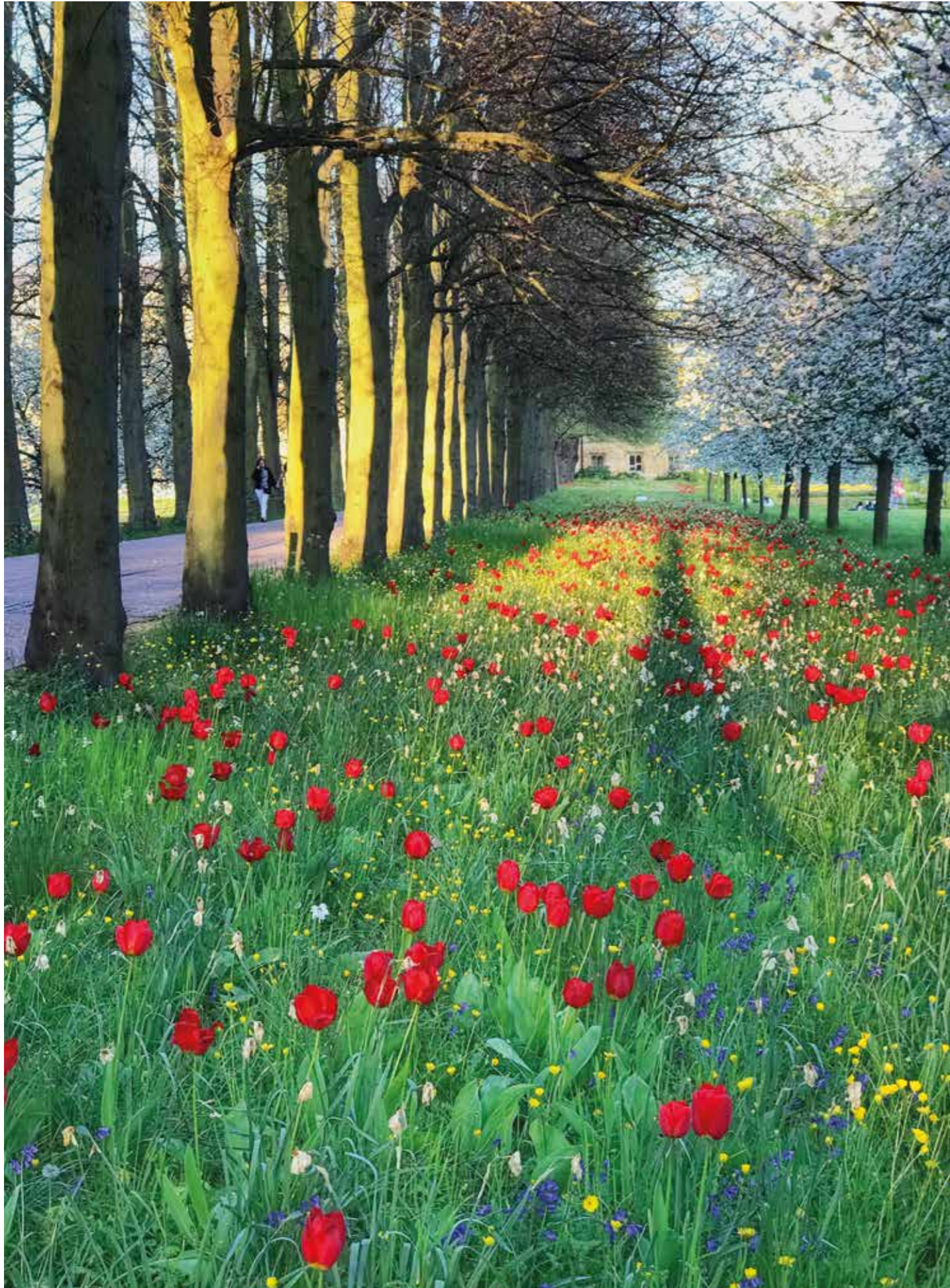


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# CAMBRIDGE TRUST



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## INTRODUCTION

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*The Cambridge Commonwealth European and International Trust was established to support international students coming to undertake their studies at the University of Cambridge who would not be able to take up their places without financial support. During its thirty-year history of offering scholarships, the Trust has helped more than 19,000 students to undertake degrees here.*

Today, the Trust works with the University, Colleges of Cambridge, and many international and UK-based partners to provide the widest possible student access to the University of Cambridge.

The Trust enables students to benefit from the education and research opportunities offered at the University of Cambridge irrespective of their economic or social background. The student support offered by the Trust recognizes and rewards excellence and provides the necessary financial assistance required by those who are disadvantaged.

