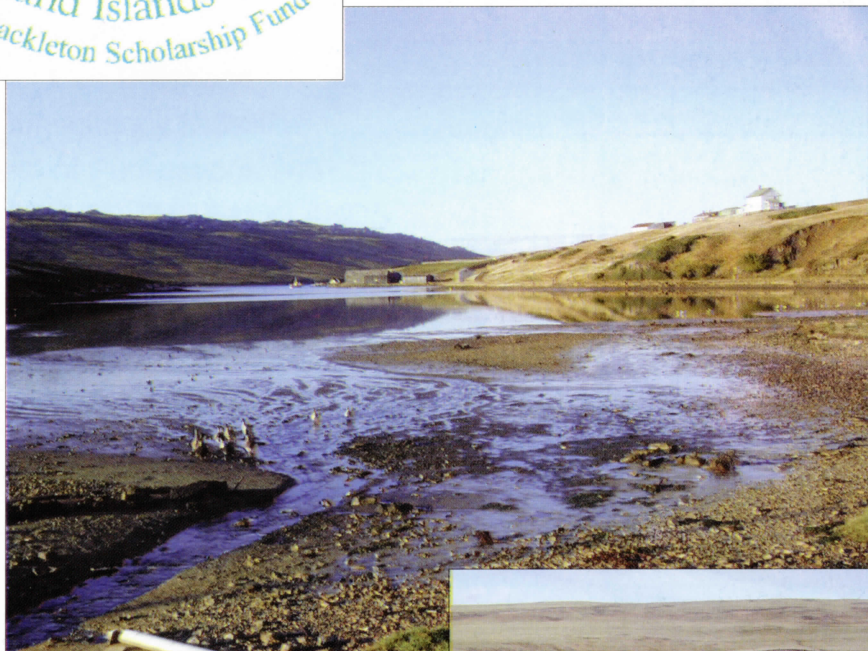
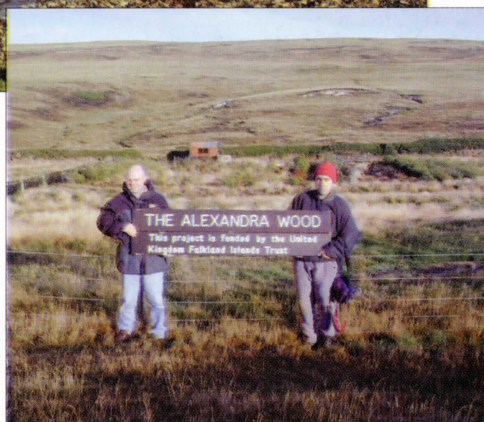




