



KRISHNAMURTI
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2020-21 Annual Report



Message from the Board of Trustees

We are all on the brink of a precipice; the whole civilisation man has believed in may be destroyed. There must be a real revolution—not a bloody revolution but a revolution of inward regeneration. There cannot be regeneration without self-knowledge. Without knowing yourself, there is nothing you can do.

KRISHNAMURTI IN POONA, 1948

We cannot begin our Trustees Message for 2020-21 without acknowledging the devastating war that has Ukraine in its grip as we write. While the invasion did not occur in the period covered by this report, the build-up certainly did, and the beliefs, ideologies and dogmas driving it are ancient. When Brockwood Park was bought by the KFT in 1969, Krishnamurti was determined it should be a boarding school for international students. He wanted teenagers from around the world, while living together, to understand that they were not British, Russian, German or Japanese, but were in essence the same; they were human beings who could live different lives by freeing themselves of their conditioning. Today, Brockwood is much more than just a boarding school, but this central concern remains and is true for all the activities that occur here. By turning our backs on what divides us, we come upon what unites us.

We may not be able to do much about what is currently happening in Ukraine, or with respect to the approximately 40 wars and military conflicts occurring worldwide: 'The individual cannot tackle the mountain outside, but the individual can set a new current of thought going which will create a different series of actions. One cannot do anything about the worldwide conditions because historically events must take their own brutal, cruel, indifferent course.' (Krishnamurti, Poona, 1958). The 'new current of thought' can and must occur in each of us, wherever we are, but as trustees we welcome the opportunity to also support this current in the unique community of adults and children living at Brockwood Park, where the intentions come directly from Krishnamurti's teachings. And we are grateful that you too recognise the vital importance of this venture and support it in various ways.

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To sustain a place like Brockwood, with its diverse activities, extensive buildings and beautiful grounds, is not easy in today's world. We face a raft of challenges: the impact of the global pandemic, the rising costs of goods and services, Brexit-related employment and visa restrictions, increasing regulation and legal requirements.

As trustees of the overarching charity (Krishnamurti Foundation Trust Ltd), we commit to participating in at least three residential meetings each year, with a minimum three-day agenda. The Brockwood Park Management Team and Staff prepare a 30-page plus report for each of these meetings, which includes a summary of all the main developments within each department. There is discussion on these matters and decision-making on key strategic issues. We also take time to meet with residential and non-residential staff, volunteers and students during these visits. In brief, as trustees of a charity in the UK, we are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity, for the financial information submitted to the Charity Commission, and for seeing the many legal policies and procedures required by company, educational and charity law are met. We are elaborating on our role here in order to share something of the time and care that must be brought to it. Furthermore, we think the pages of this report will convey to you the time and care given by all who are involved at Brockwood and, consequently, the good shape it is in.

Brockwood would not have started, and would not exist now, were it not for a huge number of people from around the world giving their energy, passion and resources: educators, students, trustees, donors, volunteers and well-wishers. The faces, personalities, challenges and crises change with time, but at its core, Krishnamurti's teachings remain. It is these that we return to; it is these that ensure the regeneration of the place and its people, and it is these that awaken the promise of inward regeneration, so sorely needed on our suffering planet.

Thank you for your support in this important venture.

Trustees of Krishnamurti Foundation Trust

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Overview

We offer here a brief financial and functional overview of Brockwood for the last financial year. During the financial year 2021, the schools awarded approximately 12% of total fee income in bursaries, which amounted to £159,157, providing support to 21 students at Brockwood and one at Inwoods.

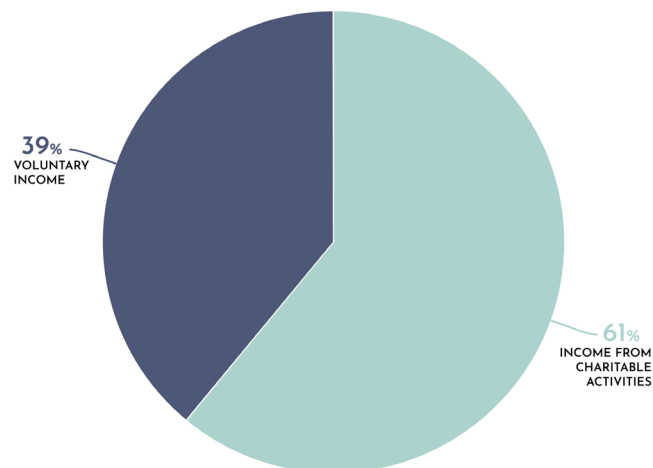
Total income of the charity decreased from £3,329,369 to £2,731,645, mainly due to a large legacy that we had received in the last financial year. Donations received totalled £508,932 (compared to £476,567 in 2020); legacies amounted to £567,025 (2020: £983,227). After deducting total expenses of £1,985,124 (2020: £2,249,040), the Net Incoming Resources for the charity totalled £746,521 (2020: £1,080,329).