Now serving students from the United Kingdom, as well as those from further afield, the Trust supports around 500 new students each year. This means that at any one time there are around 1200 young people from across the world studying in Cambridge with financial support from the Trust. The majority of these are taking postgraduate degrees, but the Trust also supports a number of undergraduates.

## DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

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*I am delighted to present this review of the Cambridge Trust's activities for the financial year August 2018 – July 2019.*

This year, the Trust has established a number of new studentship programmes aimed at widening access and participation at the University of Cambridge from the very widest pool of talented students.

The first cohort of Rowan Williams Cambridge Students, who have come from conflict zones or areas of instability and have been at risk of discrimination, persecution or have suffered violence or abuse of their human rights, arrived to take up their places at Cambridge. Lord Williams of Oystermouth, in whose name this important studentship was established, kindly hosted an event in the Master's Lodge in Magdalene College to welcome these students, many of whom had arrived after arduous and lengthy journeys. I was humbled by their determination and commitment in coming to Cambridge, and embarking on their new lives here with such a positive attitude.

The Trust launched a new programme of scholarships to mark the 70th anniversary of the modern Commonwealth and in honour of the Trust's Patron, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Postgraduate students receiving these scholarships come from a wide range of Commonwealth nations and are undertaking studies on practical themes affecting the future of the Commonwealth including climate change, sustainability and the blue economy. His Royal Highness announced the launch of the programme during his 12-day tour of the Caribbean and Cuba in the Spring of 2019; the first recipients arrived in Cambridge in Michaelmas term to commence their courses.

Last year I mentioned the launch by the University of a major fundraising campaign for student support. Just one year on, I am pleased to report that there have been a number of notable successes including the establishment of the Harding Distinguished

Postgraduate Scholarship programme, thanks to a major new benefaction. The Cambridge Trust is pleased to assist with the administration of this significant new programme for outstanding PhD students from across the world.

A significant development for the Trust this year was the relocation of our operation to the Student Services Centre on the University's New Museums Site in Bene't Street. The Trust's team were pleased to move into this wonderful new building and join the many University teams within it which provide frontline services to students. Our annual welcome event for new students arriving in October was held in the Centre and proved to be a great success; students enjoyed the beautiful light-filled space and the refreshments provided by the on-site "Whale Café".

Our Board of Trustees plays an important role in guiding the work of the Trust and this year we said goodbye to two of our valued Trustees: Professor John Rallison and Professor Graham Virgo. Professor Rallison came to the end of his term after serving for nine years as a Trustee, and for the past three years as Deputy Chair of the Board. I would like to thank both Professor Rallison and Professor Virgo for their service, for giving their time and for sharing their expertise so generously.

I would also like to thank our students who are a continued source of inspiration and admiration for the Trust's staff and Trustees. We all enjoy the opportunity to get to know them at the Trust's events held throughout the year.

Finally I would like to thank our partners; without their generous support, we would not be able to support as many students from as wide a range of backgrounds as we do.

*Helen Pennant*

Director

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

*The Trust spends around 95% of its expenditure in supporting exceptional students from a wide range of countries worldwide. This support is achieved through working with partners, the University and its Departments, and the Colleges of Cambridge, as well as the Trust's own investment income.*

The Trust spent a total of £26.7million on student support in 2018/19. In addition to the core funding of maintenance and fees, this support included extra payments to students to help with particular financial needs, such as grants for conferences, fieldwork, hardship and overruns.

The Cambridge University Endowment Fund continues to manage the Trust's main investments. The total value of the Trust's investments at 31 July 2019 was £182.5 million and produced an investment return of £6.3 million. The majority of this income is spent alongside external donations and partnership income, and the remainder is used to support staff and administration costs.

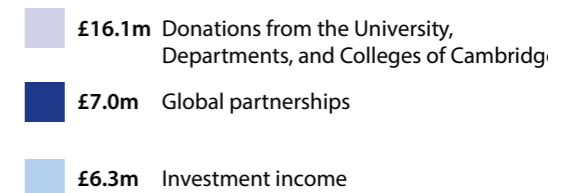


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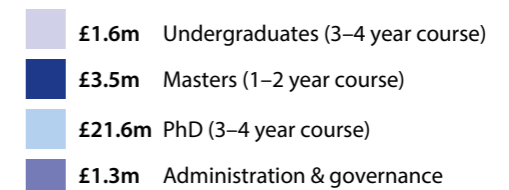
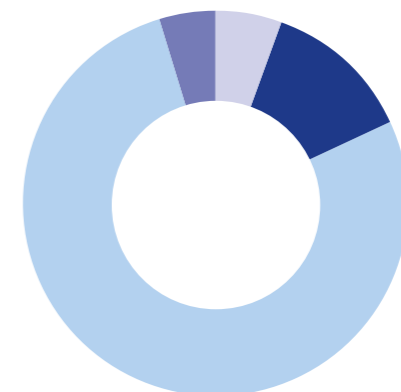
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The Trustees' report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 are available online at [www.cambridgetrust.org/about/](http://www.cambridgetrust.org/about/). The following charts, which are extracted from those financial statements, summarise the Trust's income and expenditure at 31 July 2019.

