



KRISHNAMURTI  
FOUNDATION  
TRUST

*2022-23*  
*Annual*  
*Report*

# Message from the Board of Trustees

*It will continue to be the responsibility of the Trustees to decide what form Brockwood should take in the future, but Brockwood must always be a place where integrity can flower. It is a beautiful place with magnificent old trees surrounded by fields, meadows, groves and the quietness of the countryside. It must always be kept that way, for beauty is integrity, goodness and truth.*


KRISHNAMURTI, 1983

We feel that 2022-23 was a milestone year with regard to securing the future of the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust and the important work occurring at Brockwood Park. You are perhaps aware of how precarious and challenging it is to operate a small charity in today's world, particularly with respect to financing, but the creation of The Brockwood Fund, our new permanent endowment fund, has been a significant step towards addressing this. It took several years to do all of the necessary groundwork to establish the Fund, and it was eventually announced in our December 2022 Bulletin and launched shortly afterwards. Its purpose is to allow for long-term financial planning and security for KFT and the work occurring across Brockwood, and it will exist in perpetuity, eventually providing an important new income for the charity. The Fund has started very well, in part due to the very generous assistance of an anonymous donor who matched all the donations received, having decided to advance their 2024 pledge to 2023.

The Brockwood Fund will help ensure that we can take proper care of our unique buildings and

extensive grounds. In the opening extract, Krishnamurti describes the beauty of our natural surroundings and how and why they '...must always be kept that way.' Those of you who have visited Brockwood will understand how the quality of the setting is integral to its atmosphere, and Krishnamurti wanted his schools and retreat centres to be situated in nature, ensuring that students, staff and guests had daily contact with it. He often stated that if we lose contact with nature, we lose contact with our own humanity.

Keeping the parkland, gardens and Grove at Brockwood looking as lovely as they do requires a great deal of work, but our limited resources mean we can only employ a few key people for this. It has not always been easy to recruit suitable volunteers to assist, however in the last year this has changed. The number of keen young volunteers who regularly work on the grounds at Brockwood has taken a significant jump, due to the recent success of the newly created Volunteer Programme and Young Adult Retreats at The Krishnamurti Centre. The retreats resulted in a burgeoning pool of international participants, many eager to spend more time at

A photograph of a person sitting on the grass under a large tree with vibrant autumn foliage. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a scarf, and is holding an open book. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The ground is covered with fallen leaves, and the background shows more trees and a building partially obscured by the branches.

Brockwood and help as best they could. In turn, the Young Adult Retreats would not have been possible, nor so successful, were it not for the extensive work of the Foundation team in deploying Krishnamurti's teachings across a wide range of online platforms. These important connections ultimately help support and further Brockwood's intentions, and often seem as natural and as valuable as the mycelium networks working quietly beneath our feet, nurturing our green and pleasant countryside.

You will see from the following overview of the finances, the display of Actual Financials, and the departmental reports, that 2022-23 was a very positive year for the charity. Against a backdrop of unprecedented global challenges, we are continuing to build on the many improvements that have occurred at Brockwood over the last decade in particular. Thanks to the work of dedicated Brockwood staff, the teachings of Krishnamurti are reaching a vast new and young audience in a manner hitherto not seen. This is absolutely vital in the world today, and we thank you for your part in making it happen via your generous support.

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## *Overview*

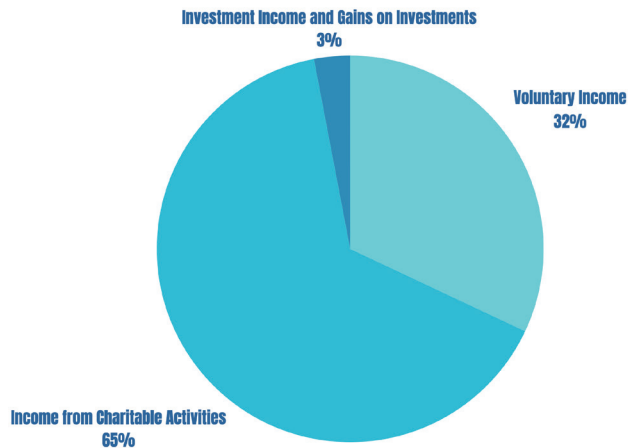
Here, we offer a brief financial and functional overview of Brockwood for the financial year 2022-23. During the year, Brockwood Park School and Inwoods awarded approximately 4.7% of total fee income in bursaries, which amounted to £88,200. These bursaries supported eleven students at Brockwood and three at Inwoods.

Total income of the charity increased from £2,705,601 to £3,429,368, mainly due to increases in donations and legacies received. Donations received totalled £762,740 (compared to £403,503 in 2021-22); legacies amounted to £354,558 (2021-22: £209,781). After deducting total expenses of £2,530,837 (2021-22: £2,312,110), the Net Incoming Resources for the charity, after taking into account gains on investments of £19,515, totalled £918,046 (2021-22: £393,491).