Actual Financials for the Financial Year 2020-21

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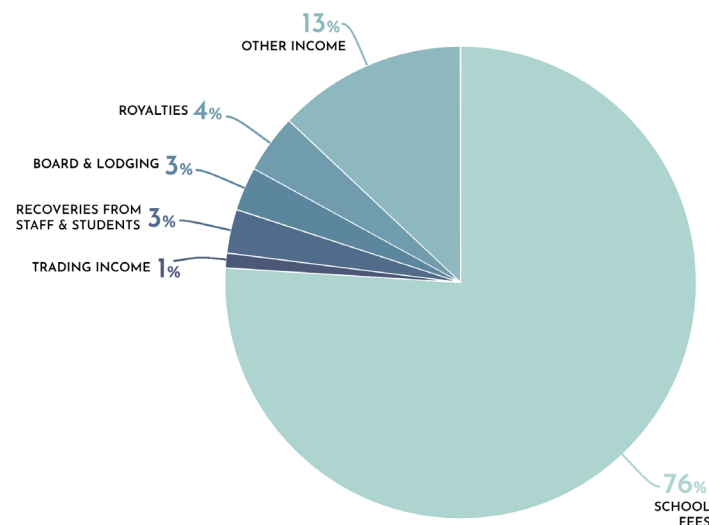
INCLUDING ALL DEPARTMENTS AT BROCKWOOD

Incoming Resources £2.73m

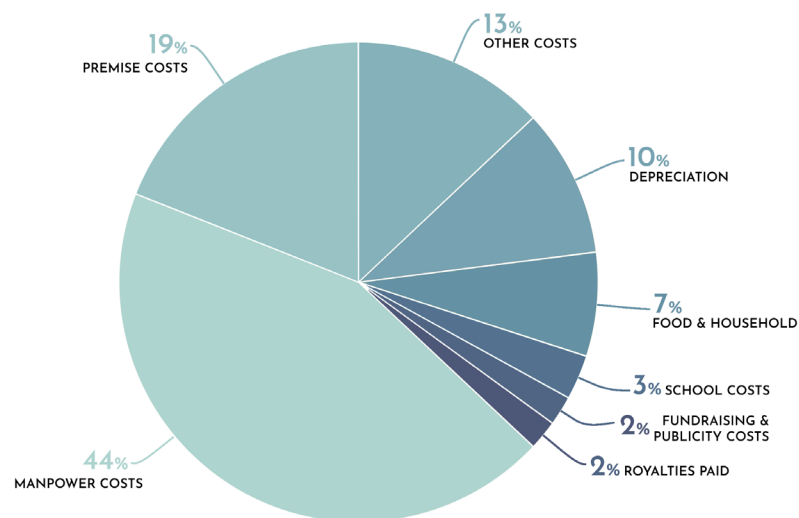


Voluntary income includes income given to the charity on a voluntary basis such as gifts, donations and legacies. Incoming resources from charitable activities include any resources arising from activities promoting the charity's objectives.

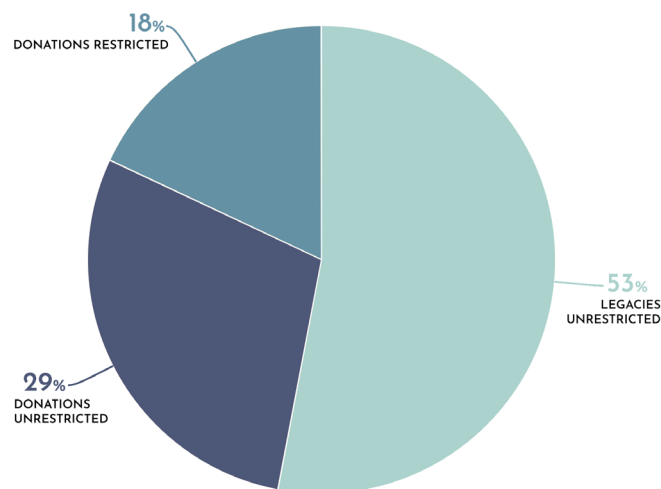
Income from Charitable Activities £1.65m



