	480.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	480.00	480.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	65,561.30	44,533.75
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	231,176.35	188,193.80
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£231,176.35	£188,193.80
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Reserves	188,193.80	183,388.63
Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00
Profit for the year	42,982.55	4,805.17
Total Capital and Reserves	£231,176.35	£188,193.80



Independent Accountant's Report

Lisa Kent Trust – charity no. 1111569 for year ending 30th April 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 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 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:



- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

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