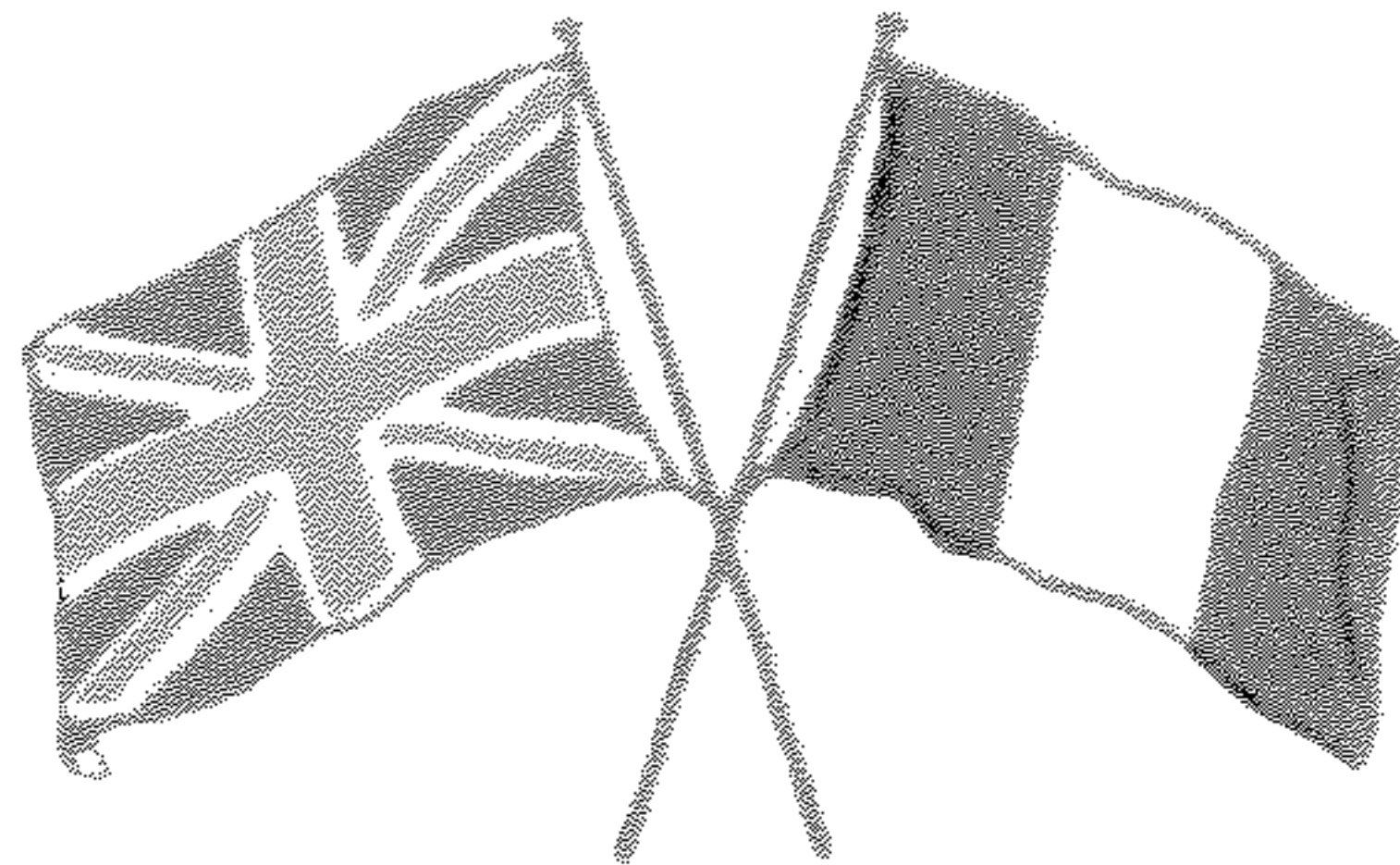


THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST



REPORT of the CHARITY TRUSTEES

and

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

for the period ended 31 December 2008

Registered Charity No. 1120876

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REPORT OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

STATUS AND ADMINISTRATION

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1120876 governed by its Constitution dated September 4, 2007. It was previously known as 'The Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Memorial Trust' whose assets, and continuation of existing activities, migrated to The Britain-Nigeria Educational Trust on December 31, 2007. Additionally, the assets of the 'Britain-Nigeria Association' were migrated to the Trust in September 2007 following a decision to wind up the operations of that Association.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The founding Trust was set up in 1968 by members of the Britain-Nigeria Association to honour and perpetuate the memory of Nigeria's first Prime Minister. The broad aim of the Educational Trust is to promote friendship and understanding between the UK and Nigeria by providing financial support to advance the education of Nigerian students and to assist in the provision of resources and facilities for education in Nigeria.