Resources Expended £1.99m



Voluntary Income £1.08m



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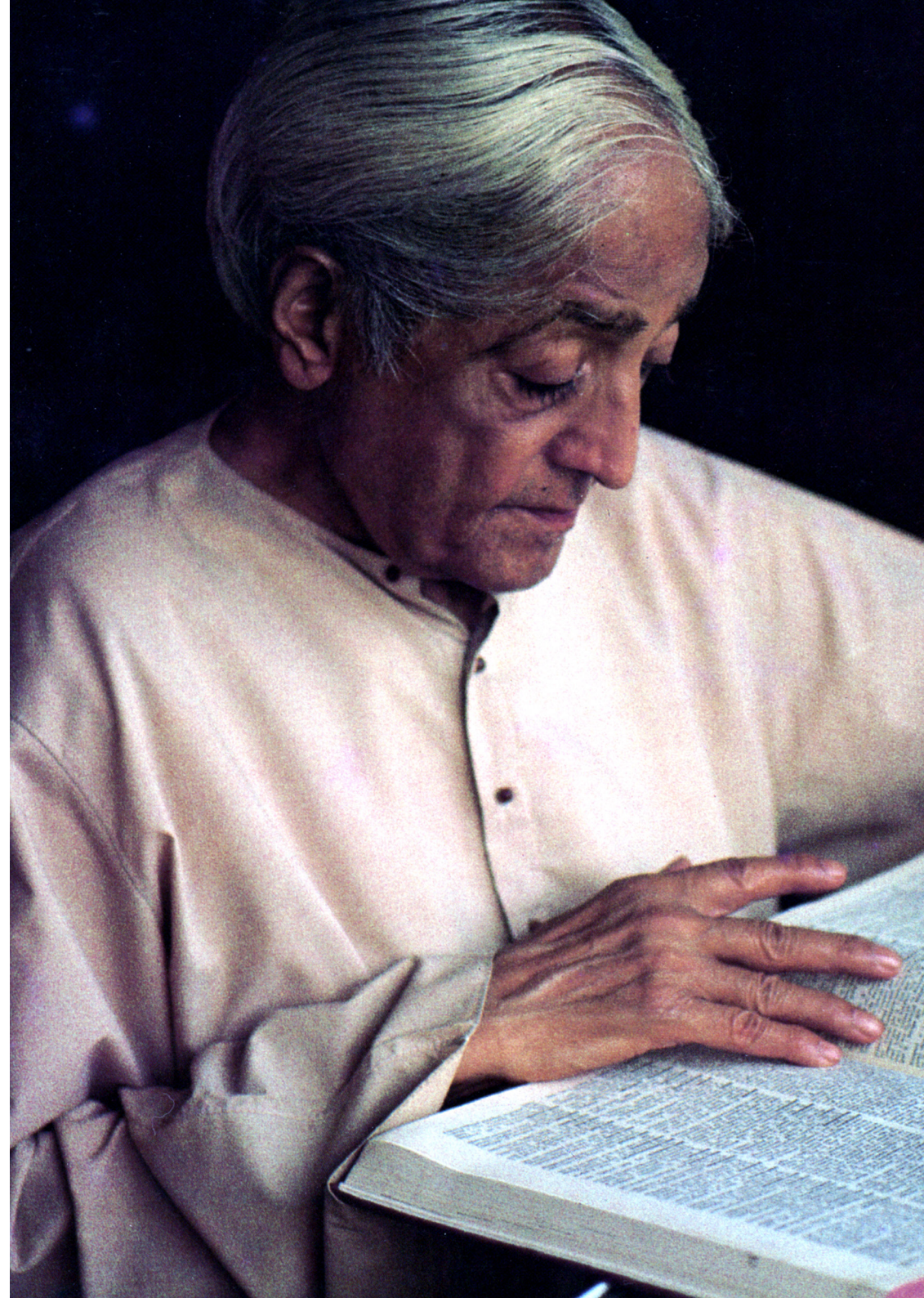
In these tumultuous times, one dependable constant is Krishnamurti's timeless message. Across seven decades of the 20th century, Krishnamurti spoke consistently of the need to look closely at ourselves and our lives to find the possibility of a wholly different way of living. In this third decade of the 21st century, Krishnamurti Foundation Trust is working to preserve this unique body of work for future generations. It continues its mandate in innovative and traditional ways to make Krishnamurti's radical teachings available to anyone who may be interested.

Our digital campaigns are proving to be pivotal tools for disseminating Krishnamurti's teachings. The internet and social media offer unprecedented opportunities to reach new and younger audiences but also pose dangers the Foundation remains very aware of: popularity can ultimately be detrimental if the price to pay is the dilution of the teachings, their reputation or vitality. This is why, in all our activities, we first and foremost make sure that integrity is preserved – Krishnamurti's own wish for his legacy.

Over the last year, we attracted more than 500,000 subscribers across platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, and Facebook. In the same period, our YouTube channels – offering all public videos for free and without adverts – generated over 25 million views, for a total of 4 million watched hours. We continue to release curated material on matters of current interest, we test and adapt to new technologies, and our podcast *Urgency of Change* has become popular for long-form topical content.

Regarding book publications, we work closely with our sister foundation, The Krishnamurti Foundation of America, and we saw a high level of activity across the territories the foundations manage. Royalty collection was the highest since 2016, 52 new licenses were signed, and 37 existing ones were renewed. The total active licenses in all languages is 594, and the reported number of books sold in the year to June 2021 was over 115,000. We are currently in discussion with our main UK publishers, Watkins and Penguin Random House, regarding the new release of recently produced and edited titles.

