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Shackleton Scholarship Fund



1997 Review and Activity Report



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1997 REVIEW AND REPORT

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Port Stephens Settlement, West Falkland

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Chairman Captain Paddy Vincent RN with Trustees resident in the Islands (Mr T Miller, P M C Vincent, Cllr D L Clifton, Mr R Lee)

UNITED KINGDOM FALKLAND ISLANDS TRUST (UKFIT)

incorporating SHACKLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND (SSF)

Patron - HRH Princess Alexandra

Development, Activities and Achievements (1996/97 Financial Year)

Introduction

The Trust continued its programme, as developed in successive years, to support the farming sector of the Falkland Islands with the aim of providing pro-active consultation and programmes in the agricultural, forestry and some civic sectors. This work has progressively got closer to, and enmeshed with, that of the Falkland Islands Department of Agriculture (DOA) as the latter's initiatives and resources have developed. The Trust has been assisted by annual financial grants from the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) after their agreement with such parts of its programmes as affect overall agricultural and forestry development.

The 1996/97 annual project programme, after discussion with DOA and FIDC, was agreed in mid-1996 by the trustees, together with the underlying budget of UKFIT, supported by the significant FIDC grant. The trustees then met quarterly to discuss progress. Minutes of these meetings were sent to the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) and agricultural organisations concerned. The Falkland Islands Government Representative in London (FIGO) and the UK Representative for FIDC attended these meetings and advised the Trust from a Falkland Islands viewpoint.

During the year, UKFIT developed its various forestry and agricultural projects on a progressive basis with DOA, as already explained. Whereas, some pro-active work is gradually being taken over by the FIG, the Trust can claim that its overall value has been to get the various projects underway and some in a state ready to hand over to DOA, whilst still retaining a consultancy role. The results to date have been attainable due to the persistent attention and energy of the Trust in its work, together with the detailed commitment of its two professional consultants, Mr David Stickland, Organic Farming Consultant, and Dr Jim McAdam of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, working with Queen's University, Belfast. Their current results are covered by technical reports at pages 6 and 11. For the future, the Trust has developed a very positive working relationship with the staff newcomers to DOA which bodes well for constructive progress.

The two project consultants visited the Islands during the year, together with the incoming Chairman during a private visit to Stanley.

The Trust's agricultural work, as explained in this report, include:-

- research into the growth of trees;
- maintenance of trees under development in trial areas;
- research into soil improvement, tussac grass and erosion;
- production of liquid fertiliser from kelp;
- trials into vegetable production;
- introduction of an organic concept, including wool and vegetables;
- development of a beef cattle association; and
- a Community School agricultural programme.

Administration - Shackleton Scholarship Fund (SSF)

Within the UKFIT structure, the Shackleton Scholarship Fund provides opportunities for selected experts to visit the Islands, some for research projects, and others to add to the "quality of life" of the population. SSF is administered separately under a management committee chaired by a nominated UKFIT trustee, whose separate report is included at page 5 with details of Scholarship Awards at Page 17. Ultimate financial responsibility rests with UKFIT.

Review of Transactions and Financial Position

1996/97 financial year covered a UKFIT project programme with a budget of £22,600 (FIDC grant £16,000) and a final expenditure of £21,845. The Trust is grateful for the very important financial support which it is afforded. Additionally, SSF granted £9,001 in scholarships. The statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the year are at Page 14, together with current asset investment. The main financial details for SSF are included in these documents.

Administration of Main Funds

The accounting process for the core UKFIT fund for 1996/7 was administered, as previously, by the Chairman, assisted by a professional secretary/bookkeeper. The planning and project details were examined and approved formally by trustees at quarterly meetings. The accounts for 1996/7 were audited by DEKM Ltd., Chartered Accountants of 5 Trinity Terrace, Derby DE1 2QS, and declared to be in order.

