

THE BEDE GRIFFITHS CHARITABLE TRUST

Registered Charity No: 1106071

Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2017

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The Bede Griffiths Charitable Trust is a Charitable Trust governed by a Constitution amended on 21 August 2016 and registered with the Charity Commission, number 1106071.

The governing body of the Trust is the Committee, which comprises from 5 to 11 Trustees, who are elected by the membership for periods of three or four years.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2017. The financial statements have been prepared using the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)'.

Objectives and activities

The Bede Griffiths Charitable Trust was formed in 2003 with the following objects, unchanged by the constitution amended in 2016 -

1. The advancement of religion in particular to promote understanding and cooperation between the major religions and faith communities of the world.
2. The relief of poverty in the Indian sub-continent by the provision of such grants as the trustees shall determine from time to time, with particular reference to the work and vision of Father Bede Griffiths.

Father Bede Griffiths was an English Benedictine monk who went to live in Southern India in 1955 "to find the other half of his soul". He lived there for the last 35 years of his life, first helping to establish a Christian ashram in Kerala and then taking over the spiritual leadership of the Saccidananda Ashram (also known as Shantivanam) near Trichy in Tamil Nadu. He wrote many books and spoke in many parts of the world promoting interfaith understanding and dialogue. As well as being a great spiritual teacher, Father Bede actively supported the poor and destitute in the villages around Shantivanam. Further information about Bede Griffiths is at www.bede.griffiths.com. Brother Martin, a friend and disciple of Father Bede and one of the community at Shantivanam, suggested that the Trust was formed in Father Bede's name to help projects initiated by the Ashram and by individuals associated with the ashram.

The Trust fulfils its objects by making grants to charitable projects in India initiated and managed by local people known to the Trustees and many of its supporters in response to the social and economic needs of the most disadvantaged people. The projects are in villages within around 10 miles of the Ashram, called Thannirpalli, Pattavarthi, Malayappanagar, Veerambur and Inungur. In January or February each year the project managers in India submit an application to the Committee for grants for their financial year commencing in April, common to all Indian charities. Applications are normally accompanied by a financial statement on income and expenditure of the project in the previous year and/or by audited accounts.

The Trust is supported by members of the Bede Griffiths Sangha, an active community of followers of Father Bede which was founded in 1993 (see www.bede.griffithssangha.co.uk), by Chigwell and Prince's Mead Schools and a wider community inspired by the work of the Trust itself and its projects. The support for the Trust is largely but not exclusively in the UK.

Achievements and performance

Cumulatively to 31 December 2016

Cumulatively from its formation to 31 December 2016 the Trust had raised £659.2k mostly in donations and gift aid, with a little income from sales, events and interest.

The Trust made grants up to 31 December 2016 to fund the following major infrastructure –

- A home for the destitute elderly
- A tuition centre in a very poor village in which children had previously studied under a street-lamp

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- A home near the Southern tip of India for children from poor families who were badly affected by the tsunami of Boxing Day, 2004.
- Homes constructed from bricks, mortar and tiles to replace homes made of wood and leaves
- An infants' school and a junior school
- A multi-purpose hall located between the infants' and junior schools, used for dining, overflow classes, rehearsals and, by the infants, for taking a nap.

Grants were also made up to 31 December 2016 to contribute towards -

- The majority of the running costs of -
 - Two kindergartens, a day centre for the elderly and two centres training adults in typing, computing and tailoring
 - A home for the destitute elderly
 - A tuition centre in a very poor village
 - A centre near the Southern tip of India for children from poor families who were badly affected by the tsunami of Boxing Day, 2004
 - Infant and junior schools providing English-medium education for, currently, around 275 pupils.
- The educational expenses of poor children
- The distribution of milk to the poorest families
- The provision of rice, eggs and clothing for the elderly.

The year to 31 December 2017

The Trust financed only minor infrastructure projects in 2017. The Trust made grants in 2017 of £60.0k to the following projects –

- The majority of the running costs of -
 - Two kindergartens, a day centre for the elderly and two centres training adults in typing and tailoring (£7.0k)
 - A home for the destitute elderly (£2.1k)
 - A tuition centre in a very poor village (£0.3k)
 - Infant and junior schools providing English-medium education for, currently, around 275 pupils (£36.8k)
- The educational expenses of poor children (£2.1k)
- The distribution of milk to the young and old (£0.6k)
- The provision of rice, eggs and clothing for the elderly (£4.0k)
- Improvements in the infrastructure of the ashrams (£4.8k)
- The construction of a brick and cement home with a tiled roof for a family (£2.3k).