TRUSTEES

The Trust is administered by a Board of Trustees of not less than seven in number who shall normally serve for a three-year term. One third of the Board is therefore re-elected at each Annual General Meeting. The appointment of Trustees and Officers is made in accordance with Rule 5 of the Constitution with one seat permanently reserved for The High Commissioner for Nigeria to the United Kingdom.

The following served as Trustees during the year: -

Mr D R Reeves, MBE	(Chairman)
Professor L J Bown, OBE	
Mr D K O Brandler	
Mr G M Clark	(Secretary)
Mr C R Clarke, OBE	
General (Dr) Y D Gowon	
Chief D H Griffin	(Vice Chairman)
Mr J R Lee	(Treasurer)
Mr A Oladimeji	
Mr K M Rafferty	
Mr J B Smith	
Mr J C P Storey	
Mr A R P Williams	
Mr G A Zakari	

TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT and TRAINING

Potential Trustees are identified by members of the Board and considered against the Board's requirements concerning availability, eligibility, competence and specialist skills. Achieving a balance of experience and backgrounds with first-hand knowledge of Nigeria is the objective.

Members of the Board will necessarily have an interest in the welfare and progress of Nigeria's population.

Prospective Trustees are invited to attend a Board Meeting prior to accepting the role to help them gain an understanding of the work and aims of the Trust and are required to sign the Charity Commission's "Declaration of Eligibility" before their appointment. Following election they are briefed by the Chairman and provided with further information about the Trust and their role within it. They will receive copies of the Constitution, the latest Report and Accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission publication "The Essential Trustee". All Trustees are kept up to date on charity issues through the Charity Commission's regular bulletins and newsletters. Attendance at relevant courses may be considered as necessary.

**THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST
REPORT OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS AND KEY PERSONNEL

Chairman	Mr D R Reeves, MBE
Secretary	Mr G M Clark
Treasurer	Mr J R Lee
Address	2 Vincent Street London SW1P 4LD
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc Rochester Row Branch 166 Vauxhall Bridge Road London SW1V 2RB
Auditors	Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP Aquis House 49-51 Blagrove Street Reading RG1 1PL

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees continue to keep the Trust's activities under review, particularly with regard to any major risks that may arise from time to time. The major risks identified by this process have been mitigated to an acceptable level by internal control systems, insurance cover, third party project reports and other procedures as considered appropriate from time to time.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust welcomes individuals over the age of eighteen, institutions and companies who are interested in supporting its charitable objects. The benefits of membership include a newsletter, a quarterly digest that provides information about current affairs in Nigeria and various fundraising functions. A valuable and regular income is derived through membership subscriptions.

Protection of its member's personal information is a commitment of the Trust, which is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office under number Z1107800.

REVIEW OF THE PERIOD

Over the period to 31 December 2008 more than £70,000 has been spent (or committed) on a diverse and extensive programme of aid in support for Nigerian education.

Phase one of the 'E-Learning Centre' project at Benin University comprising the installation 50 computers and ancillary equipment was completed in 2007 and an inspection visit undertaken by one of the Trustees. A further grant of £ 7,960 was made during 2008 to establish Internet Connectivity and to provide access to the eGranary digital library at the University of Iowa and for other educational software. A review for further funding to expand the centre by another 50 computers will be undertaken in 2009.

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REVIEW OF THE PERIOD (continued)

The construction of proposed girls' secondary school at Umutu, within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Warri, continued to progress. A three-classroom block is nearing completion and a hostel block capable of accommodating 60 students has been finished. Grants totalling £ 34,870 were made during the year supported by agreed budget subject to the provision of counter-party funding and satisfactory progress reports. The school management is now in place and it is anticipated the school will accept its first intake of students during 2009.

A grant of £5,000 was allocated to the Gethsemane Rehabilitation Centre, in Jos, which was set up to help with the education of children orphaned by their fathers killed while serving in the Nigerian army mainly on African peace-keeping missions. The charity Hope for the African Village Child received £2,500 for learning books and other educational materials.

The Trust continued to sponsor the placement of a VSO volunteer (£2,000) seconded to the Kano State Education Board while £5,000 was made available through VSO's Abuja office for allocation as small grants for basic school equipment. A further £2,500 was given as a contribution to the cost of VSO's local training seminars.

The Aleka Academy continues to go from strength to strength with the graduation of their third set of 32 students. A £7,500 grant was given to establish a bore hole for the supply of water to the school & surrounding village community.

Three Nigerian students have been awarded continuing grants in respect of their fees at Delta State University (2) and Anambra State University (1). A fourth student, who gained admission to Sheffield Hallam University, received a grant to cover the cost of his study materials while a fifth student studying at the University of Birmingham was given a laptop computer to assist with his fieldwork studies in both Nigeria and Kenya.