UKFIT Falkland Islands Sub-Committee

A sub-committee of three trustees domiciled in the Islands was formed to assist with the liaison between UKFIT and cooperating organisations and farmers. Working with an independent status, the sub-committee advised

the Trust on any subject within its purview and sent items and comment for the quarterly meetings as its members were unable to attend in person.

The Consultants

The two UKFIT consultants, as already mentioned, continued to give valuable technical support and project leadership both in the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands. Technical reports were circulated to those concerned. They kept, also, a close liaison with their Falkland links.

FIGO

The Falkland Islands Government Representative in London, Miss Sukey Cameron, gave much appreciated support in providing advice and accommodation for meetings and communications with Stanley. Her assistance and the technical cooperation by the FIDC representative, Mr Ian Cox, were invaluable.

Tree Development

This subject continues to be the most active long term project for the Trust. It has been running on a twenty year programme under the direction of Dr Jim McAdam in a number of sites in the Islands. Having got these projects underway, the Trust's function has been realised in certain areas where projects have now been taken on by either government agencies or commercial and private interests. Yet the Trust still has a valuable contribution to make in areas peripheral to those programmes which can greatly enhance them, largely through the experience of, and contacts developed by, the consultants. The Trust's work is making an additional contribution in agricultural education and training. A detailed report by Dr McAdam is at page 6 as mentioned.

Agricultural Marketing Development

From the onset of its work in 1985, the Trust, in its proactive projects, has worked with DOA to develop a coordinated agricultural marketing development programme. The need is to identify products which could be available to the Islands' population and, therefore, to overseas markets. Because of the premium world organic markets available, and because the Islands are basically free from the use of chemical fertiliser, efforts to encourage organic registration have been stressed and have become recognised. During 1996/97, a number of valuable projects and trials have taken place. Important to the Trust, is the interest being shown by the Director of Agriculture in the production and use of compost. The main items in UKFIT's agricultural marketing development programme are reported at page 11, by Mr David Stickland, Consultant, who has worked on these projects since inception.

Community School Programme

The School Agricultural Support Programme continued with the long term objective of creating an interest in agriculture amongst the students. A research programme is supervised by the consultants and monitored during visits from the UK. Mr Tim Miller is assisting this project by making land and advice available at Market Garden in Stanley. The tool shed donated by the Trust has been moved to that location.

Civic Support

Following the 1982 conflict, the Trust concentrated on giving financial support for youth secretarial training in the UK to assist administration calls in Stanley. Additionally, a bursary was given to send a student to Atlantic College in Wales leading to entry at the University of Sussex. Grants for these subjects amounted to some £18,000. Thereafter, such donations switched to general civic projects, including school agricultural support, mentioned above. Between 1983 to 1997, some £28,000 has been dispensed, as detailed at Page 18.

The Way Ahead

To meet the changing emphasis and responsibility by UKFIT and DOA in running the projects, following the change in the latter's Director's appointment, a meeting was held in London on 27 August 1997 between UKFIT, FIDC and DOA to provide a basis for programming future work, on conclusion of the 1997/98 programme, as currently budgetted. This meeting is being followed by a visit by the Chairman, Captain Paddy Vincent and Dr Jim McAdam in January of 1998 to discuss proposals with those concerned in the Falkland Islands. The result of the two events will be covered by a special report during 1998 and see page 19 (And Into 1998).

Secretarial

The dedicated services of Mrs Doris Dodson, working from her home, were greatly appreciated and vital in the coordination of the Trust's work. She provided, also, office facilities for the Chairman when working with her.

Personalia

A list of trustees and others concerned with the execution of UKFIT/SSF responsibilities is at Page 16.

Major General Nigel Gribbon (founder Chairman in 1979) handed over the appointment, started in 1979, to Captain Paddy Vincent, RN, a trustee, on 13 March 1997. Together with Sir Rex Hunt, Managing Trustee SSF, they were given audience by our Patron, HRH Princess Alexandra at St James's Palace on 13 May 1997. Mrs Dodson was presented to Her Royal Highness at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 17 July 1997.