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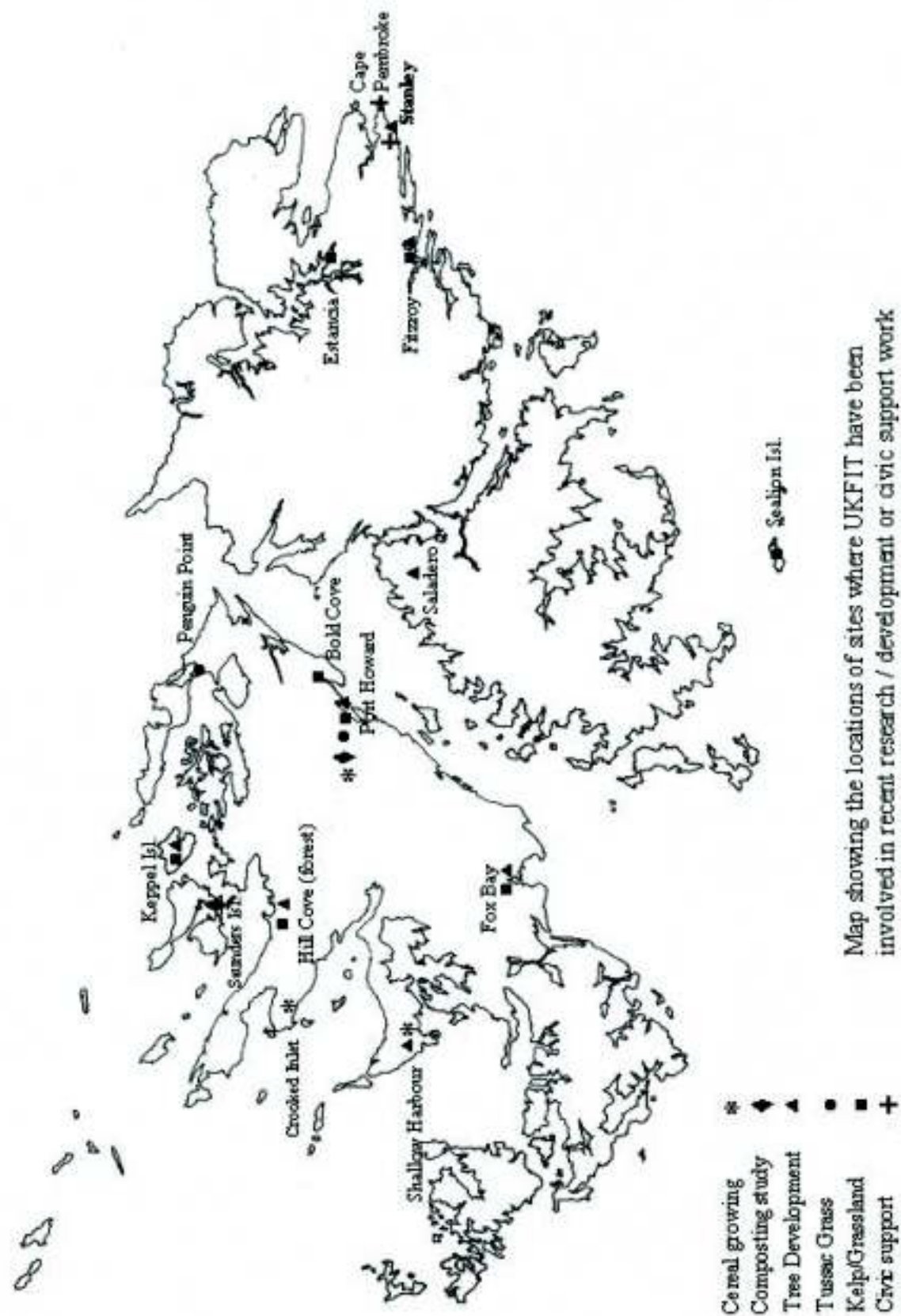


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Patron - HRH Princess Alexandra

Development, Activities and Achievements 2001

INTRODUCTION

The United Kingdom Falkland Island Trust's twenty-second year has been one of consolidation of the research and development programmes built up over the years and strengthening of both the Trustee base and consultancy capability.

For new readers of this report, it may be worthwhile to state the aims of the UKFIT:

The United Kingdom Falkland Islands Trust is a UK Registered Charity formed in 1981 and dedicated to the assistance of the Island's population by conducting beneficial projects not normally funded by Government. Its primary effort is directed towards programmes of research and advice, on agriculture, forestry and rural development issues, or through use of the contracts and special skills of its consultants to assist the Falkland Islands Government and the Falkland Islands Development Corporation in the sustainable growth of the economy. On a lesser scale, the Trust also assists the population in the Falklands with individual civic projects as and when they arise. Trustees are also responsible for the Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

Principally, the aims of the Trust are met through the work of our distinguished consultant, Dr Jim McAdam of the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Queen's University, Belfast. Funding for our work stems mainly from the generous grants made by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC), which the Trust gratefully acknowledges. Further funding comes from a small investment trust. However,

this year, as last year, income has continued to be affected by global fall in equity values, jeopardising our future work. Donations to the Trust are therefore warmly welcomed and ways in which donations can be made are given on the back cover of this report. Any donations made are most gratefully received and will be acknowledged within Trust publicity.