### Income 2018–19



### Expenditure 2018–19



## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

*The Trust works with a wide range of partners from the United Kingdom and around the world to maximise the scope and number of scholarships available to applicants.*

Not only do these arrangements bring additional funding for students, many partners also offer additional benefits to students before during and after their time at Cambridge. Collaborating with partners from different sectors and countries allows the Trust to support more students from diverse backgrounds, and offer more opportunities to students from under-represented groups to study at the University.

The Trust also works in partnership with the University, particularly through its Development and Alumni Relations office, to establish new programmes arising from philanthropic donations. The Trust has a number of arrangements with Colleges, Faculties, and Departments within Cambridge to co-fund students. This allows for a more “joined-up” approach, simplifying the application process for applicants and targeting funding more effectively to students.

The Stormzy scholarship, which supports British black undergraduate students, will be offered for a second year, and the Trust is delighted to administer these awards. A new Masters scholarship in Advanced Computer Science was established this year with artificial intelligence company DeepMind Technologies Limited for female and black students. Both these awards reinforce Cambridge’s commitment to welcoming students from all backgrounds, particularly those who are currently under-represented.

The Trust also launched a scholarship in memory of the late Gordon Edge, a leading figure in the Cambridge technology sector, for undergraduate science or technology students from Northwest England and North Wales. The University receives a lower than average number of applications from students from these regions.



Welcome Event for New Scholars 2019

The Trust renewed its partnership with the Snowdon Trust, which has for many years championed disabled people’s rights. Our joint programme supports Masters students with a physical disability or sensory impairment. We have had some truly inspiring students on this programme which we are delighted to continue.

The Trust has partnered with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to offer Chevening scholarships at Cambridge almost since the start of this global scholarship programme in the 1980s. Designed for talented professionals who have been identified as potential future leaders across a wide range of fields, including politics, business, the media, civil society, religion and academia, this collaboration has supported a significant number of future leaders, decision-makers and opinion-formers to study at Cambridge. The Trust is delighted to have renewed this partnership to support even more aspiring leaders from around the world.

The Trust is pleased to have established a new partnership with the Amjad & Suha Bseisu Foundation to support students from Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine and Syria at both Masters and PhD level. The Foundation was set up in 2011 and focuses on transforming the lives of people from the Middle East.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

*The objective of the Trust is to provide financial support to enable students to benefit from education at the University of Cambridge. It offers scholarships to students who have been offered places at the University at all levels of study. The Trust concentrates its resources on scholarships for PhD and Masters study, while maintaining a smaller programme of support for undergraduates.*

Scholarships are awarded in all subjects and at all 31 Colleges. Awards are made on the basis of academic merit, financial need and, in the case of scholarships awarded in conjunction with partners, additional criteria such as the country the students come from and/or their chosen area of study. Scholarships range from full-cost, covering fees and maintenance, to part-cost, a contribution towards the costs of study, which require the student to provide the balance of the cost.

The Trust aspires to provide as many full-cost scholarships as possible, as this provides certainty for the students and makes the scholarships internationally competitive; and over the past eight years the Trust has deliberately sought to offer scholarships of higher value even when that meant offering fewer awards. The Trust is continuously working towards making a higher proportion of its scholarships full-cost by seeking additional external funding.

The Trust has also sought to make offers earlier in order to retain the best candidates. If students are assured of high value scholarships early on in their decision-making process, they are able to make an informed choice about taking up the offer of their place at Cambridge and their scholarship. This is especially true of the many students who receive offers from elsewhere.

The Trust has also made particular efforts to increase the rigour and transparency of its selection processes and criteria for awards. These now:

- prioritise applicants for scholarships on the basis of the outcome of a central funding competition, with departmental scores being moderated by Selection Committees put in place by the University;
- are based on a transparent and fair system, with clearly published selection criteria and application deadlines set out on the Trust's website; and
- where appropriate, address perceived disadvantage of candidates from less developed backgrounds.

The Trust responds positively when students win other full-cost, publicly-funded scholarships by offering 'honorary status', which entitles the recipients to benefit from being a part of the Trust's community of scholars.