P M C Vincent
Chairman

March, 1998

REPORT BY THE SHACKLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1996/7)

The Shackleton Scholarship Fund was launched in 1995 to commemorate the life of Lord Shackleton, who died in 1994, and his father, Sir Ernest Shackleton, in perpetuity. After raising almost £300,000 (of which £100,000 was generously donated by the Falkland Islands Government) in the first year, the Advisory Committee was able to award eleven scholarships during the period under review. Of these, six were awarded to academic scholars and five to "quality-of-life" visitors, thus fulfilling the twin objectives of the Fund, which are to increase knowledge of the South Atlantic region and to enhance the quality of life in the Falkland Islands.

The scholarships reflect an imaginative variety of subjects, ranging from a Status Quo musician, Jeff Rich, giving drum lessons, to a scientific study of volcanic ash by Dr. Peter Wilson from the University of Ulster. The Fund has financed visits to the Falkland Islands by instructors in swimming, shooting and moto-cross. It has also paid for the air fares and fees of a Falkland Islands' resident to attend a course in line dancing in England and for a Falklands' artist, Jamie Peck, to paint in South Georgia (where Sir Ernest Shackleton is buried).

Academic scholarships have appropriately been awarded to two more Falkland Islands residents: Mrs. Lyn Blake for wool improvement studies in New Zealand and Mrs. Sally Poncet for research in the United States into the history of South Atlantic sealing. A British recipient, Mr. Richard Munro, has been studying Falkland Islands' place names and is publishing the results of his study. A sum of money has been allocated for an Islander to undertake training in organic farming in the UK as soon as a suitable candidate can be identified.

As Lord Shackleton's economic reports have contributed to the Falkland Islands' growing prosperity, so the Shackleton Scholarship Fund is contributing to the well-being of the Islanders and is forming a body of informed opinion which, in time, will assist the economic, social and cultural development of the whole region and its people.

The UKFIT consultant, Dr. Jim McAdam, has suggested several interesting new research projects, which are now under review. Applications are expected to increase with wider awareness of the scholarships - and donations are still most welcome.

Sir Rex Hunt
Managing Trustee

Dr J McAdam - Trust's Consultant's Report 1996/97

(a) Projects

(i) Tree development

- Tree growth continues to be monitored on the Trust's two research sites at Fitzroy and Stanley.
- Their success has helped encourage DOA to instigate an appropriate and soundly backed shelter belt planting programme.
- A UK Tree Advisory Group (UKTAG) has been set up to advise DOA and determine other research needs with the Trust represented.
- Port Howard site. Summary report completed and small-scale experimentation conducted.
- Links with the University of Magallanes and Trillium Forestal in Chile continue to be developed for the benefit of the Islands.
- Links with the Dept. of N. Ireland Horticulture and Plant Breeding Station (Willow selection) proceed.

(ii) Kelp Fertiliser

The digester is to be moved from Port Howard to Stanley to meet electrical supply needs. A feasibility study of collection and composting of kelp will be carried out in 1998.

(iii) Tussac for erosion control and stock feed

The Trust continues to provide backing support for a studentship funded by DOA, to investigate aspects of erosion control using Tussac grass and other shrub species.

(iv) Agriculture/Forestry in Schools

The Trust provided funding to enable school children to be trained in practical horticultural skills and to experience the working environment of a commercial horticultural and tree production exercise.

(iv) Advice

Advice has been regularly given both in the Islands and in the UK on matters of relevance to the Trust's work.

(b) Location of Projects

(i) Tree Development

- Stanley (Market Garden); Fitzroy; Port Howard; and various other locations embrace the 'small tree scheme'.

(ii) Kelp Fertiliser

- Port Howard; Market Garden; Bold Cove.

(iii) Tussac Erosion

- Cape Dolphin, Cape Pembroke, Stanley Area, Port Harriet.

(iv) Education Programme - Community School

- Market Garden, Stanley.

(v) Advice

- provided for various locations in FI and to UKTAG.

