

GHAR PARAU FOUNDATION

TREASURER'S REPORT - YEAR ENDING 31.12.13

- 1 Despite growth in the accumulated fund, interest income remains relatively low. The transfer of NSB bonds to Virgin Money has produced an improved return in the year, but even that rate is now being squeezed. Other opportunities to improve the return on the fund continue to be sought and monitored.
- 2 During the year, £1300 of G.P.F. funding was allocated. Additionally, six applications for the Alex Pitcher award were funded and £60 was paid in respect of the Tratman award. Against this total, £50 of prior year retentions were released and £675 of uncashed cheques were written back to the fund. This maintained net expenditure in line with income.
- 3 Donations were received from the following during the year :-

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|------------------|---|-------|
| O Kahler | £ | 40 |
| Kino Design | | 200 |
| P Rowsell | | 1000 |
| Floorplans North | | 43 |
| M Slack | | 50 |
| J Spilman | | 70 |
| A Rooke | | 250 |
| M Baines | | 65 |
| Yunnan 2003 | | 241 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1959 |
| Gift Aid Reclaim | | 638 |
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| | | 2597 |

The gift aid tax reclaim from 2012 remains outstanding and will be re-submitted in early 2014, along with a further claim relating to £1475 donated under gift aid in 2013.

Additionally, a donation of £3000 was received in the year from Hidden Earth 2012.

- 4 During the year, £1550 was received from the China Caves Project for 2013.
- 5 During the year, £5000 of funding for distribution was received from B.C.A. Of this, £4400 was added to the £600 deferred income from 2012 and the total then allocated to 2013 expeditions. The remaining £600 has been deferred to 2014.
- 6 2013 once more saw significant efforts on direct fundraising. These have generated a surplus over costs of £3699 and further amounts remain to be credited. The latter have not yet been realised and will be added to 2014 income as received.
- 7 At the year end, £325 was outstanding against G.P.F. awards (funding retained subject to reporting), along with £200 retained against B.C.A. awards. China Caves funding retained totals £150.
- 8 The fund has increased by 15.9% in the year. This reflects the level of donation income plus the additional fundraising efforts. However, current expectations on interest rates mean that the fund growth is merely offsetting interest rate reductions and the net income available for distribution in 2014 is likely to be below the level of the previous year.
- 9 I recommend that funds for distribution should remain at £1200 in 2014. This is likely to mean that a small deficit on interest income would be required, but this could be re-balanced once interest rates rise in due course. Tratman and Pitcher awards should

form part of this total. Additionally, £600 of BCA funding remains deferred from 2013. Any further BCA funding should be allocated once confirmed and the same principle applies to any funding which may be forthcoming from the China Caves Project. Donation income will once more be added to the accumulated fund unless specifically targeted for distribution.

- 10 During the year, a further £14000 was invested in the Virgin Money account. Although the rate on this has reduced, it remains slightly above the level of N.S.B bonds and I believe it represents as good a safe option as is achievable at the present time. As noted previously though, any safe opportunity to improve the return will continue to be investigated and actioned if appropriate.
- The current cash balance relates partly to retentions and deferred income, with a small residual effect of donation and fundraising income in 2013. The latter elements I propose to reinvest via the best available route early in 2014 and then further reinvestment would be considered in light of donation and fundraising income during the course of the year.

Funds held at year end were as follows :-

| Title | Value | Maturity | Interest |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| National Savings Bonds | 28000 | N/A | Variable |
| Virgin Money Charities A/C | 39000 | N/A | Variable |
| Total | <u>67000</u> | | |

The bank balance is £2692

P.N. Ibberson - Treasurer 05/01/14

GHAR PARAU FOUNDATION**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.13****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - 12 MONTHS TO 31.12.13**

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| INTEREST RECEIVED | 1191 | 893 |
| DONATIONS | 2597 | 1000 |
| HIDDEN EARTH | 3000 | 3000 |
| CHINA CAVES PROJECT | 1550 | 400 |
| B.C.A. | 5000 | 5000 |
| FUNDRAISING (NET OF COSTS) | 3699 | 1296 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>17037</u> | <u>11589</u> |
| | | |
| GHAR PARAU FOUNDATION GRANTS | 650 | 275 |
| TRATMAN AWARD | 60 | 54 |
| ALEX PITCHER AWARD | 375 | 525 |
| CHINA CAVES AWARDS | 1550 | 400 |
| B.C.A. AWARDS | 5000 | 5000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>7635</u> | <u>6254</u> |
| EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | <u>9402</u> | <u>5335</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.13

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| N S B BONDS | 28000 | 28000 |
| VIRGIN MONEY DEPOSIT | 39000 | 25000 |
| INVESTMENTS AT COST | <u>67000</u> | <u>53000</u> |
| GRANT RETENTIONS | -675 | -450 |
| DEFERRED INCOME | -600 | -600 |
| CASH AT BANK | 2692 | 7065 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>68417</u> | <u>59015</u> |
| | | |
| ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD | 59015 | 53680 |
| EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | 9402 | 5335 |
| ACCUMULATED FUND | <u>68417</u> | <u>59015</u> |