Impact

Although the Trust is undeniably small, averaging a turnover of around £50k pa over approximately 14 years of operation, it has had a disproportionately significant impact on its beneficiaries for the following reasons -

- The Trust has been very efficient in converting donations and other income into projects. Note 2 to the accounts shows that 96.2% of all incoming resources to date has been provided in grants, 0.6% spent on the cost of sales and 0.4% on remitting money overseas, with 2.3% remaining in reserves. Only 0.5% of turnover has therefore been spent on the administration of the Trust.
- Despite the fall in the value of the pound sterling in the Summer of 2016 the Trust's purchasing power in India has been significantly greater in India than it would have been in the UK because costs have been lower there than in the UK. Examples of this are that the construction of a home for up to 25 destitute elderly people costing £13,000 in 2005 could be financed by the Trust with the donation from a single family, that the infants and junior schools now educating 275 pupils each cost £7,000 to build in 2007 and

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2008 respectively and the most recent, brick and cement, family home with a tiled roof cost around £2,265.

- Its beneficiaries are very poor and a relatively small input of resources can produce a disproportionately large enhancement to their lives.

When determining grant allocations, trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. In doing so, trustees have been mindful that, as a charity for the relief of poverty, the Bede Griffiths Charitable Trust is required to satisfy the 'benefit' aspect only. The charity does not have a purpose which is for the benefit of named individuals, whether or not they are poor.

Financial Review

The year to 31 December 2017

In 2017 gross income was £57.4k. (2016 - £58.8k.). Total expenditure for 2017 was £60.5k. (2016 - £59.3k.). The cost of generating voluntary income was £15 and governance costs were £290.

The Trustees confirm that since the year end they are not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves Policy

Trustees recognise that donors generally give money in order for that money to be applied to projects within a relatively short timescale.

The Trust maintains an unrestricted fund and 8 restricted funds. The unrestricted fund is applied to meet both the balance of grants for restricted funds which do not have sufficient cash and grants for which there is no restricted fund. Typically in recent years only 2 or 3 of these restricted funds have had cash balances in excess of what is required to pay the grants approved by the Trustees in the following year. The Trust is heavily dependent on fundraising, donations and gift aid received during the year in which grants are made as is illustrated by the fact that it had cash balances of £15,397 at 31 December 2016 and made grants totalling £59,976 in 2017. Each year the period from January to April or May is crucial for income, because the Committee tends to make most of its grant-making decisions in April and to make many of its grants payments in April or May. For the past few years the Trust has been in a position where it has needed to ration many grants but this has led to it using all, or very nearly all, of the cash in the unrestricted fund by the end of April or May.

The Trust can exhaust or almost exhaust its unrestricted fund and most of its restricted funds in this way in April or May because it has no staff and no overheads - its commitments are only to its donors and beneficiaries – and because it receives regular donations, usually monthly, from its supporters to its unrestricted and restricted funds.

The Trust maintains a detailed monthly cash budget which forecasts for 20 months its commitments and the income it has secured and on which it can reasonably rely.

Future Plans

The Trust has a fundraising strategy and plans to hold one major fundraising event each year. It has also recently launched a sponsorship scheme for children attending the Timothy Pruss Memorial School at £12 a month with gift aid or £15 a month without. This covers the average cost of educating each pupil taking account of the amount which the poorest families can afford to contribute to the cost. Around 80% of the parents are landless agricultural labourers.

However, Trustees commit the Trust and grants are approved only to the extent that resources are available in appropriate funds to pay them and project managers in India are aware of the Trust's policy in this regard. On whatever scale the Trust can support them, its activities continue to improve the lives of its ultimate beneficiaries.

Budgeted expenditure for 2018 is around £55-60k. In 2018 the Trustees plan to make grants towards –

- The running costs of -
 - Two kindergartens, a day centre for the elderly and two centres training adults in typing and tailoring

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- A home for the destitute elderly
- Nursery and primary schools providing English-medium education for around 275 pupils
- The educational expenses of poor children
- The distribution of milk
- The provision of rice, eggs and clothing for the elderly.

Investment Policy

The Trust has insufficient funds to consider long term investments. The Trust's policy currently is to keep any surplus liquid funds in a deposit account with its bankers, HSBC, and to maintain liquidity by regular transfers from the current to the deposit account and vice versa. Around £500 is normally kept in the current account and the remainder in the deposit account.