(c) Islanders involved

Trees - Rodney Lee, Robin Lee, Ron Reeves, Tim Miller.

'Small Tree Scheme' - Les Lee, Dennis Middleton, Ann and Peter Robertson, Bernadette Paver, Barry Elsby, Patrick Watts, Nigel and Shirley Knight.

Kelp - Rodney Lee, Ron Reeves, Malcolm Ashworth.

Tussac - DOA

Education - Teachers and schoolchildren

Advice - is given on the organisation and manning of the above projects.

(d) Links with DOA

There are links across all project areas.

Trees - I represent UKFIT on the UKTAG and hence have a major input to the DOA tree programme. Details of contacts in Chile have been forwarded to DOA to investigate commercial tree purchases which will benefit the Islands' tree development programme. DOA has assumed maintenance responsibility for the Fitzroy site.

Kelp - DOA are also interested in Kelp and other seaweed exploitation. UKFIT will facilitate feasibility study and provide Kelp extract for DOA to test if they wish.

Tussac/Erosion - DOA has funded studentships to investigate major problems and UKFIT has provided more support, advice and supervision.

(e) Technical Findings

Trees - Growth of Lodgepole pine has been very successful and tree growth of over 30 cm/year is potentially feasible. Close planting is essential and tall shelters do not confer much advantage. Spruce continue to be badly hit by aphid attack. Results from the Port Howard site confirmed the need for small plants with low shoot:root ratio; for provenance to be a major consideration; close planting; and pre-planting preparation.

Southern beech trees, indigenous to South America, merit trial in the Falklands. There are three species growing in S Chile. Contact has been made with the University of Magallanes and Trillium Forestal to supply trees. They will be taken to the Falklands early in 1998.

Kelp - Material produced in 1998 will be made available for trial on Tussac grass, vegetables and legumes. The forthcoming commercial evaluation (by Mickey Peri of Eco Sci) will be essential to the progress of the project.

Tussac/Erosion - Localised shelter and soil conditions are important for Tussac establishment but more knowledge is needed of the nutrition and rooting mechanism of Tussac grass so that planting can be approached with greater success.

Overview and the way ahead - The Trust's function has been realised in certain areas where projects have been taken on by either Government agencies or commercial and private interests within the Falkland Islands. However, resources within the Islands are still limited and often only mainstream programmes can be pursued. The Trust can still make a valuable contribution in areas peripheral to these programmes which can greatly enhance them, largely through the experience of and contacts developed by, the Consultants.

Exploring the potential offered by a range of tree species currently found in southern South America and investigating aspects of ground preparation and combinations of planting stock will enhance tree development in the Islands. Key issues on the growth and nutrition of Tussac grass need to be resolved. The results of the kelp evaluation, along with the testing of material produced by the digester, will boost what is still one of the most important areas of development.

Nutrition is one of the key aspects of growth of Tussac grass and trees and kelp represents the greatest indigenous source of plant food available. The use and exploitation of kelp and other seaweed resources, such as calcified seaweeds laid alongside the nitrogen fixing potential of legumes, still remain the key to improved soil fertility in the Falkland Islands.

The Trust can also make a valuable contribution to education and training in biology and agriculture in the Islands, particularly through exploitation of Internet connections to incorporate distance learning, together with in-post training and information provision for professional staff in the Islands.

Dr Jim McAdam 1997



Black pigs shipped to Tim Miller. Soil on left is well turned over by the pigs to make vegetable cultivation easier



Tim Miller's market garden at Stanley with UKFIT tree plot in foreground



Erosion Control: Trials with DoA on establishment of Marram grass on bare sand, (Cape Dolphin, E Falkland)



Tussac grass can be successfully used for erosion control. The Trust now wants to investigate how foliar feeding with kelp can enhance its growth (Keppel Island)



Excluding grazing greatly assists the growth of Tussac grass. Early Trust trial investigating fishmeal as a fertiliser (Sealion Island)



Jim McAdam and Sam Miller (who planted the trees originally) with 6 year old Lodgepole pine growing well in Camp whitegrass

ist Consultant's Report 1996/97

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Mr David Stickland - Trust Consultant's Report 1996/97

Agriculture Projects

Vegetable trials at Fitzroy Farm

The first harvest of the vegetable trials over the summer and autumn of 1996/97 was reasonably satisfactory. Wind proved a problem for emerging parsnips, blowing the young growth right off. But the other vegetables were not affected in the same way.