The above are a few highlights in addition to our long term ongoing activities related to the archives, transcripts, subtitles, assisting other departments at Brockwood Park, and much more.



The Krishnamurti Centre



Ahead of its reopening in May 2021, the Centre created a Covid-Secure Plan, ensuring the necessary measures were in place for guests to be able to visit again. Great care was taken when receiving guests under these new circumstances. As much as possible, the Centre tried not to implement too many changes in its way of functioning so as not to impact guests' experience while staying with us.

As people started to visit again, the feedback after individual retreats was very positive. Overall, guests felt that the Centre maintained its peacefulness and integrity without an excessive presence of regulations. The sense of being safe and at ease was also highlighted, with one guest saying, 'The care and love you put in comes across, and the measures that had to be put in place were much less of a hindrance than expected.'

At the beginning of Autumn, the Centre was able to resume its programme of events. Starting with a Theme Weekend in September, we also hosted two Study Retreats, an Introduction Day, the Friends of Brockwood Park Gathering, and finished the year with another Theme Weekend. All the events were well attended, especially the Theme Weekends.

For 2022, the Centre has put together a new calendar of events, hoping that more people from around the world can once again join the live inquiry that takes place here. Day events have also been resumed: every Saturday, except during organised retreats, there is a video screening in the morning and a dialogue in the afternoon. These activities are open to all, whether day visitors or overnight guests.

Adding to the 20 ensuite rooms, the Centre now has two flats available for guests. These are ideal for two people to share and are located on the first floor, with an outside entrance. While staying in the apartments, guests can make use of the Centre facilities as usual. All board and lodging is included, and meals are taken at the Centre dining room. As with our standard and large rooms, the flats have a minimum booking of two nights. We hope the apartments provide an enriching opportunity for guests to visit the Centre, increasing the diversity of our accommodation.

With restrictions now behind us, the Centre looks forward to welcoming guests from all walks of life interested in exploring the teachings of Krishnamurti.

Brockwood Park School



The year was dominated by the pandemic, and we had to adapt to the challenges and restrictions caused by Covid-19. The 2020-21 academic year began with Europe and other parts of the world experiencing the second wave, and consequently we staggered the students' arrival in keeping with what was happening in their respective countries. Once everybody was in residence, we quickly created a Covid-free bubble. We were then able to lead a somewhat 'normal' life and deliver our full academic programme during the Autumn Term.

The UK's third national lockdown began after the Christmas break, so the students could not return. We therefore started remote teaching and learning immediately. With experience gained from the previous lockdown, we were able to improve our provision online, all the time recognising that remote learning for a school like Brockwood is never entirely satisfactory. This is because the day-to-day personal contact and interactions and the school's hands-on approach are so important to the learning that concerns us. Schools in the UK reopened in March, and we were able to finish the year all together in an engaging and creative manner.

This atypical school year raised many challenges and opportunities; being forced to operate differently led to new ways of doing things,

many of which were more effective. New online meetings held with parents and prospective students proved to be successful, and we devised an approach to interviewing the latter involving staff and current students. Weekends changed as a result of not being able to leave Brockwood or travel. Consequently, positive initiatives occurred regarding the use of leisure time within the school.

It was a year of uncertainty and seclusion, which affected people throughout the world. There was a widely felt sense of isolation and anxiety, and notably an increase in mental health issues among teenagers. However, the challenges also prompted deeper questions about meaning in life, and at Brockwood personal inquiry became more vital. Students' future plans were thrown into uncertainty, which created an urgency among staff and students to share and reflect more deeply. The year also highlighted the importance of adjusting to dramatic changes in the world without compromising the intentions of the school. Fortunately, observing, inquiring, and learning about relationship does not depend on circumstance; in giving importance to this, we break the barriers that arise in relationships, which is the most crucial and beautiful aspect of Brockwood education.

Inwoods Small School

2020-21 was a year of growth and change for Inwoods Small School. Working with a range of resources, the children made good progress and continued to develop a love of learning. Inwood's small scale meant that teachers and children could be responsive to each other, and the children suggested many of the topics investigated. The end of year comments from parents were supportive and encouraging.

There were challenges this year as well, such as dealing with a six-week Covid lockdown in January. Parents decided to home school for the period Inwoods was required to close. Whilst the school was running, we were fortunate that Covid did not impact the overall feel of the education on offer. By being small, we could avoid many of the complex logistical issues that larger schools faced during this time.

The year ended well, with Inwoods gaining a good number of applications for the 2021-22 term. With the number of children growing and by building a strong staff team, the educational project at Inwoods feels like it is moving and developing in a healthy and positive way.



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