Risk Management

The Trustees seek to conduct business within a framework of good governance, prudent financial control and sustainability. In principle, the Trustees believe that the framework suggested by the Charity Commission offers a comprehensive and coherent methodology, and it has been adopted by the Trust.

The Trust therefore considers its major risks under the following categories:

- Governance and management
- Operational risks
- Finance risks
- External risks
- Law and compliance risks

The Trustees are concerned that its resources have been able to meet a diminishing proportion of the funds requested by some of the projects it supports and have kept project managers informed of this. After the EU referendum the value of the pound fell with respect to the Rupee by between 10% and 15% but has since recovered to approximately Rs 93/ GBP at the time of approving this report. There is, though, clearly an exchange rate risk between the time of writing and when grants in 2018 and later years fall to be made and there may be greater uncertainty than in the earlier years of the Trust's work. The Trust has insufficient funds to mitigate the exchange rate risk.

Because the Trust allocates grants solely to projects in India and does not employ agents in that region, trustees need to pay particular attention to questions of actual need and the proper expenditure of funds in relation to those needs. Of the risks identified in the risk register, the most challenging therefore are the risk of fraud or error, on the part both of the Trust and of project managers, and the risk of inappropriate use of funds by the projects in India. To mitigate against these risks, the Trust applies due diligence to all its own financial processes and requires the same on the part of the Indian charities by means of a memorandum of understanding with each. Monitoring of expenditure is achieved through an agreed reporting process in combination with face-to-face meetings with project managers when trustees visit India.

Long trips are therefore unavoidable. Trustees have decided that they must give themselves adequate time for travel to reduce risk of injury/ illness and that flying, though environmentally damaging, is an acceptable mode of transport where feasible.

The Trustees have insured their liabilities as Trustees.

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Structure, governance and management

Following resolutions at the 2016 Annual General Meeting the Trust formalised and extended its membership and, at the time of approving this report, its membership was approaching one hundred.

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Palace of Westminster on 1 December 2017 and attended by 38 members, Hiten Ananda was appointed a Trustee, Philippa Mistry-Norman re-appointed as a Trustee and Mark Bradberry re-appointed as Chair of the Trust, all of these as recommended by the Committee. The Committee's recommendations were based on the Committee's knowledge of the skills, commitment and charities experience of the individual and on the basis of his/ her familiarity with the work of the Trust and the projects it supports.

The Trustees meet formally at least three times a year but there is frequent consultation amongst the Trustees outside formal meetings, particularly amongst those with specific responsibilities. In addition a number of Trustees visit one or more of the projects in India at their own expense at least once a year. Five of the current Trustees did so in 2017. The purpose of the visits is to satisfy trustees that the projects are being managed properly and that the outcomes of the projects are generally as agreed with the Trustees when considering applications for funding.

The Trust has no staff but it has the considerable continuing commitment and voluntary input of its Officers and other Trustees.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and -

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws, and regulations. 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

Mr Roger Timms, FCA has agreed to continue as the Independent Examiner of the Trust for 2018.

Approved by the Trustees on 15 April 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



Greville Norman
Hon Secretary

15 April 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted income funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Income and endowments from -				
Donations and legacies		4,697	52,651	57,348
Charitable activities		-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-
Investments		7	-	7
Other income		-	-	-
Total		4,704	52,651	57,355
Expenditure on -				
Raising funds	5	-	(15)	(15)
Charitable activities	5	(25)	(60,138)	(60,163)
Other	5	(290)	-	(290)
Total		(315)	(60,153)	(60,468)
Net income/ (expenditure)		4,389	(7,502)	(3,113)
Transfers between funds		(6,886)	6,886	-
Net movement in funds		(2,497)	(616)	(3,113)
Reconciliation of funds -				
Total funds brought forward		5,467	14,005	19,472
Total funds carried forward		2,970	13,389	16,359

For the year ended 31 December 2016

		Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted income funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £
Income and endowments from -				
Donations and legacies		6,247	52,559	58,806
Charitable activities		-	-	-
Other trading activities		7	-	7
Investments		12	-	12
Other income		-	-	-
Total		6,266	52,559	58,825
Expenditure on -				
Raising funds	5	-	(12)	(12)
Charitable activities	5	-	(58,963)	(58,963)
Other	5	(278)	-	(278)
Total		(278)	(58,975)	(59,253)
Net income/ (expenditure)		5,988	(6,416)	(428)
Transfers between funds		(3,552)	3,552	-
Net movement in funds		2,436	(2,864)	(428)
Reconciliation of funds -				
Total funds brought forward		3,031	16,869	19,900
Total funds carried forward		5,467	14,005	19,472