The arrival of new seed potatoes on the Islands was too late for the period, and that is something we are trying to solve. It affects home gardeners as well.

Yields, although not high, were at a reasonable level. But any lack of yield was amply made up for by the high prices obtained by Tim Miller, who sold the produce for Fitzroy.

We have provided some seed for another year of trials, and we have also provided some fleece for protection against the wind.

Also, we have introduced Ron Binnie, manager of Fitzroy, to a secondhand machinery dealer in England who can supply some machinery such as a potato planter and harvester.

Future plans include trickle irrigation to increase potato yields and some fertiliser products for trial.

FI Cattle Breeders Association

Although the building of the new abattoir is suffering from EU bureaucracy, it will eventually be built, hopefully by the end of 1998 or early 1999. While there are many sheep for processing, cattle will be very scarce. Robin Lee, Port Howard, got together a group of prominent cattle farmers and formed the FI Cattle Breeders Association.

UKFIT is assisting that enterprise in any way possible, and has supplied money for a years secretarial work by Mrs Judy Summers.

We have also supplied information on the whereabouts and availability of Hereford cattle but, due to BSE, foot and mouth disease and the Island's government policy on importing cattle, our ability to help further in this area is limited.

However, UKFIT does consider a greatly increased cattle population as vital for the future.

Arable Trials

Cattle are going to need some concentrate food (grain, etc.) in order to build the right conformation for supplying good meat to the world market. One day, maybe, the FI might have grass and clover of sufficient quality to finish the cattle without concentrate food. But that is going to take many years of pasture and soil improvement.

We have supplied a small amount of grain seed for a trial by Robin and Rodney Lee, and we will be supplying a larger amount next year.

Also, we have discussed supplying grasses and clovers for trials in conjunction with Dr Jim McAdam.

The above trials are complementary to those of the DOA and they will provide additional information for pooling for the future.

Pigs

The pigs imported by Tim Miller, with help from the Trust, are doing very well. The prime reason for promoting pigs was to root up land in preparation for planting vegetables, thus doing it more cheaply and more efficiently than by machinery. Tim Miller reports that this has now been shown to be justified. And, of course, there is a by-product to sell.

If an overseas market can be found for pig meat it seems to me a very good way of land preparation. The pigs get rid of the white grass roots and other unwanted plants, churn over the peaty clayey soil, manure the land, and then provide throughput for the abattoir.

Pigs do not mind wind but do not like rain, of which there is not enough anyway in the Falklands.

Seaweed and Compost

Bob Reid, the new Director of Agriculture, is very keen on compost and on looking into the possibilities of using seaweed for that purpose. UKFIT has promoted compost and seaweed for many years without much progress. But now, with the interest of the Director of Agriculture, there is a new enthusiasm for the project. So we have supplied the name of a company that is large in composting in the UK and overseas, and we have provided a paper on a possible feasibility study into the project. That is being promoted for our 1998 budget.

If the project should prove possible and viable it will fit nicely into soil improvement in conjunction with the shelter belts being planned.

Conclusion

The DOA has employed several new staff with the emphasis on experts in particular aspects of agriculture. FIDC has also taken on new people for

various positions. The result, from our point of view, is a new enthusiasm for progress and improvements.

From a distance, it is now possible to see our various efforts gradually coming together into aiding an improved agricultural business in the Falklands. Also, our two agricultural trustees in the Islands are playing their part in an admirable way in helping that improvement.

Wherever possible, we co-operate with the DOA and their new experts, and where they confess little interest, such as in vegetables, we carry on directly with farmers involved.

