

CHRESTOS MISSION

**(Company limited by guarantee
and not having a share capital)**

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended
31 December 2016**

Company No:

4500963

Registered Charity No:

1095325

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CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of Chrestos Mission for the year ended 31 December 2016.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Incorporation and company status

Chrestos Mission was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a private limited company on 1 August 2002. The company number is 4500963. It is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The company may have up to 12 members and the liability of the members in the event of Chrestos Mission being wound up is limited to £1 each.

Charitable status

Chrestos Mission was granted the status of a registered charity by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9 January 2003. Its registered number is 1095325.

Charitable objects

The objects of Chrestos Mission are:

- i) to advance Christianity by showing the love of Jesus Christ, in particular through missionary work and providing Christian literature and Bible classes;
- ii) to relieve poverty, suffering and distress in accordance with Christian principles, in particular by caring for the sick, training health workers, and providing medicines, clothing, blankets and food;
- iii) to advance education, in particular by the provision of classes in the English language, computer science, and other subjects of use to those receiving such education.

Chrestos Mission operates principally among the Karen people in Thailand.

Registered address

The registered address of Chrestos Mission is 2nd Floor, 159a Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 0PW.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

Chrestos Mission is governed by its Board of Trustees in the United Kingdom, who are also Directors of the company. The Mission's activities in Thailand require it to be registered as a charity in Thailand, and to have a Board of Trustees in Thailand who are responsible to the Government of Thailand for the local operations of the charity. The United Kingdom Board works closely with the Thailand Board and the two are mutually supportive in seeking to achieve the Mission's objectives.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operations of Chrestos Mission in Thailand is given to the Director of Overseas Operations, who is resident in Thailand. The Director of Overseas Operations since the inception of the charity has been Dr Geoffrey Atkinson, ably supported by his wife, Mrs Pat Atkinson. The appointment of a successor to Dr Geoffrey Atkinson is under review and it is expected that a final appointment will be confirmed by the end of this year.

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Trustees

The following Trustees served on the United Kingdom Board during the year and up to the date of this report:

Mr Anthony John Harrop (Chairman)
Mr Cushroo Bejon (Treasurer) (resigned 9 May 2016)
Miss Rachel Mary Stevens (Secretary) (resigned 8 May 2016)
Dr Sarah Helen Bejon (resigned 8 May 2016)
Mr Edward Frank Goveia (appointed 5 November 2016)
Mr Neil John Hardy
Mr Peter Maycock (appointed 8 May 2016)
Mr Ian William Mayo (resigned 8 May 2016, reappointed 13 May 2017)
Mr Edward Giles Henry Membrey (resigned 13 May 2017)
Miss Pamela Shepherd
Mr John Silverstone (appointed 13 May 2017)
Mr Roger Thackeray (resigned 8 May 2016, reappointed 13 May 2017)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objectives

The objectives of Chrestos Mission are its charitable objects as stated on page 1.

Review of activities during the year

The Bible School

We graduated 15 students in 2016. One we employed to be trained in film making and photography, another was employed to run the hostel of a Board member. The others were employed by various churches.

We continue to have morning worship at 6am to about 6.40am taken by staff members in turn. Mostly we have very good expositions. In the morning all the students learn The Bible book by book. In the afternoon all the students learn to sing in parts to form choirs. Some sing solos and mostly the boys learn musical instruments, such as guitar, keyboard and drums. All learn sight reading of music. Visitors enjoy hearing our full choir sing. Additional subjects include English, Thai and computers. Evening worship is from 6.30pm to 7.30pm taken by students, who are divided into Matthew, Mark, Luke and John groups. From November to March the final year students are assigned to different churches to minister under the supervision of a senior Pastor. They have a very good reputation.

The Orphanage

We thank the Lord that our boys have done well under the care of Kri Hoo, K'Chor Poe and Naw Da.