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Total funds at 31 December	
		2017	2016
		£	£
Current assets -			
Cash at bank and in hand	9	11,266	15,397
Debtors and prepayments	7	5,093	4,075
Total current assets		16,359	19,472
Liabilities -			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	-
Net current assets		16,359	19,472
Total net assets		16,359	19,472
The funds of the charity -			
Restricted income funds	3	13,389	14,005
Unrestricted funds	3	2,970	5,467
Total charity funds		16,359	19,472

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 15 April 2018 and signed on their behalf by



Mark BRADBERRY
Chair

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

		2017	2016
		£	£
Cashflows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	9	(4,131)	(2,931)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(4,131)	(2,931)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		15,397	18,328
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		11,266	15,397

**Notes forming part of the financial statements
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1. Principal accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows, except where indicated below, the standards of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities. The Trustees' policy is that the Trust should adopt best practice. Accordingly the Trustees have decided to account on an accruals basis.

1.2 Fixed assets

The Trust has no fixed assets. Assets of the Trustees, such as computer equipment and use of their homes for meetings, are made available for the benefit of the Trust at no charge.

1.3 Incoming resources

Donations are recognised in the period in which the Trust is entitled to receipt and receipt is probable. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period. The Trust received and was advised of no legacies in 2016 or 2017.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

1.5 Charitable expenditure and basis of allocation of costs

The Trust has no staff, no salaries and its only governance cost is Trustees' insurance. It also incurs bank charges in generating voluntary income and in transferring funds to India and, occasionally, in buying goods for sale. These costs are allocated directly to appropriate funds and, being immaterial, are otherwise met from the unrestricted fund.

1.6 Gifts in kind

Voluntary income received by way of donations to the charity is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts in kind are included at market value and as resources expended at the same value when distributed, except for time devoted to the Trust or costs incurred by the Trustees for the Trust unless these are reimbursed.

1.7 Fund accounting

The Trust meets its objects almost exclusively by making grants to charities in Tamil Nadu, India. It maintains restricted funds for each of those charities, each of which may have one or more than one purpose and activity. In the latter case the Trust may maintain restricted funds for some of those individual activities as well as for the totality of that charity's activities. A description of the activities of each charity is provided in note 11. Gift aid is, and since the formation of the Trust has been, credited to the same fund as the donations which gave rise to it except where the donor has expressly requested to the contrary. Funds held by the Trust are either -

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

or *Restricted income funds* - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes narrower than the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Trust has no endowment and no designated funds.

1.8 Transfers

All funds are held for the Trust. Transfers may be executed for projects which have been completed but have a remaining surplus. Transfers from restricted funds have taken place only with the donor's consent. Trustees agreed transfers from the unrestricted fund to restricted funds to meet any expenditure in those restricted funds for which there is insufficient restricted income.

1.9 Irrecoverable Value Added Taxation

The Trust is not registered for Value Added Tax. Irrecoverable Value Added Taxation is aggregated with the expenditure to which it relates.

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2. Detailed income and expenditure account

	From inception to 31 December 2015 £	2016 £	2017 £	From inception to 31 December 2017 £	%
Incoming resources					
From generated funds -					
Voluntary income -					
Gift aid	87,053	8,568	8,774	104,395	14.6%
Donations	505,330	50,238	48,574	604,142	84.3%
Total voluntary income	592,383	58,806	57,348	708,537	98.9%
Total fund generating activities	6,095	7	-	6,102	0.9%
Total investment income	1,945	12	7	1,964	0.3%
Total from generated funds	600,423	58,825	57,355	716,603	100.0%
Total incoming resources	600,423	58,825	57,355	716,603	100.0%
Resources expended	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of generating funds -	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of voluntary income -	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	(1,169)	(12)	(15)	(1,196)	(0.2%)
Postage	(171)	-	-	(171)	(0.0%)
Publicity	(637)	-	-	(637)	(0.1%)
Total costs of voluntary income	(1,977)	(12)	(15)	(2,004)	(0.3%)
Total costs of goods sold	(3,964)	-	-	(3,964)	(0.5%)
Total investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total cost of generating funds	(5,941)	(12)	(15)	(5,968)	(0.8%)
Charitable activities -	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of transmitting grants	(2,457)	(153)	(187)	(2,797)	(0.4%)
Grants -					
To individuals	(8,144)	-	-	(8,144)	(1.1%)
To organisations	(562,374)	(58,810)	(59,976)	(681,160)	(95.1%)
Total grants	(570,518)	(58,810)	(59,976)	(689,304)	(96.2%)
Total charitable activities	(572,975)	(58,963)	(60,163)	(692,101)	(96.6%)
Governance costs -	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of room	(162)	-	-	(162)	(0.0%)
Miscellaneous expenses	(301)	-	-	(301)	(0.0%)
Office expenses	(466)	-	-	(466)	(0.1%)
Trustee insurance	(678)	(278)	(290)	(1,246)	(0.2%)
Total governance costs	(1,607)	(278)	(290)	(2,175)	(0.3%)
Total resources expended	(580,523)	(59,253)	(60,468)	(700,244)	(97.7%)
Net income/ expenditure	19,900	(428)	(3,113)	16,359	2.3%
Funds b'f	-	19,900	19,472	-	-
Funds c'f	19,900	19,472	16,359	16,359	2.3%

