



A charitable trust supporting education in South Africa

A Registered Charity No. 1077489

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The Mamelodi Trust is a UK Registered Charity, established by Trust Deed on 1 July 1999. The objects of the charity are to support the advancement of education in Zakhele School in Mamelodi, South Africa, the Mamelodi Teachers' Centre and any other educational institution in Mamelodi at the discretion of the trustees.

The Trustees work within the UK to raise awareness amongst supporters and within the education and political sectors and to raise money to support education in Mamelodi. It also exists to provide support and encouragement for those working in the Mamelodi schools and to facilitate links between these schools and appropriate contacts in the UK. Funding is normally made available to the schools for expenditure according to locally defined needs and priorities.

The Mamelodi Trust commenced its eighth full year as a Registered Charity with a balance of £23,437.

During the year a further £13,097 was raised. £6,980 was contributed by individuals via one-off donations, standing orders and CAF Bacs credits. £862 was raised by Naace at their Half Year and Annual Conferences. Several schools supported the Trust during the year and together raised £1,091. Churches and Sunday Schools donated a total of £1,443. £900 was raised by the Trust at the Derbyshire County Council Bolsover Food Fair. A number of other presentations and fund raising events made significant contributions to the Trust funds.

During the year, the majority of the Trust's financial transactions were conducted via the CAF Bank account and a total of £696 was received in interest. The Lloyds TSB account was kept open solely for the receipt of existing standing order donations.

Following an offer by Carole Hassell to run a 100 Club for the Trust, the Trustees agreed to establish this fund raising activity. Accordingly, a separate account at CAF Bank was established through which this activity could be administered.

In 2006/7, some of the financial transactions in South Africa were made, as in previous years, through the offices of the British Council in Johannesburg. Named officials were responsible for maintaining accounts and releasing funds, as required to the school for specific projects. However, with the increasing availability of electronic banking in South Africa, some funding was made by direct electronic transfer of funds to school bank accounts. In both cases, the Trust is assured of financial control in South Africa. The Trust applies a key principle, however, that the priorities for spending should be firmly in the hands of the local people in Mamelodi.

As last year, the Trust was able to support more than one school and grants to schools for books and equipment were made as follows during the year:

Zakhele Primary School	£500.00
Meetse A Bophelo Primary School	£4,200.00
Sikhanyisele Primary School	£4,000.00
Tshegofatsong Special School	£500.00

During a visit to South Africa in October 2006, Steve and Mary Bacon, on behalf of the Trust, established an arrangement with Exclusive Books Ltd in Pretoria whereby funds would be transferred direct to Exclusive Books to establish accounts for individual schools. Teachers would then be able to discuss their requirements with staff of Exclusive Books, select the books they wanted and have their account with bookshop debited accordingly. Exclusive Books agreed to provide schools with an additional 12% discount.

This arrangement has worked extremely well and schools are very supportive of this arrangement. It has the added advantage of providing a clear audit trail of expenditure since Exclusive Books provide the Trust with a computer listing of every book sold under this arrangement. From the amounts shown above, the following were allocated via the Exclusive Books arrangement:

Zakhele Primary School	£500.00
Meetse A Bophelo Primary School	£1,000.00
Sikhanyisele Primary School	£1,000.00

The balance of grant was spent mainly on educational resources and books by Meetse A Bophelo and Sikhanyisele Primary Schools and on much needed new classroom chairs and tables at Tshhegofatsong Special School.



Steve and Mary Bacon spent five weeks in Pretoria in the autumn of 2006. They were able to follow up on the excellent work undertaken by Gill Taylor a couple of months earlier. In particular, they were able to provide further support for the staff of Meetse A Bophelo School on the use of books and the teaching of reading. The small shack which had been refurbished as a library while Gill Taylor was there was proving to be very popular with children. However, it was clear that it was too small for the purpose and was not weather proof. Towards the end of 2006, the Trust gave careful consideration to the possibility of providing funds to build a proper library at the school and in 2007 a contract was agreed with a local builder to build a library. A total of £16,500 was spent on the architect's

design, technical surveys, the building itself and carpeting and by the end of the Trust's financial year the building was ready to open.

In the summer of 2007, Jenny Murray and a group of students from Nottingham University worked in Meetse A Bophelo Primary School. This visit was funded by the students and by Nottingham University.

Helen Smith continues to act as the Trust's representative in Pretoria and has worked extremely hard during the year on the Trust's behalf. Having someone on the ground has proved extremely useful and regular feedback on the impact of the Trust's funding has been received. During the library building project, Helen acted on behalf of the Trust and her regular involvement on site was crucial to the success of the project.

During the year, the Rotary Club of Sandy in Bedfordshire raised a significant amount of money to provide books for the library. Through International Rotary, they are now working with the Rotary Club of Pretoria East to increase that funding in South Africa and are applying to International Rotary in the USA for further increase in grant. When the internal negotiations are complete, a much larger sum of money than originally anticipated will be available to Meetse A Bophelo School to buy books for the new library.

Several presentations about the Trust and South Africa were given at various venues during the year. These have not only raised money but also met one of the Trust's objectives to increase awareness of the needs of South Africa.

In 2007 the Trust's website was redesigned and updated. The technical work was carried out by Joth Internet Solutions at no cost to the Trust.

The Trustees resolved to invite Gill Taylor to become a Trustee during the year. Gill accepted and the Trust is grateful to have her enthusiasm and expertise on the Board of Trustees.

The Trust ends its eighth year on a confident note. It is much encouraged by the support it has received in the UK and the impact of its work is clearly evident in the life of several schools in Mamelodi. Last year was significant in that this was the first time the Trust has been able to extend its support beyond a single school. This year was significant because the Trust successfully completed a major building project for the first time. However, the Trustees are always concerned to ensure that the support in Mamelodi is sustainable in the longer term and growth will be carefully managed. The Trust is planning for an active year in 2008 which will include the formal opening of the Meetse A Bophelo School library, completion of all the internal fittings and the purchase of books. It looks forward to being able to contribute to further significant developments in education in Mamelodi.

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Notes

The Mamelodi Trust is Registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom.

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