



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	2017	<b>To</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	March	2018

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Asian Students Christian Trust

**Other names charity is known by**

Children of the Dump - Manila

**Registered charity number (if any)**

272328

**Charity's principal address**

High Cross Church  
 Knoll Road  
 Camberley Surrey  
**Postcode** GU15 3SY

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kay Mackay	Chair		
2	John Wenger	Treasurer		
3	June Cobbett			
4	Lydia Langford			
5	Fred Little			
6	David Regan			
7	Colin Shoveller			
8	Alison Morey	Vice Chair	October 17	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
John Peddie	Resigned October 2017
Alison Morey Vice Chair	Appointed October 2017

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mr John Busby Manager

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Board.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of poverty amongst Asian students and children by providing accommodation in hostels and other places; providing education in schools colleges universities and other places; and providing financial support and making grants towards to provision of accommodation and education and the necessities of life.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Children of the Dump (registered as Asian Students Christian Trust) provides education, family support and loving care to deprived children living in extreme poverty on the Payatas Rubbish Dump in Manila. During 2017 – 2018 we had 120 children in our care; supported in different ways; some of whom have been neglected, abused or even abandoned. Since 1975 the supporters of Children of the Dump and our Filipino partner ASCF, have been giving young lives the chance to escape the cycle of poverty through education. During 2017-2018, we operated a residential children's home Mango Tree House and a scholarship programme – Grapevine. Our Cashew Tree School was temporarily closed in March 2017 due to regulatory changes, land disputes and funding shortages. It is intended to reopen the school in temporary accommodation in 2018.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The focus for the charity this year has been the strategy to replace Cashew Tree School and raising the necessary income to open initially in temporary accommodation in 2018 and by 2019 in new purpose-built accommodation.

The site and scope of the new building has been agreed with additional capacity able to be developed to create Independent Living Accommodation for older students as this is the government policy. This will be subject to new funds being identified.

The appeal launched in March 2017 had a positive impact on income for the year but was predominantly one-off donations and sustainable income sources remains our goal.

Services in Manila continue to operate with formal relicensing taking place following regulatory inspection. Mango Tree House is a loving residential home for 47 children aged 4 – 21 (or until their education is complete). A greater emphasis is placed on re-integration with family if safe to do so and supporting the child to continue their education while resident with their family.

Grapevine supports over 60 children to continue with their education while living with their family. This avoids the need for the children to work on the dumpsite to help the family income.

In the UK, the drive to reduce overheads and costs has continued, resulting in the office accommodation being vacated and diverting the saved funds into other fundraising activities. The strategy for raising income has focused more on applying for grants and on-line fundraising as well as traditional sponsorship and maintaining the excellent child/sponsor communications which are so valued by child and sponsor alike.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Trustees believe it is essential to hold reserves to allow service changes in Manila to be implemented in a managed process should income levels fall substantially.

The target level of unrestricted reserves will be calculated at the end of each financial year, based on the approved budget for the following year, the general economic climate and recent trends in charity giving. The target for 2017-2018 was £66,000

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Kay Mackay	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	6/9/18	