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3. Summary of fund movements

In the year ended 31 December 2017	Fund balance at 1 January				Fund balance at 31 December
	2017	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2017
Name of fund -	£	£	£	£	£
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	7,502	33,771	(36,838)	1,710	6,145
Ashrams' social programmes	1,464	2,406	-	(2,462)	1,408
Ananda Ashram	867	6,200	(7,724)	2,611	1,954
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	235	2,280	(7,073)	5,027	469
Friends of Shantivanam	2,067	3,425	(1,732)	(1,345)	2,415
Home for the Elderly	433	1,131	(2,145)	1,055	474
Veerambur	783	1,500	(2,573)	290	-
Education	654	1,938	(2,068)	-	524
Total restricted income funds	14,005	52,651	(60,153)	6,886	13,389
Unrestricted fund	5,467	4,704	(315)	(6,886)	2,970
Total funds	19,472	57,355	(60,468)	-	16,359

In the year ended 31 December 2016	Fund balance at 1 January				Fund balance at 31 December
	2016	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2016
Name of fund -	£	£	£	£	£
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	9,215	39,995	(41,708)	-	7,502
Ashrams' social programmes	2,532	2,533	-	(3,601)	1,464
Ananda Ashram	158	2,054	(3,864)	2,519	867
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	296	479	(4,962)	4,422	235
Friends of Shantivanam	2,021	3,475	(2,518)	(911)	2,067
Home for the Elderly	682	684	(1,816)	883	433
Veerambur	1,424	1,209	(2,090)	240	783
Education	541	2,130	(2,017)	-	654
Total restricted income funds	16,869	52,559	(58,975)	3,552	14,005
Unrestricted fund	3,031	6,266	(278)	(3,552)	5,467
Total funds	19,900	58,825	(59,253)	-	19,472

4. Summary of fund balances

At 31 December 2017	Cash at bank and in hand	Other current assets	Amounts falling due within one year	Net assets at 31 December 2017
			£	
Name of fund -	£	£	£	£
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	4,223	1,922	-	6,145
Ashrams' social programmes	1,083	325	-	1,408
Ananda Ashram	818	1,136	-	1,954
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	348	121	-	469
Friends of Shantivanam	2,003	412	-	2,415
Home for the Elderly	330	144	-	474
Veerambur	-	-	-	-
Education	174	350	-	524
Total restricted income funds	8,979	4,410	-	13,389
Unrestricted fund	2,287	683	-	2,970
Total funds	11,266	5,093	-	16,359

At 31 December 2016	Cash at bank and in hand	Other current assets	Amounts falling due within one year	Net assets at 31 December 2016
			£	
Name of fund -	£	£	£	£
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	5,560	1,942	-	7,502
Ashrams' social programmes	1,151	313	-	1,464
Ananda Ashram	560	307	-	867
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	205	30	-	235
Friends of Shantivanam	1,669	398	-	2,067
Home for the Elderly	380	53	-	433
Veerambur	783	-	-	783
Education	291	363	-	654
Total restricted income funds	10,599	3,406	-	14,005
Unrestricted fund	4,798	669	-	5,467
Total funds	15,397	4,075	-	19,472