In July 2008 Sir Mervyn Brown, KCMG OBE, who was the British High Commissioner in Nigeria for four and a half years (1979-1983), accepted the invitation to become Patron of the Trust. Sir Mervyn was a teacher before he joined the Foreign Office and maintained an interest in education becoming a Trustee of St. Saviour's School in Lagos. After retirement he became a Vice-President of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and consultant to the Council of British Schools in the European Community.

At the beginning of the year the Trust welcomed 423 transferring members from The Britain-Nigeria Association. A further seventeen new members have joined and, after adjusting for resigning members and those who had died, the closing membership strength ended at 395. Additionally the Trust was pleased to have the support of six corporate members. Three functions were voluntarily arranged namely a lunch meeting for Sussex Branch in May, a meeting in Edinburgh in October for the Scottish Branch and a London reception in November that was hosted by the Nigeria High Commissioner. Each of these events generated a modest profit.

The Trust's website was established during the year that not only attracted new members but also provided opportunity to promote a limited range of merchandise for sale, including Notelets and Christmas cards.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The objective is to establish a balance between income and expenditure – year on year – so as not to excessively deplete the capital. Stock Exchange investments now value at £82,289 and include investments of the former Britain-Nigeria Association. No further such investments are planned at present as worthwhile interest is received on deposits with CAFBank.

The Trustees have taken the view, in light of the present economic climate, to keep capital safe by maximising interest income through the money market.

The Trustees have an overall "risk-averse" attitude to investments.

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REPORT OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

RESERVES POLICY

To safeguard the future of the Trust, expenditure will normally be limited to the income derived through investments, membership subscriptions, annual appeals, bequests, regular Gift Aid donations and the sale of merchandise including the Trust's own Christmas cards. However, the Board will consider some capital expenditure if significant and controllable projects are identified (such as a grant for a building or school extension or the endowment of a university chair/faculty) where the BNET name can be promoted.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The Trust awards varying grants in support of educational progress, both to individuals and organisations, mainly in Nigeria but sometimes to Nigerian students attending course at universities in the United Kingdom. Each application is considered on its merits to give the widest possible benefit to the largest number bearing in mind the special difficulties of ensuring that money is correctly spent and accounted for in Nigeria. For this reason the Trust will only pay into a corporate bank account using the official banking system for transfers. Larger capital projects are subject to a Memorandum of Understanding being signed by the parties involved and suitable nominated persons, appointed representatives of the Trust, make regular visits to the project site and reporting on progress. On-going funding is subject to these reports being satisfactory. Funding for individual students is given after considering specific recommendations from reliable sources.

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS

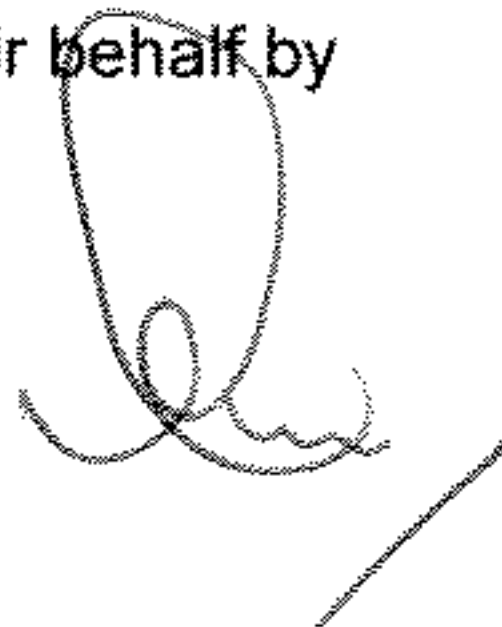
The purpose of this statement is to distinguish the Trustees' responsibilities for the accounts from those of the auditors as stated in their report.

The Charities Act 2006 requires the Trustees to keep proper books of accounts with respect to the affairs of the charity and to prepare statements of account for each accounting period consisting of an income and expenditure account and balance sheet. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing these accounts the Trustees are expected to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow the recommendations of the Charity Commission and of the accounting profession with regard to form and content of the accounts, or to disclose and explain any departures there from; and
- prepare the accounts on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will be unable to continue to meet its objectives.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 May 2009
And signed on their behalf by



Derek R. Reeves, MBE
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

We have audited the accounts of The Britain-Nigeria Educational Trust for the period ended 31 December 2008, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10 and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

This report is made solely to the charity Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 of the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities within the Trustees Annual Report.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the other information contained in the Trustees' Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited accounts. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the accounts.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of APB Ethical Standards including APB Ethical Standard provision available for Small Entities in the following circumstances:

- In common with many other entities of this size and nature, the entity uses our firm to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

UNQUALIFIED OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of incoming resources and application of resources for the period then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP

HORWATH CLARK WHITEHILL LLP
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors
Reading

Date: *28 July 2009*

**THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

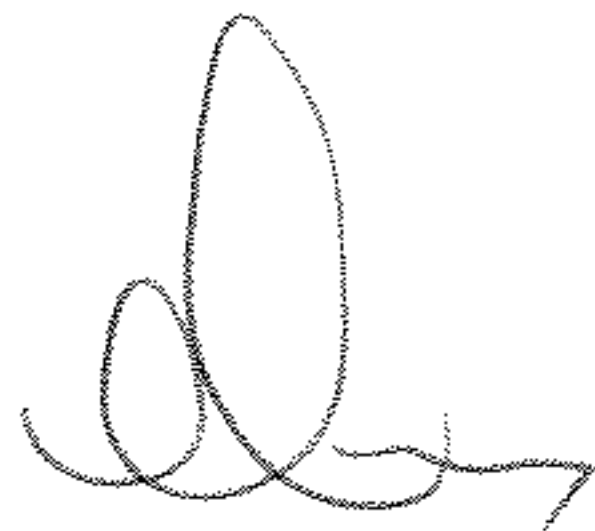
	Notes	2008 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generated funds:		
Voluntary Income	2	664,191
Activities for generating funds	3	6,754
Investment Income	4	25,691
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Total incoming resources		<u>696,636</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating funds:		
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,547
Charitable activities	5	84,290
Governance costs	8	<u>6,680</u>
Total resources expended		<u>92,517</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		604,119
Losses on investments	10	<u>(18,161)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>585,958</u>
FUND BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2008		<u>585,958</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of the accounts

THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AT
31 DECEMBER 2008

	Notes	£	2008	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments	10			82,289
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	11	231		
Cash at bank		<u>505,738</u>		
				505,969
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>2,300</u>		
NET CURRENT ASSETS				<u>503,669</u>
NET ASSETS				<u>585,958</u>
 REPRESENTED BY:				
Unrestricted funds				<u>585,958</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16 July 2009
 And signed on their behalf by: D. R. RIVKES



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**THE BRITAIN-NIGERIA EDUCATIONAL TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the adoption of market value for certain investment assets and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice on accounting and reporting by charities: the Charities SORP 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (January 2007).

In common with many other entities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

b) Income

All income is accounted for gross when receivable.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the fund to which it relates.

d) Grants

Grants payable are recognised as expenditure in the year in which a binding commitment to make payments is entered into.

e) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2008 £
Assets transferred from:	
The Britain-Nigeria Association	83,291
The Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Memorial Trust	572,765
Memberships	6,564
Tax reclaim	825
Donations	<u>746</u>
	<u>664,191</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	2008 £
Sale of Christmas cards	<u><u>6,754</u></u>
4. INVESTMENT INCOME	2008 £
Bank interest	21,298
Income from Unit Trusts and Bonds	<u>4,393</u>
	<u><u>25,691</u></u>
5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2008 £
Grants	71,829
Support costs	<u>12,461</u>
	<u><u>84,290</u></u>
6. GRANTS	2008 £
VSO - (2 grants - individual)	9,500
Scholarships - (5 grants - individual)	4,461
Aleka Academy - (1 grant - institutional)	7,500
Hope for the African Child	2,520
Gethsemane	5,021
UNIBEN project	7,953
Girls School Umutu	<u>34,874</u>
	<u><u>71,829</u></u>
7. SUPPORT COSTS	2008 £
Administrator	5,590
Telephone	373
Office rent	1,858
Printing, postage and stationery	<u>4,640</u>
	<u><u>12,461</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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8. GOVERNANCE

	2008 £
Meetings	3,626
Audit	2,300
Trustees Liability Insurance	<u>754</u>
	<u><u>6,680</u></u>

9. STAFF COSTS (INCLUDING TRUSTEES)

Wages and salaries	<u>5,590</u>
Number of staff during the year (part time):	
Administration	<u>1</u>

Expenses reimbursed to two Trustees during the period totalled £461
No trustees received any remuneration during the period.

10. INVESTMENTS

	2008 £
Additions	100,450
Disposals	-
Net unrealised loss	<u>(18,161)</u>
Market value at 31 December 2008	<u><u>82,289</u></u>

The investments were donated to the charity by The Britain-Nigeria Association and The Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Memorial Trust.

All investments are listed.

11. DEBTORS

	2008 £
Other debtors	<u>231</u>

12. CREDITORS

	2008 £
Audit fees	<u>2,300</u>