A second Chrestos boy, Kitti, has gained entrance to university to study law. Three quarters of our middle school graduates obtained prizes as opposed to only a fifth of the rest. They have good health and are growing taller than average Karen people. On the whole they are happy and content. They have taken a new interest in agriculture and are eagerly working the land in their spare time. They listen carefully to Bible teaching and seem to have an increased interest in spiritual things.

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The Orphanage, continued

Our policy is to keep our boys until they have a profession or a marketable skill, just as any parents would. We cannot afford university fees, but if they get a scholarship we provide their board and lodging and other expenses. Our expenses will go up as more boys achieve well.

Publishing

The Karen/English Old Testament with the same study material as the 2nd edition of the Chrestos Karen/English New Testament is almost complete except for the glossary. It will need several months of proof reading, but we hope to be able to use it with the New Testament to publish a whole Karen/English Bible with ESV study helps plus a glossary, a list of headings by book and chapter and maps, sometime in late summer 2017.

Pat Atkinson has written a number of booklets on Bible books and topics, which we hope to make available on the web, and her autobiography is still available. She also sends out her monthly free Bible study for ladies, to all who request it.

Radio

We continue to broadcast from three radio stations programs containing sermons, choir and singing, testimonies, and useful daily life information. We also make CDs of these programs to send to villages that request them to use in their services where they have no pastor and also for home listening.

Relief

We continue to supply The Star orphanage in the Mae Surin refugee camp, Pastor Arthur's orphanage (with some supply to other orphanages) in the Mae Lah refugee camp and the Bu Krit orphanage. Some donors for refugees give directly into Dr Atkinson's account so that this money does not go through the regular accounts. Bags of clothes and tins of fish are distributed through Free Burma Rangers, or others visiting refugee camps. Tins of fish are also given to other hostels.

Plans for future periods

Subsistence farming in the mountains is laborious and poorly paid. Although there are primary schools within walking distance of most villages there are no secondary schools. Because of this many 15 year old youths go to seek their fortunes in the big city of Chiang Mai. (It is illegal to employ anyone under the age of 15). Christian parents tell us that they are very worried about their boys, who are totally naïve and vulnerable to drug pushers and others who would deceitfully exploit them. At the same time there are several Karen churches in Chiang Mai, where people could be encouraged to help these youths. There are also Karen Christians in different colleges who need the care and attention of the Christian churches. We at Chrestos Mission hope to see what is being done and to augment it. There is also the need of literature provision for the Karen and for other ethnic minority groups.

Statement on public benefit

In deciding what activities Chrestos Mission should undertake during the year, the Trustees have paid due regard to The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees consider that the objects for which the charity was formed as stated above, and the activities during the year as described above, are for the public benefit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued for the year ended 31 December 2016

Statement on public benefit, continued

Chrestos Mission teaches and seeks to put into practice the example and teachings of Jesus Christ as set out in the Bible. Our conviction is that when people take Jesus Christ and the Bible seriously, it prompts them to deliver public benefit. The Bible urges people to be good citizens, fully engaged in civil society, working for the good of fellow citizens everywhere of whatever race or creed. Therefore the effect of Chrestos Mission pursuing its objectives brings public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The monies which have been given towards the objects for which Chrestos Mission was established, and the manner in which those monies have been expended or set aside for future use, are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet on pages 7 to 9.

We thank our friends, well-wishers and churches in the United Kingdom and overseas for their encouragement in prayers and financial support. We would also like to thank both Boards of Trustees and the field staff for their wisdom and support, as we work together to bring Christ's kindness to the people in need. May God bless each one of you.

Statement on risks

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems have been designed and established to mitigate those risks.