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5. Analysis of grants

In the year ended 31 December 2017				
Name of fund -	Grants to institutions £	Grants to individuals £	Support costs attributed to grant-making £	Total £
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	36,770	-	68	36,838
Ashrams' social programmes				
Ananda Ashram	7,690	-	34	7,724
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	7,030	-	34	7,064
Friends of Shantivanam	1,715	-	17	1,732
Home for the Elderly	2,140	-	-	2,140
Veerambur	2,556	-	17	2,573
Education	2,050	-	17	2,067
Total restricted income funds	59,951	-	187	60,138
Unrestricted fund	25	-	-	25
Total funds	59,976	-	187	60,163

In the year the ended 31 December 2016				
Name of fund -	Grants to institutions £	Grants to individuals £	Support costs attributed to grant-making £	Total £
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	41,640	-	68	41,708
Ashrams' social programmes				
Ananda Ashram	3,830	-	34	3,864
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	4,940	-	17	4,957
Friends of Shantivanam	2,500	-	17	2,517
Home for the Elderly	1,810	-	-	1,810
Veerambur	2,090	-	-	2,090
Education	2,000	-	17	2,017
Total restricted income funds	58,810	-	153	58,963
Unrestricted fund	-	-	-	-
Total funds	58,810	-	153	58,963

The support costs attributed to grant-making consist entirely of bank charges in both years.

6. Analysis of support costs not attributed to grant-making

In the year ended 31 December 2017			
Name of fund -	Bank and similar charges £	Trustees' insurance £	Total £
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	-	-	-
Ashrams' social programmes	-	-	-
Ananda Ashram	-	-	-
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	9	-	9
Friends of Shantivanam	-	-	-
Home for the Elderly	5	-	5
Veerambur	-	-	-
Education	1	-	1
Total restricted income funds	15	-	15
Unrestricted fund	-	290	290
Total funds	15	290	305

In the year ended 31 December 2016			
Name of fund -	Bank and similar charges £	Trustees' insurance £	Total £
Timothy Pruss Memorial School	-	-	-
Ashrams' social programmes	-	-	-
Ananda Ashram	-	-	-
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust	5	-	5
Friends of Shantivanam	1	-	1
Home for the Elderly	6	-	6
Veerambur	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-
Total restricted income funds	12	-	12
Unrestricted fund	-	278	278
Total funds	12	278	290

7. Debtors and prepayments

	At 31 December	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Gift aid receivable from HMRC Charities	4,866	3,852
Prepayments	227	223
	5,093	4,075

8. Amounts falling due within one year

	At 31 December	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Committed grants not yet paid	-	-
Deferred income	-	-
	-	-

9. Reconciliation of net income/ (expenditure) to net cashflow from operating activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Net income/ (expenditure) as per Statement of Financial Activities	(3,113)	(428)
Adjustments for -		
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors	-	(1,275)
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors and prepayments	(1,018)	(1,228)
Net cashflow from operating activities	(4,131)	(2,931)
Cash balance at the beginning of the year	15,397	18,328
Cash balance at the end of the year	11,266	15,397

10. Related party transactions

No payments were made to Trustees or their families in 2016 or 2017. Expenses incurred by Trustees and others for the work of the Trust were not reimbursed and are not accounted for.

11. Analysis of the activities financed by the restricted income funds

Some donations to the Trust are restricted to particular projects, some to the projects of a particular recipient Indian charity and some to more than one charity but not to all. The restricted income funds are layered and 'nested' in the following way -

Timothy Pruss Memorial School	The running costs of the Timothy Pruss Memorial School.
Ashrams' social programmes -	The social programme of Shantivanam, Ananda Ashram and of the Swami Bede Dayananda Trust, each of which also has its own restricted fund -
Ananda Ashram	The year-round provision of milk, eggs, rice and clothing for around 15 elderly people and improvements to the infrastructure of the ashram.
Swami Bede Dayananda Trust (SBDT)	The salaries and running costs of SBDT which provides kindergartens and centres for the training of adults in tailoring and typing in two villages and one day centre for the elderly.
Friends of Shantivanam -	The social programme, minor infrastructure projects and running costs of Shantivanam including the following projects, the last two of which also have their own restricted funds -
Milk	The daily provision of milk to the elderly and young.
Home for the Elderly	The running costs of a home for the destitute elderly run by Shantivanam.
Veerambur	The building of houses for the poor, and the running costs of the tuition centre for children, in the village of Veerambur.
Education	Educational fees and costs for poor individual students paid to their schools.

The Trust is the major funder of the Timothy Pruss Memorial School. It is not the sole funder of any of the projects or activities it supports.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE BEDE GRIFFITHS CHARITABLE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2017

Charity no (if
any)

1106071

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Roger Timms

Date:

5/05/2018

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