Following his visit to the Islands in March 2002 (of which more later), the Chairman was given the opportunity to bring our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, up to date on the work of the Trust. The Princess warmly welcomed news of our recent work and showed much interest in the photographs of Trust projects in and around Port Howard, Fitzroy and Stanley. She maintains her keen interest in Trust activities and continues to support fully our aims and objectives.

This year the Report majors on the work of the Trust, outlining in some detail our achievements in furthering economic development in the Islands.

TRUST ACTIVITY

Overview

Over the year progress has continued in several key project areas: tree development, tussac grass, seaweed and the science database. In addition, several smaller consultancy projects have been undertaken and much emphasis placed on the promotion and publicity of Trust activities.

Tree Development

The principal work of the Trust during this year has been by Rodrigo Olave, a postgraduate student at Queen's University Belfast (QUB) on secondment from the Institute of Forestry in Chile. Rodrigo is currently working on a three-year project in Belfast to investigate the most suitable form of tree containerisation for the Falklands and is conducting trials on tree seed germination and production. The bulk of his activity has been in liaison with Marlane Marsh, one of our two Falkland

Islands Trustees, at Shallow Harbour, under the supervision of Dr Jim McAdam, our consultant. Rodrigo has also worked closely with Tim Miller, our second Trustee in the Islands, and with the Falkland Islands Government's Department of Agriculture (DoA) in Stanley. This important work on wind-firm seedling production is designed to stimulate development of a much-needed shelterbelt capability in the Islands and will do much ultimately to encourage re-generation of rural activities in Camp.

Rodrigo has also reviewed shelterbelt research in Southern Chile and other countries, and is currently working on a follow-up booklet to the UKFIT/DoA 1999 publication on Trees for Shelter in the Falkland Islands. This new booklet on raising trees and shrubs in the Falklands, also produced in conjunction with the DoA, will be a practical guide based on his work and experience in the Islands and on other UKFIT project work. During the year Rodrigo also attended a Poplar and Willow Symposium in Sweden under partial Trust sponsorship, and presented papers on Trust tree development work.

During the year our consultant, Dr McAdam, attended a UK Agroforestry Forum and presented two papers on the potential for trees in the Falklands, during which Rodrigo Olave also outlined his work programme in the Islands in relation to the Trust's tree activity programme. Our consultant also organised and chaired two meetings of the UK Falkland Islands Tree Advisory Group out of which came the proposal to produce a series of tree guides which would concentrate on the management of tree stock. It was also proposed that the Trust sponsor a project to gather native willow samples from all known sources in the Falklands and grow them in a nursery in the Islands. These samples would then form a national collection from which selection of the most suitable planting stock could be taken. At these events and at the Willow Symposium in Sweden, wide publicity for the Trust's work was generated and valuable contacts made.

Our assistant helper at Port Howard, Ron Reeves, has continued his sterling work in the Alexandra Wood at Port Howard and has already commenced ground preparation in anticipation of the willow trial outlined above.

Tussac Grass

The trial of tussac grass at Penguin Point, Port Howard, development has proved very successful. In March 2002, measurements of the size of each tussac plant showed an increase in average circumference from 10-12 cm to over 70 cm in only 18 months. The site was in very good condition and is now a very good example of how tussac – a valuable source of animal feed – can be established in the Islands. The next stage with the tussac programme trial is to set up a trial under controlled environmental conditions to investigate the effect of seaweed fertiliser on tussac grass seedlings.

There is a revival of Falkland Islands Government (FIG) interest in tussac within the Islands, by the FIDC as a 'unique' Falkland Islands product and by the DoA as a source of animal feed. The latter interest is of course stimulated by the development of a meat production industry in the Islands, serviced by the new abattoir just outside Stanley. The Trust is well placed to provide stimulus to this interest in the form of successful experiments and expert advice. Further postgraduate research on tussac is planned.

Seaweed

Following renewed interest from within the Islands on the feasibility of developing an indigenous seaweed industry, the Trust has continued to advise QUB Marine Laboratory on the potential for seaweed (kelp) resources in the Falklands. A report by QUB was submitted to Seafish Limited of Stanley who are considering the commercial potential of seaweed exploitation. Our consultant also visited Brandon Marine Products in Tralee,

Ireland, to set up arrangements for analysis of kelp samples from the Falklands and he presented a paper on seaweed resources in the Islands to a Western Rural Development Group in Ireland.

