

GHAR PARAU FOUNDATION**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.17****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - 12 MONTHS TO 31.12.17**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
INTEREST RECEIVED	481	909
DONATIONS	1191	1100
B.C.A.	5500	4500
FUNDRAISING (NET OF COSTS)	4140	2664
TOTAL INCOME	<u>11312</u>	<u>9173</u>
GHAR PARAU FOUNDATION GRANTS	250	300
TRATMAN AWARD	75	66
ALEX PITCHER AWARD	150	225
B.C.A. AWARDS	6400	3050
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>6875</u>	<u>3641</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>4437</u>	<u>5532</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.17

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
N S B BONDS	48000	44000
VIRGIN MONEY DEPOSIT	2000	47000
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES DEPOSIT	45000	0
INVESTMENTS AT COST	<u>95000</u>	<u>91000</u>
GRANT RETENTIONS	-750	-200
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	-2200	-1100
CASH AT BANK	8243	6156
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>100293</u>	<u>95856</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD	95856	90324
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4437	5532
ACCUMULATED FUND	<u>100293</u>	<u>95856</u>

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TREASURER'S REPORT - YEAR ENDING 31.12.17

- 1 The accumulated fund again showed net growth in the year. The interest return reduced as a result of the decision to shift some investment to funds paying annual interest. This shift will improve the overall return, but means that the credit will fall into 2018. As a footnote, there is just the possibility that we have now bottomed out on interest rates.
- 2 During the year, £250 of G.P.F. funding was allocated. Additionally, six applications for the Alex Pitcher award were funded; unfortunately, circumstances dictated that in the case of three recipients their trips did not take place. Against the three awards made, an uncashed prior year award was written back. A Tratman award of £75 was also made.
- 3 Donations were received from the following during the year :-

B Potts	£	40
M Shevchenko		100
Expedition Equipment Pool		1046
Misc RGS event donations		5
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Gift aid tax reclaims from 2015/16/17 remain outstanding. These will be submitted during 2018.

- 4 China Caves Project funding was allocated in the year, but, due to permission for the expedition being withdrawn, no receipt or award of funds took place.
- 5 During the year, £5000 was received from B.C.A. This sum was a donation which was to be distributed in the current cycle, or as G.P.F. deem appropriate. Of this amount, £4400 was added to the £1100 deferred income from 2016 and the total then allocated to 2017 expeditions. The remaining £600 has been deferred to 2018. Additionally, a further £900 was distributed in respect of prior year funds released.
- 6 2017 saw increased net income from direct fundraising. Partly this arose from £1380 remaining from the Eurospeleo Camps, but also the raffle at Hidden Earth and the Prize Draw at the RGS "50 Years" event contributed £1046 and £1035 respectively.
- 7 At the year end, £750 was outstanding overall against awards (funding retained subject to reporting).
- 8 The fund has increased by 4.6% in the year. This predominantly reflects the level of donation income plus the fundraising efforts. Current expectations on interest rates may see the beginning of an improvement in the income stream, but it seems likely that funds available for distribution in 2018 will remain similar to recent years.
- 9 I recommend that funds for distribution should be a minimum of £1200 in 2018. This may entail a small deficit on interest income, although dependent on the returns available once the Cambridge & Counties bond matures this deficit may be eradicated. Additionally, £600 of BCA funding remains deferred from 2017. 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 reinvestment was made. £4000 was allocated to the N.S.B. Income Bonds. Whilst the interest rate has reflected the current poor state of returns on safe investment, we may be starting to see the start of a more favourable climate. The investment situation remains under review and if appropriate alternatives become available, notably for the maturing Cambridge and Counties bond, these will be pursued. The current cash balance relates partly to retentions and deferred income, with the majority the result of donation and fundraising income in 2017. As in prior years, I propose that the latter elements are reinvested to improve the return whilst continuing to minimise risk. Any further additional income should be dealt with as arising.

Funds held at year end were as follows :-

Title	Value	Maturity	Interest
National Savings Bonds	48000	N/A	Variable
Virgin Money Charities A/C	2000	N/A	Variable
Cambridge & Counties	45000	April 2018	1.10%
Total	<u>95000</u>		

The bank balance is £8243

P.N. Ibberson - Treasurer 03/03/18