

THE OLD GREY EUROPE CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

1. Introduction

I am pleased to present my report for the year ended 31 December 2018; I will also give a brief update on the financial position of the Trust for the eight months to the end of August 2019.

Excluding the very large, one-off donation received in 2017, income in 2018 was about £9,300 lower year on year. The decrease was due mainly to the following –

- Lower individual donations.
- No transfer from Old Greys' Union Europe in 2018.
- Lower Gift Aid dues to lower individual donations.

We did not award any new bursaries in 2018 for reasons explained later in this report.

2. 2018 Financial Accounts

The Financial Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2018 have been independently examined by Ronnie Davidson of Futurelink Accountancy Services and have been signed on behalf of the Trustees. I would like to thank Ronnie for once again doing the examination on a pro bono basis – we are very grateful.

Total income for the year was £17,670. £14,670 came from individual donations, £1,331 was raised from sponsored events, £1,125 was Gift Aid from UK Revenue, £435 was income from the raffle at the dinner in November and there was £109 of interest received.

The costs of the Trust are minimal and in 2018 they were only £270 – the cost of places in a sponsored event. The bursary programme cost £19,025 and £3,000 was paid to the School for its Outreach Programme from a donation made specifically for that purpose.

The operating deficit for the year was £4,625 and accumulated funds at the end of the year were £165,300 - £97,371 in Investments (see below), £31,814 in a current account and £36,115 in a deposit account, both at Barclays.

3. 2018 Bursaries

The bursaries for 2018 were awarded to -

- Curtleigh Alaart (Grade 11)
- Lusanele Nelani (Grade 10)
- Denovan Jeftha (Grade 9)
- Luvuyo Nkompela (Grade 8)

The total amount paid for the 2018 High bursaries was £19,025. This was £4,048 lower than the previous year because we didn't award any new Grade 11/12 bursaries. The reason for this was that we were not satisfied that the School was providing enough support for the boys or reporting in a timely, effective manner. I am pleased to record that, with the full commitment of the new Rector, there was some improvement during the year and we reinstated the Grade 11/12 bursaries in 2019.

The exchange rate obtained for the payment of the bursaries was substantially the same as it was in 2017.

4. 2019 Bursaries

We are continuing to fund the boys who have bursaries and who will be staying on at the School, namely Curtleigh Alaart, Lusanele Nelani, Denovan Jeftha and Luvuyo Nkompela; they will be going into Grades 12, 11, 10 and 9 respectively, We also awarded a shared Grade 11 bursary to Cade Cambier and Siviwe Zondani and a Grade 12 bursary to Shauib Kiewiets.

An eighth bursary for a particular boy was paid for by the Trust from a donation made specifically for that purpose. It was not part of the normal bursary programme although the donation and the cost of the bursary are reflected in the accounts.

A number of the bursary boys have done very well in different fields, in particular Denovan who was selected for the South African Youth Orchestra, and Lusanele who was elected as Deputy Junior Mayor of Port Elizabeth.

It is clear that boys coming from disadvantaged families often struggle to manage the transition to Grey. We continue to work with the School to improve the monitoring of performance and the provision of support which, in some cases, is essential to ensure good academic results. There has been important progress this year and we are hopeful that this will bear fruit in 2020.

5. Income and expenditure in the current year

Regular income via standing order was steady at just under £400 a month.

Total gross income for the six months to the end of August 2019 was £18,590, which is made up as follows:

Donations	£17,430
Gift Aid	£1,065
Interest	£95

Expenditure for the same period was £33,367, which is principally made up of the cost of the 2019 bursaries.

6. Investments and fundraising

At the beginning of 2018 we invested £100,000 spread equally across four funds in accordance with our Investment Policy. The year-end value was £97,371 due to a drop in the overall market; however, the market has since strengthened and the current value is approximately £103,000. The primary objective of the Investment Policy is preservation of capital but we expect an annual return of between 1 and 3%. We have been cautious in our approach and we monitor the performance of the funds on a regular basis.

The size of our reserves is somewhat misleading as it is our intention to increase the number of bursaries in accordance with the wishes of major donors. However, this will not be sustainable over the long-term unless there is an increase in lump sum donations and standing orders. I would like all Old Greys to consider contributing to the programme, either by lump sum or standing order, to ensure that it can be sustained at this higher level for the benefit of future generations.

7. Reserves

We target to have one year of bursary payments in reserves at the year end. At the end of the current financial year we will have sufficient reserves to cover our current bursary commitments and approximately eight further bursaries, each for five years. This assumes that all the additional bursaries will be for day boys and that any increase in school fees will be offset by a more favourable exchange rate.

8. Legacies

In previous reports I have highlighted the importance of legacies and I would like to do so again. Many people find it difficult to make donations in their lifetime and a legacy can be an easier way to make a contribution for the benefit of the School. If you would like to discuss legacies in more detail, please contact me and I or one of my fellow trustees will be happy to discuss this with you in person. Also, please note that one may leave a legacy for specific purposes (eg the bursary programmes) or for general purposes.

9. Trustees

Alasdair Loggie resigned as a trustee because of work pressures and I want to thank him for his wise counsel and his commitment to the Trust. I am pleased to welcome Keith Butler-Wheelhouse and Mark Satchel. Keith was appointed in November 2018 and Mark in May of this year. They join Ron Baynes, Leslie Bergman, Mark Gibbons, Mark Molyneux, Paul Wiseman and me. We are seeking one or two more trustees as Ron, Leslie and I plan to stand down when successors are in place. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know – it is a way to give something back to the School and you will find it very rewarding.

10. Grey Foundation

We work very closely with the trustees of the Grey Foundation to ensure that what we and they do are in alignment. I want to thank Bryan Knox, outgoing Chairman, for his support and I welcome Andrew Bradley, the new Chairman, who has already been very involved in our discussions around the bursary programme and fundraising.

11. Charity Commission requirements

It is necessary to record the following:

1. The address of the Trust is-
Carmel, Manor Way, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0HU and the Charity Registration number is 1117296.
2. The Objects of the Trust are –
 - To advance the education of the pupils at Grey High School and Grey Junior School, Port Elizabeth, South Africa and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
 - to provide or assist in the provision of scholarships or bursaries or prizes to be awarded to pupils at Grey High School and Grey Junior School or persons intending to become pupils at Grey High School or Grey Junior School;
 - by providing and assisting in the provision of teaching facilities, teaching equipment and books;
 - by providing and assisting in the provision of schoolmasters;
 - and by providing and assisting in the maintenance and management of Grey High School and Grey Junior School.
3. Trustees have to be Old Greys resident in the United Kingdom. They are selected by current trustees and are appointed for three-year terms by resolution of a majority of current trustees.
4. The Trust is managed by the trustees on a voluntary basis in accordance with the Objects.

12. Thanks

The bursary programme was set up in 2005 and the Trust was established and registered with the Charity Commission the following year. Since inception the bursary programme has enabled more than twenty young men to benefit from a Grey education. Some are currently at university and some have already graduated and are doing well in their careers – all are very grateful for the opportunity they were given. You, the Old Greys living in the UK and Europe, have made this possible and I want to thank you for your contribution.

Patrick Fleming
Chairman
October 2019