Science Database

Some 4 years ago a need was identified by the then Chief Executive to co-ordinate within the Falklands as much as possible ongoing scientific activity as possible to ensure the most efficient and effective use of available scientific resources. An essential component of this was the documentation of all previously and currently published scientific information in a readily accessible form for both scientists and students to use.

The science database has been in continuous development over the past year and is now available in CD-Rom format. It is also nearly ready to go onto the QUB website, the Department of Agriculture website and the UKFIT website (www.ukfit.org.uk). The bulk of database entry work has been carried out by Mrs Maria Olave under Trust sponsorship and direction from our consultant Dr McAdam. The latest additions to the database include references from the Annals of the Institute of Patagonia (Science Series). These papers are all highly relevant and as yet do not appear on any electronic database. Maria is also arranging for hard copies of the more obscure papers to be made available, stored initially at QUB, and cross referenced to the database.

Consultancy Provision

It is an essential requisite of the consultancy provided to UKFIT that a rapid response might be required to specific topics as and when they arise. In some cases the consultant may be able to amalgamate the necessary information and contacts and respond in full. In other cases the role may be more of an intermediary one where specific expertise is made available to FIG or private individuals based on the consultant's wide knowledge of the Falklands and matters related to them.

Over the past year the Trust's database of potential consultants has been strengthened by the addition of a former Chief Executive and Development Director of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, now running his own consultancy in tourism and transport. His current work extends throughout Ireland and France. He has extensive experience of the tourism industry and has published widely. His inclusion endows the Trust with the potential to provide rapid, focused and expert advice on tourism activities in the Islands and this specific capability has been offered to FIDC in pursuit of their concept of cultural and natural heritage development in the Islands. With this addition, the Trust now has the more general capability to provide timely, focused support to at least four of the "Top Ten Themes" identified in the recently published Islands Plan 2002/05. The Trust now has the ability to call on expertise covering the sustainable economy, a viable camp, quality of life and the environment. In addition, the strengthening of our Trustee base also allows direct assistance to FIDC in pursuit of their concept of cultural and natural heritage development in the Islands.

During the year, consultancy advice was provided to external bodies on the chemical constituents of wild plants, the grazing of woodlands, seaweed for the Falklands and on the FIDC heritage tourism initiative. Consultancy advice was also provided to Dr Bruce Osborne of University College Dublin on the preparation of a bid for SSF funding of a project on pigvine, and to Professor Claudio Venegas of the University of Magellanes, Chile, on seaweed development in Southern Chile and possible consultancy advice from his new "Quaternary Sciences" Unit to the Falklands.

The "Falklands in Focus" exhibition was housed at QUB in the Visitor Centre for three weeks in May. Trust activity was heavily featured at the exhibition and much interest was attracted.

List of Publications 2001/2

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Student Project

Colton, Ciara (2003) The effect of liquid seaweed fertiliser on seeds of a range of plants from the Falkland Islands. BSc (Hons) project Environmental Sciences, QUB.

Tussac Grass at
Penguin Point,
Port Howard, at
the end of 2000



UKFIT bogging and
successful self-
extraction en-route
Penguin Point,
Port Howard



Tussac Grass at
Penguin Point, Port
Howard in March 2002.
Hattie Lee, Rodrigo
Clave and Dr McAdam



Mariane Marsh, Dr McAdam, Tim Miller and Rodrigo Clave at
Farmer's Day, Fitzroy, showing development of tree shelter belts

Mariane Marsh,
Dr McAdam and
Rodrigo Clave at
Shallow Harbour Farm
examining tree
contaminisation trials



VISIT TO THE FALKLANDS

The Trust Chairman visited the Islands in March for the first time since his tour as Commander British Forces in 1994/5. The aim was to see for himself the ongoing work of the Trust and promote its research and development capabilities across a wide spectrum of rural economic activities. He took with him a message of support and encouragement from our Royal Patron, HRH Princess Alexandra, who was delighted to hear about the work of the Trust and the visit itself during the Chairman's call on her just before the Jubilee weekend in June. With the Chairman for the visit was the Trust's consultant Dr Jim McAdam from Queen's University Belfast and Rodrigo Olave also from QUB.