Inevitably, having done some small scale efforts, projects now become larger and more expensive. But with the aid of the FIDC and the DOA, that should be welcomed and bode well for the future.

David Stickland 1997

Widening the Horizon

The Trust provides specialised research and development for the benefit of the Falkland Islands population, apart from supporting civic projects. This work is becoming increasingly linked with Department of Agriculture projects and, in any case, is very dependent on the welcome financial support of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation. The broader need is to get the work of the Trust better known in a wider circle, particularly in Europe and among agricultural interests worldwide. It will then be possible to improve the exchange of information where interests meet and for the Trust to advise on projects for sponsorship. To this end, an offer to join the Falkland Islands Government Internet Web site is being taken up with a page coverage of facts about UKFIT. Readers of this pamphlet are encouraged to help this objective by discussion of the work covered in this report wherever and whenever appropriate.

The Islanders

The Falkland Islanders come of a hardy stock, content with a decent life of personal achievement, proud of their own strength of character, their origins and their family ties. The Islands are fortunate to have, as their backbone of life, men of such outstanding qualifications and hardness for work in, as often as not, the harshest of weathers in this distant land. The Trust is proud to support such people with its varied projects.

SHACKLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 1997

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Unrestricted Funds

	<u>Core</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Shackleton</u> <u>Scholarship</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1996</u>
	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure				
<u>Income Resources</u>				
Donations and similar	69	37,518	37,587	279,842
Grant - Falkland Islands				
Development Corporation	16,000	-	16,000	12,000
Investment income	3,393	19,281	22,674	15,271
Total Incoming Resources	19,462	56,799	76,261	307,113
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Agriculture and forestry	10,058	-	10,058	12,056
Agricultural marketing				
development	6,348	-	6,348	2,798
School programme (Civic project)	500	-	500	400
Contingency	655	-	665	
President's visit	-	-	-	1,389
Scholarships	-	9,001	9,001	5,834
Other expenditure:				
Management and administration	3,769	711	4,480	5,738
Total Resources Expended	21,330	9,712	31,052	28,215
Net Movement in Funds	(1,878)	47,087	45,209	278,898
Fund balances b/f at 6 April 1996	80,076	281,097	361,173	82,275
Funds balances c/f at 5 April 1997	78,198	328,184	406,382	361,173

Other recognised gains and losses

There were no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities during the current and previous year.

BALANCE SHEET (as audited) as at 5 April 1997

	<u>Core Activities</u>	<u>Shackleton Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Total 1997</u>	<u>Total 1996</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>				
Tangible fixed assets	1,197	-	1,197	692
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Debtors	442	4,440	4,882	6,358
Investments	74,620	314,000	388,620	318,881
Cash at bank and in hand	3,678	10,203	13,881	37,339
	78,740	328,643	407,383	362,578
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,739)	(459)	(2,198)	(2,097)
Net Current Assets	77,001	328,184	405,185	360,481
Net Assets	78,198	328,184	406,382	361,173
<u>Income Funds</u>				
Unrestricted Funds	78,198	328,184	406,382	361,173
	78,198	328,184	406,382	361,173

Links with the University at Puntas Arenas, Chile

The University of Magallanes at Puntas Arenas has a small active forestry unit which has recently started producing trees, local to the region, in 'root plugs' grown on polystyrene trays. The Trust has started an arrangement with the University to produce trees for planting in the Falkland Islands. Initially, material used will be native species of Southern Beech. Jim McAdam visited Punta Arenas, selected approximately one hundred trees and had them flown to the Islands, where they have been planted in a range of locations. UKFIT will monitor their development and strengthen the links with the University to ensure that the best options for tree planting in the Islands are explored fully.

