

Company number
02567458

Charity number
1001398

The Marlborough Brandt Group
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Accounts

For the Year ended

31 December 2020

Oakensen Limited
Chartered Accountants
31 Stallard Street
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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 December 2020 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are to promote and sustain the link established between the communities of Marlborough and Gunjur, 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 2020 the Trustees agreed to strive to support our partner charities to survive the varied and significant impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and provide emergency support for the most vulnerable people in Gunjur against the impact of the pandemic.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The work of the charity was significantly impacted by the world wide Covid-19 pandemic and resulting travel and lifestyle restrictions. Four planned adult trips and the bi-annual Marlborough students Summer Trip were all cancelled. MBG, Venture Force and St. James's Place worked together to maintain the committed wages and accommodation fees of the trips to ensure the income and cash flow of our long term partners in Gunjur.

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.

- While many projects were put on hold MBG looked to maintain funding where partners asked for it, bringing forward payments to support cash flow as fundraising events were often cancelled.
- We agreed that grants could be redirected to core funding or delayed with contracts for delivery extended.
- Health based grants were changed to focus on the immediate education of and relief against Covid-19 in Gunjur.
- A total of £30,000 of match funding was secured for Disability Africa by MBG with The St. James's Place Charitable Foundation and The Think Charitable Foundation.
- MBG, with the support of Founder Patron Dr Nick Maurice, launched an emergency appeal committing to match every pound donated. Over the year £11,300 was raised with MBG matching that with a further £11,600 all going direct to the village through TAURD and The Gunjur Project to support the most vulnerable people in Gunjur.

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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

While MBG aims to be between a £20,000 deficit and cost neutral during the year to sustain its long term grant making ability; in 2020 the Trustees agreed that more funds should be made available to support charity partners through the impact of Covid-19 and to act to save lives in Gunjur through food restrictions and medical intervention. Accordingly the charity had a deficit of £25,494 (2019: deficit of £23,434) during 2020 but this does not materially change the charity's 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

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

MBG will during 2021 continue to support its charity partners through the ongoing pandemic. While overseas trips are unlikely in 2021 the charity will continue to work with Venture Force to design trips for 2022. Success in 2021 will be the resumption of agreed projects with our charity partners and the planning of future linking trips.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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

Our Advisors

Examiners: Munro Audit Limited, 31 Stallard Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9AA
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Directors and trustees

Director and trustee A B Davies
 J Blokland
 J Busby
 D Johnson

Secretary J Busby

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 4 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:

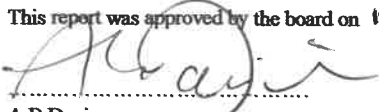
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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.

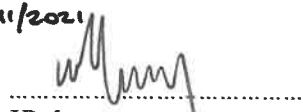
The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply 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 Munro Audit Limited as independent examiner to the charity for the year.

This report was approved by the board on 17/11/2021


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A B Davies
Trustee


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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 2020, 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
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17 November 2021

The Marlborough Brandt Group
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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Income from donations and legacies	2	14,444	36,348	50,792	10,035
Income from charitable activities	3	3,171	-	3,171	4,013
Interest receivable		41	-	41	97
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		17,656	36,348	54,004	14,145
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	48,158	29,073	77,231	34,725
Other expenditure	5	2,267	-	2,267	2,854
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		50,425	29,073	79,498	37,579
Net income		(32,769)	7,275	(25,494)	(23,434)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		(32,769)	7,275	(25,494)	(23,434)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at 1 January 2019		111,322	17,711	129,033	152,467
Total funds at 31 December 2019		78,553	24,986	103,539	129,033

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 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		104,499	130,523
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(960)	(1,490)
Net current assets		103,539	129,033
Net assets		103,539	129,033
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	78,553	111,322
Restricted funds	8	24,986	17,711
		103,539	129,033

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 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 17/11/21



A B Davies
Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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.

2 Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Gift aid	1,348		1,348	-
Grants	600	25,000	25,600	5,655
Donations	2,496	11,348	13,844	4,380
Legacies	10,000	-	10,000	-
	<u>14,444</u>	<u>36,348</u>	<u>50,792</u>	<u>10,035</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Memberships	2,896	-	2,896	2,951
Fundraising	275	-	275	1,062
	<u>3,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,171</u>	<u>4,013</u>
4 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Direct charitable expenditure	47,652	29,073	76,725	33,578
Redundancy payments	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	604
Premises costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance	506	-	506	543
	<u>48,158</u>	<u>29,073</u>	<u>77,231</u>	<u>34,725</u>
5 Other expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Office costs	300	-	300	1,146
Computer and website costs	195	-	195	617
Bank charges	812	-	812	71
Bookkeeping and accountancy	960	-	960	1,020
	<u>2,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,267</u>	<u>2,854</u>
6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2020	2019
			£	£
Other creditors			<u>960</u>	<u>1,490</u>

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7 Unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance as at 31 December 2020 £
Charitable funds	111,322	17,656	(50,425)	78,553
	<u>111,322</u>	<u>17,656</u>	<u>(50,425)</u>	<u>78,553</u>

8 Restricted funds

	Balance as at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance as at 31 December 2020 £
Business Development	12,877	25,000	(17,175)	20,702
Vibe Challenge	4,834	-	(550)	4,284
Covid 19 Emergency appeal	-	11,348	(11,348)	-
	<u>17,711</u>	<u>36,348</u>	<u>(29,073)</u>	<u>24,986</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.

The Covid 19 Emergency appeal is for fighting Coronavirus in The Gambia.

9 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.

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	24,986	24,986
Unrestricted funds	78,553	78,553
10 Net assets at the end of the year	<u>103,539</u>	<u>103,539</u>