Trustees' responsibility for the accounts

The Trustees (who are Directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Company law and the law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (ii) observe the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- (iii) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iv) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (v) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued
for the year ended
31 December 2016**

Trustees' responsibility for the accounts, continued

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

13 May 2017

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by 

Anthony Harrop (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees and Members
on the unaudited accounts of
CHRESTOS MISSION
for the year ended 31 December 2016

I report on the accounts of Chrestos Mission for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees (who are also the Directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew Geary FCA
Geary Partnership
Chartered Accountants
159a Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 0PW

13 May 2017
Date:

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended
31 December 2016**

	2016			2015
	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations and legacies				
General gifts and legacies received	114,121	20,530	134,651	158,635
Tax recoverable on gift aid income	2,888	4,650	7,538	12,175
	117,009	25,180	142,189	170,810
Other income				
Bank interest received	358	-	358	207
Sales of Karen publications	2,494	-	2,494	13,050
Other sales and fees received	6,827	-	6,827	5,579
	9,679	-	9,679	18,836
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	126,688	25,180	151,868	189,646
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities (excluding capital expenditure shown in note 2 to the accounts)				
Bible School	47,740	13,159	60,899	57,009
Mae Sariang orphanage	9,824	11,092	20,916	19,852
Star orphanage	5,084	-	5,084	4,748
Studio	13,348	554	13,902	15,474
Publications	2,573	-	2,573	6,315
Relief	12,198	-	12,198	22,284
Thailand administration expenses	14,214	375	14,589	15,562
	104,981	25,180	130,161	141,244
Governance costs				
UK accountancy and Thailand audit fees	1,506	-	1,506	1,494
Management language training	-	-	-	700
	106,487	25,180	131,667	143,438
Other expenditure				
Overseas travel, visas and work permits	6,752	-	6,752	1,240
Ex-gratia payment to volunteer	7,000	-	7,000	-
Contributions to volunteers' expenses	9,600	-	9,600	6,400
Depreciation	14,781	-	14,781	16,166
Exchange (gain) on overseas bank balances	(1,072)	-	(1,072)	(835)
	37,061	-	37,061	22,971
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	143,548	25,180	168,728	166,409
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR and NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(16,860)	-	(16,860)	23,237

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, *continued* (incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS (Note 1(g) to the accounts)		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Fund		
Fund brought forward	460,105	436,868
Incoming resources for the year	126,688	165,508
(Outgoing) resources for the year	(143,548)	(142,271)
Transfer to Designated Fund: Orphanage Reserve (bank interest received, see below)	(358)	-
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Fund carried forward	442,887	460,105
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Designated Fund: Orphanage Reserve		
Fund brought forward	20,000	20,000
Transfer from General Fund (bank interest received, see above)	358	-
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Fund carried forward	20,358	20,000
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<i>Restricted funds:</i>		
Sponsorship Fund		
Fund brought forward	-	-
Incoming resources for the year:		
Bible School student sponsorships	10,575	10,950
Orphan sponsorships	10,815	9,360
Staff sponsorships	3,790	3,828
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	25,180	24,138
(Outgoing) resources for the year:		
Bible School	(13,159)	(12,676)
Mae Sariang orphanage	(11,092)	(9,878)
Studio	(554)	(1,209)
Thailand administration expenses	(375)	(375)
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	(25,180)	(24,138)
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Fund carried forward	-	-
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BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2016

	Note	£	2016	£	2015	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets (Thailand)	2		373,648		383,242	
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	3	1,833		3,500		
Cash at bank and in hand:						
United Kingdom		68,014		55,194		
Thailand		27,950		39,369		
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			97,797		98,063	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(8,200)		(1,200)		
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			89,597		96,863	
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			463,245		480,105	
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NET ASSETS			463,245		480,105	
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FUNDS (see page 8)	1(g)					
<i>Unrestricted Funds:</i>						
General Fund			442,887		460,105	
Designated Fund: Orphanage Reserve			20,358		20,000	
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			463,245		480,105	
<i>Restricted Funds:</i>						
Sponsorship Fund			-		-	
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TOTAL FUNDS			463,245		480,105	
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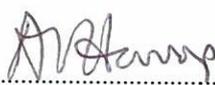
For the year ended 31 December 2016, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under subsection 1 of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act).