For entry to the University of Cambridge in the academic year 2018–19, the Trust made new awards as follows:

### Breakdown of new awards 2018–19 (by level of study)

	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Awarded	299	166	40	505
Honorary	40	8	2	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>555</b>

The number of students funded by the Trust is as follows:

### Students in residence in 2018–19 (all award years)

*\*figures inclusive of new award winners set out above*

	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Awarded	898	168	120	1186
Honorary	108	8	7	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1309</b>

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

A table setting out the students by nationality and level of study is set out below:

### Students in residence in 2018–19 (by nationality and continent)

*\*figures inclusive of new award winners but not those with honorary status*

AFRICA				
Country	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Cameroon	3	1	-	4
Egypt	15	4	-	19
Ethiopia	1	-	-	1
Ghana	8	2	-	10
Kenya	2	2	3	7
Morocco	1	-	-	1
Mozambique	1	-	-	1
Niger	1	-	-	1
Nigeria	9	2	1	12
Rwanda	1	-	-	1
Somalia	2	-	-	2
South Africa	12	8	-	20
Sudan	-	1	-	1
Uganda	1	1	-	2
Zambia	2	-	-	2
Zimbabwe	2	2	-	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>88</b>

ASIA				
Country	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Bangladesh	7	-	2	9
Bhutan	-	1	-	1
Burma	1	2	-	3
China	128	6	22	156
Hong Kong, China	11	1	16	28
India	53	23	4	80
Indonesia	8	2	-	10
Iran	5	2	-	7
Israel	8	2	-	10
Japan	-	1	1	2
Jordan	2	-	1	3
Kazakhstan	2	1	-	3
Republic of Korea	12	-	3	15
Kyrgyzstan	-	1	-	1
Lebanon	4	1	-	5
Malaysia	15	1	18	34
Nepal	1	1	-	2
Pakistan	8	2	8	18
Palestine	6	-	1	7
Philippines	1	2	-	3
Singapore	4	3	6	13
Sri Lanka	4	-	-	4
Syria	3	3	1	7
Taiwan	18	-	-	18
Thailand	4	3	1	8
Turkey	4	2	-	6
Vietnam	1	-	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>455</b>



Scholars' Reception 2019, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

Scholars' Reception 2019, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

**AUSTRALASIA**

Country	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Australia	44	12	8	64
New Zealand	24	1	4	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>93</b>

**EUROPE**

Country	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Albania	1	-	-	1
Armenia	-	-	1	1
Austria	3	-	-	3
Belarus	2	-	1	3
Belgium	2	1	-	3
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	-	-	1
Bulgaria	4	-	-	4
Croatia	2	-	-	2
Cyprus	4	2	-	6
Denmark	5	-	-	5
Estonia	2	-	-	2
Finland	1	-	-	1
France	16	3	-	19
Germany	45	6	-	51
Greece	16	4	-	20
Guernsey	1	-	-	1
Hungary	8	-	-	8
Iceland	1	-	-	1
Ireland	11	3	-	14
Italy	31	3	-	34
Jersey	1	-	-	1
Kosovo	-	1	-	1
Latvia	1	-	-	1
Lithuania	3	-	-	3
Malta	1	-	-	1
Netherlands	11	4	-	15
Norway	12	3	-	15
Poland	10	1	-	11
Portugal	4	1	-	5
Romania	4	2	-	6
Russia	4	1	2	7
Serbia	5	4	5	14

Slovakia	3	1	-	4
Slovenia	-	2	-	2
Spain	6	-	-	6
Sweden	-	1	-	1
Switzerland	5	1	-	6
Ukraine	4	2	-	6
United Kingdom	60	-	2	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>347</b>

**NORTH AMERICA**

Country	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Canada	33	8	5	46
Jamaica	1	-	-	1
Mexico	23	4	-	27
Saint Lucia	1	-	-	1
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	2	-	-	2
Trinidad & Tobago	1	-	-	1
USA	78	3	3	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>162</b>

**SOUTH AMERICA**

Country	PhD	Masters	BA	Total
Argentina	2	1	-	3
Brazil	5	2	-	7
Chile	18	2	-	20
Colombia	2	3	-	5
Ecuador	2	-	-	2
Paraguay	-	1	-	1
Peru	-	1	-	1
Uruguay	1	-	-	1
Venezuela	-	1	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1186</b>

\*BA=Undergraduate course



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 OUR PATRON
 

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His Royal Highness  
The Prince of Wales

*The Trust is an exempt charity governed by a board of Trustees selected for their skills and experience in order to guide the work of the Trust.*

The Trust's Patron is His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

The University of Cambridge is Custodian Trustee of the Trust, and the Trust is regulated by the Office for Students through the University of Cambridge.

Our Trustees meet three times a year, and management of the Trust is delegated to a team of fourteen staff, led by a Director.

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