PERSONALIA

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SHACKLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 1997

Scholarships awarded 1996/7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Quality of Life Visitors			
Mr J Rich	5-14 Feb 1996	Drum Master Class	5,844
Mr D Goddard	18 Oct to 2 Nov 1996	Moto-Cross Instructor	1,960
Mr A E Clarke	14-27 Nov 1996	Rifle Shooting Instructor	2,157
Mrs P Hanlon	Jul 1997	Instructors Course in Line Dancing	1,063
Mr S Cooil	Oct 1997	Swimming Coach	1,646

Academic Scholars

Mrs S Poncet	15 Jun-15 Aug 1996	Sealing in South Atlantic	1,500
Mr R Munro	7-29 Jan 1997	Falkland Islands Place Names	3,351
Dr P Wilson	6 Feb-8 Mar 1997	Volcanic Ash Study	3,000
Mr J Peck	May 1997	Painting in S Georgia	800
Mrs L Blake	29 Jun-2 Jul 1997	Wool Studies in NZ	1,526
Miss A Sudbury	18 Aug-17 Dec 1997	Linguistic Study	3,000
To be advised	To be advised	Organic farming trainee	1,000

UKFIT DONATIONS TO CIVIC PROJECTS 1983 - 1997)

		£
1983	UK Course Fees)	2,074
	Travel to UK) secretarial training	2,925
	Expenses/Acc)	1,562
	Other	1,190
	Atlantic College (term)	2,400
	Golspie High School	138
1984	Books - S Bucket	90
	United World College of the Atlantic	7,360 (3 terms)
	Sail Training Association	6
	FIG - J Jennings	650
	Atlantic College - expenses	950
1985	School Science Fair	200
1986	Donation for School education	2,000
1987	School Science Fair	200
1988	School Science Fair	200
	J Smith - Museum Tour (UK)	500
1989	School Science Fair	200
	Donation to Lighthouse Refurbishment	100
	Cumbria & Lancashire Expedition	100
1990	Operation Raleigh - Equipment	800
	Operation Raleigh - J McGhee	500
	Christchurch Cathedral Appeal	500
1990	School Science Fair	200
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1993	School Science Fair	200
	Girl Guide Association	800
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1994	School - Tool Shed	524
1995	School Agricultural Project	250
1996	School - Removal of Tool Shed	400
1997	School Agricultural Project	300

TOTAL	£28,087
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And so into 1998

Excerpts from the Chairman's Report following his visit, with Jim McAdam, to the Islands at the end and beginning of January/February 1998.

Jim and I were very well received on all sides. Everyone to whom I spoke reaffirmed the value of the Trust and its benefits to the Islands. HE The Governor very kindly made me welcome in Government House for my time in Stanley, an indication of the Trust's standing. We were assured in our meeting with our Falkland Trustees that our relationship and communications are entirely satisfactory and that they agree our proposals for the future. In addition to our meeting with the Councillors, attendance at a meeting of the Stanley side of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund and a public meeting in the school, our visit received coverage in the local media and broadcasting service.

The overall impression of Stanley was one of great industry. Everyone was very busy, not least with a major gathering of oil company representatives including geologists and drilling experts. Cruise ships were visiting almost every day. On one occasion there were three in the inner and outer harbour together. The financial climate was one of understandable caution pending the outcome of the forthcoming exploratory oil drilling, uncertainties over the long term expectations from fishing revenues and the possible effect of the Korean/Tiger economies on jigger fishing.

On the agricultural scene, the activities of the Department of Agriculture continue to forge ahead with some evident priority being given to feed crops (including legumes), vegetable production, meat animals, and the establishment of a national cattle herd adjacent to the national sheep stud flock at Saladero.

Both the Director of Agriculture and the Manager of FIDC gave their full agreement to the Trust's proposed projects for 1998/9, including the two EcoSci projects and two small projects which arose from our discussions. Apart from the visit being of great help to me in widening my own knowledge and understanding, I believe that it has been useful in raising the Trust's profile in the Islands. Also, it has certainly helped to consolidate our continuing excellent relationship with all whom we work with in the Islands and provide reassurance that the Trust is fully in accord with the views of our local Trustees.

P M C Vincent
Chairman