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question under the provisions of section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

13 May 2017

Approved by the Directors and Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by  and 

Anthony Harrop (Chairman) Pamela Shepherd (Trustee)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 December 2016

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015. Where necessary the headings laid down in the Act have been adapted to meet the special activities of the charity.

b) Income

Gifts and legacies are accounted for when received by Chrestos Mission. Tax recoverable on gift aid income is accounted for when the gift aid income is received as far as it is prudent to do so. Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account as received, unless related to a specific period, when they are placed in a restricted fund until used.

c) Gifts in kind

Chrestos Mission receives the benefit of work carried out by volunteers and receives the use of facilities and equipment without charge. No value is placed on these items in the accounts.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure is therefore treated as incurred on the date it is invoiced, or the liability crystallises.

e) Foreign currencies

Almost all of the expenditure of Chrestos Mission is incurred in Thailand. The Thai income and expenditure for the year has been translated into sterling pounds by converting at a rate of Baht 48.97 = £1 (2015: Baht 51.01 = £1), being the average rate that applied to transfers of Chrestos Mission funds from the United Kingdom to Thailand during the year. Fixed assets in Thailand are stated in the balance sheet at their historical conversion cost. Current assets in Thailand, including bank balances, are translated at the average rate shown above. This policy has the effect of eliminating all exchange differences in the accounts except for the gain or loss arising on retranslation of Thai bank balances held at the beginning of the year at the current year exchange rate.

f) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less a provision for depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Land – not depreciated

Land preparation and building costs – 2% per annum on a straight line basis

Office equipment and installations – 25% per annum of reducing balance

Music, studio and PA equipment – 25% per annum of reducing balance

Furniture and fittings – 25% per annum of reducing balance

Motor vehicles - 25% per annum of reducing balance

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS, continued for the year ended 31 December 2016

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of Chrestos Mission at the discretion of the trustees. The Mission's main unrestricted fund is the General Fund, which may be used for any purpose within the charitable objects of the Mission.

Designated funds are a form of unrestricted funds which have been designated for a specific usage by the trustees. The Orphanage Reserve was established in 2014 in recognition of Chrestos Mission's commitment to the children in the orphanage at Mae Sariang, by providing a reserve fund for the continuance of the orphanage in the event that the flow of income into the Mission is temporarily halted or reduced to levels insufficient to cover ongoing expenses.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised for particular purposes. The Sponsorship Fund was established to receive sponsorship monies given toward the costs of Bible School students, orphans and staff maintained by Chrestos Mission at Mae Sariang.

2 FIXED ASSETS

	Land & buildings £	Office equipment & instllns £	Music, studio&PA equipment £	Furniture & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2016	406,118	20,155	27,675	33,879	53,940	541,767
Additions in the year	1,838	-	-	2,379	970	5,187
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
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At 31 December 2016	407,956	20,155	27,675	36,258	54,910	546,954
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Depreciation						
At 1 January 2016	50,018	15,263	21,396	25,346	46,502	158,525
Charge for the year	7,157	1,223	1,570	2,728	2,103	14,781
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
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At 31 December 2016	57,175	16,486	22,966	28,074	48,605	173,306
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Net book value						
At 31 December 2016	350,781	3,669	4,709	8,184	6,305	373,648
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At 31 December 2015	356,100	4,892	6,279	8,533	7,438	383,242
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All of the fixed assets shown above are situated in Thailand.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS, continued
for the year ended
31 December 2016**

3 DEBTORS

	2016	2015
	£	£
Tax recoverable on gift aid income	1,833	3,500
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4 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	£	£
Accrual for accountants' fees	1,200	1,200
Accrual for ex-gratia payment	7,000	-
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	8,200	1,200
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5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (Note 1(g))

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	373,648	-	-	373,648
Debtors	1,833	-	-	1,833
Cash at bank and in hand – UK	47,656	20,358	-	68,014
- Thailand	27,950	-	-	27,950
Creditors	(8,200)	-	-	(8,200)
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Net assets at 31 December 2016	442,887	20,358	-	463,245
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6 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee, nor to any person connected with a Trustee, during the year.