During a packed week the team began by participating in a mini Open Day, provided by the Department of Agriculture at Fitzroy, at which the Trust's tree development programme and erosion control projects were given much publicity and promoted to farmers, councillors and the media. Then it was off to Port Howard to check on planting trials at the Alexandra Wood, begun by the late Robin Lee and now run by Ron Reeves. The next day's six hour round trip to Penguin Point, courtesy of Hattie's expert driving, enabled the team to see the tremendous growth in the tussock grass there as reported earlier.

The next trip, to Shallow Harbour, saw the important work being done on behalf of the Trust by Alistair and Marlane Marsh on their very extensive tree plantations. Rodrigo Olave spent a good deal of time at Shallow Harbour progressing his trials on tree containerisation and seedling development.

Then it was back to Stanley to brief FIDC and others on kelp development work and provide farmers with an opportunity, during a public meeting, to hear about the long-term benefits of Trust activities. Topics discussed included those outlined above and also included details of the Science Database. The team also took the opportunity to see the Memorial Wood and the new garden outside KEMH, as both projects have benefited considerably from the invaluable involvement of Tim Miller, our Trustee in Stanley.

Finally, the Chairman and Dr McAdam enjoyed very useful meetings with HE the Governor, the Chief Executive, the General Manager FIDC, the Director of Agriculture and others who all gave freely of their time to hear about Trust activities and make valuable proposals for future development work. Trustees would like to thank all who contributed their time and effort to make the visit a success in this very busy year for Islanders. In particular, the Chairman would like to thank Tim Miller and Marlane Marsh for all their hard work in organising the visit and for their continued dedication to the work of the Trust in the Islands.

PERSONALITIES

Two new Trustees joined during the year. Mr Alan Frost is an actuary by profession and former managing director of a major listed insurance company. He is now semi-retired but continues to run his own financial services consultancy company. His financial acumen will bring much needed expertise and experience to our budgetary and investment activities at a time when the depressed nature of financial markets has made financial decisions particularly critical.

Our second new Trustee is Mr Henry Robinson, Managing Director of Wilkinson Gaviller, who has strong business and social links with the Islands and whose interests include chairmanship of an international development charity involved in rural development, particularly for young people, mostly in East Africa.

On the accounts side, the Trust has continued to enjoy the services of Mr Brian Hill, former head of the Public Works Department in the Falklands, as Honorary Treasurer. He has also recently taken over from Sir Rex Hunt as Honorary Treasurer of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund. For both accounts, his successfully developed PC-based accounting system has allowed Trustees unprecedented access to timely and accurate financial information thereby allowing Trustees to monitor and adjust expenditure and investment strategy throughout the financial year.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Accounts

The formal accounts for the year 2001/2 have been audited and, if required, a copy of the audit can be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer, details on the inside of the back page.

Income during the year amounted to £32,538, of which £30,000 was provided by FIDC and £2,354 earned in dividends and bank interest. Expenditure amounted to £36,174 of which £17,014 was spent directly on project work, £3,626 on consultancy fees and £10,449 on travel. Expenditure also included £2,200 on IT equipment carried over from the previous year. During the year, administration costs were kept to a minimum.

Investments

The objective of UKFIT Investment Policy is to sustain the value of the investment portfolio whilst realising a modest income of circa £1000 per annum to cover administrative costs. Currently, a high proportion of investment is held in cash and this position is reviewed at least quarterly at the time of committee meetings.

The value of underlying investments with Laing & Cruickshank Investment Management Limited continued to fall in line with world-wide equity values. The value of the core fund carried forward as of 5th April 2002 was £83,230 compared with £84,666 in April 2001.

SHACKLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND – LONDON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Scholarships

The sum of £13,999 was spent on scholarships in the year ended 5 April 2002, of which £7,002 went to academic scholars and £6,997 to quality of life visitors. This brings the total amount awarded since the foundation of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund in 1995 to £87,154.

Academic Scholars

Academic scholarships were granted during the year to:

Ms Elaine Shemilt: to work on the creation of a CD-ROM and website on South Georgia as part of Project Atlantis (£2,000).

Mr Michael Stammers: to survey the wreck of the Charles Cooper and other wrecks in Stanley harbour (£2,000).

Mr D. O'Shea: to prepare an exhibition on "Dos Lomos" at Stanley (£1,300).

Dr Kenneth MacKenzie: to prepare a study on parasites in mullet around the Falkland Islands (£1,702).

Quality Of Life Scholars

Quality of life awards were granted during the year to:

Ms Frances Bissell: cookery writer for demonstrations in Stanley and in camp settlements (late payment of £50).

Mr Bob Neil & Mr Jimmy Clews: pyrographer and wood-turner (£2,500).

Mr D. Little: piano tuner (£1,431).

Mr Paul Jones & Mrs Fiona Headley Jones: concerts and discussions (£2,116).

Mr L. Yule: horse tamer (£900).

Total expenditure was £13,999.

Finance And Donations

Donations received during this financial year amounted to £12,994. They included the magnificent sum of £10,300 from the Exhibition organised by Dr Jan Pigott at Dulwich College - "Ernest Shackleton: the Antarctic and Endurance". The expedition led by Mr Neil Laughton, "In the Footsteps of Shackleton," which traversed South Georgia raised funds totalling £1,128.

Administrative costs were kept to £117.

Advertising costs were £65.

Auditors' fees were £250.

Bank interest amounted to £4,266 and income from investments was £6,486.

The accumulated fund on 5 April 2002 stood at £399,286 (total equity).

Administration

A web-site www.shackletonfund.com solely devoted to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund has been created in Stanley to provide general information about the Fund. Donation and application forms may be downloaded and completed.

Posters on the Fund have been prepared by Dr Jim McAdam for use at exhibitions: one has been sent to Stanley and the second is held in London.

Costs have been kept to a minimum once again and the Committee thank all those volunteers and sponsors whose support has made this possible.

Once again the London Management Committee would like to thank the Trustees of the UK Falkland Islands Trust, the Representative and staff of the Falkland Islands Government Office in London and HE Governor Donald Lamont, Dr Andrea Clausen the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Lynda Lamont the liaison officer and all the members of the Stanley Committee for their continuing support.

Looking Forward

Expenditure on academic and quality of life scholarships during 2002/3 is likely to equal or slightly exceed the sum spent during the year under review. An illustrated report on the Fund's first six years' of operation is in preparation.

Annex A

UNITED KINGDOM FALKLAND ISLANDS TRUST - PERSONNEL

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Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra

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Sir Rex Hunt CMG

Mr D Tatham CMG – Chairman London Shackleton Scholarship
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Mr H Briley OBE

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Miss S Cameron – Falkland Islands Government Representative

Air Commodore P G Johnson OBE – Chairman UKFIT

Donations to the UK Falkland Islands Trust

Contributions made towards the work of the Trust will be most gratefully received and will be fully acknowledged in Trust publicity:

- The Annual Report – circulated widely within the Islands and within Government and industry in the UK
- The UKFIT Website: www.ukfit.org.uk
- UKFIT publicity displays in Stanley and in the Falkland Islands Government Office in London

Donations should be made out to The UK Falkland Islands Trust and sent to Mr Brian Hill care of the Falkland Islands Government Office, Falkland House, 14 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BH.

Audited Accounts

Copies of the UKFIT Trustees' Report and Financial Statements are available from the Honorary Treasurer:

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Consultant's Reports

Activity reports by our Consultant, Dr Jim McAdam, and information on the Science Database on CD are available from:

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Further information on the work of the Trust is available from:

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