# Actual Financials for the Financial Year 2022-23

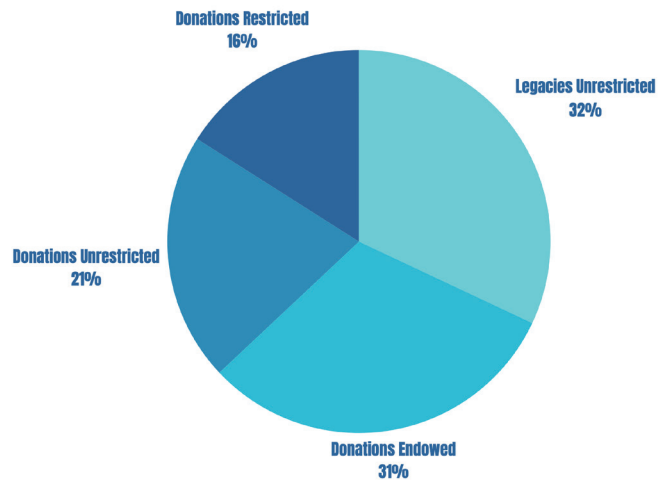
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## Incoming Resources £3.44m

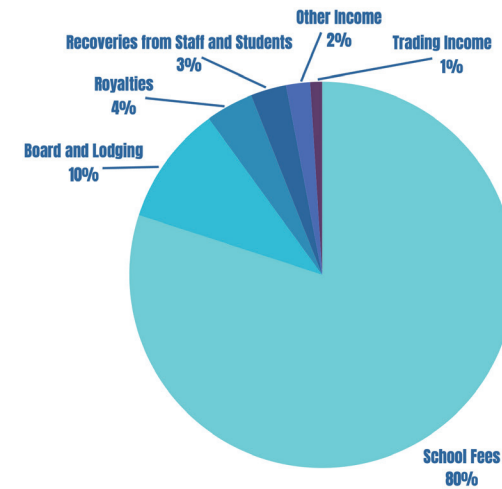


Voluntary Income includes income given to the charity on a voluntary basis such as gifts, donations and legacies. Incoming resources from charitable activities include any resources arising from activities promoting the charity's objectives.

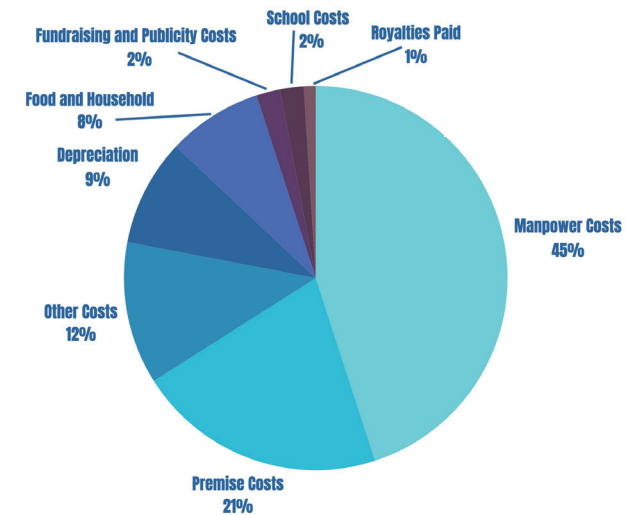
## Voluntary Income £1.12m



## Income from Charitable Activities £2.23m



## Resources Expended £2.31m





# *Krishnamurti Foundation*

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Since Krishnamurti's death in 1986, his message to the world has only increased its resonance. Amid global trajectories of growing polarisation, conflict, divergence and opportunistic relativism, many experience their first encounter with the teachings as a beacon of sanity and a revelation that a truly different way of living is possible. More people than ever are coming across Krishnamurti for the first time, many belonging to the generation that will be instrumental in shaping our fragile future.

In 2023, the Foundation continued to expand its dissemination work to leverage the power of platforms such as Instagram (900,000 followers),

YouTube (900,000 subscribers), our podcast (2.3 million downloads), and many other digital initiatives which ensure the teachings are readily available regardless of age, background and level of interest.

Digital encounters are often just the initial spark: their most significant outcome for Brockwood Park is when people come to stay at The Krishnamurti Centre to meet like-minded individuals and inquire more deeply. In 2023, the quality and vitality of our social media presence helped bring 100 volunteers to the Centre and just as many people joined the increasingly popular Young Adults Retreats.

Following *What Is Meditation?*, *The Beauty of Life* and *Can Conflict End?*, the next book release will be *How to Find Peace*. Many authors, researchers and PhD students visit or access the archives to further their work, which helps Krishnamurti become known in their areas of expertise. We continue to catalogue the more than 100,000 archived items looked after by the Foundation, ensuring Krishnamurti's teachings, and materials related to his life, are accessible for future generations. Some of this vital work is documented in our From the Archives series, published on our website. Also on the website, we frequently expand our Index of Topics, which provides a hand-

picked selection of videos, book extracts and podcast episodes around a particular theme. Given the vast amount of materials available, this makes in-depth exploration of the teachings easy.

Along with supporting the other departments and fostering the activities of Brockwood Park, the Foundation continues its mission to make Krishnamurti's life-changing teachings available worldwide, using opportunities provided by new technologies while preserving the integrity at their core.



## *The Krishnamurti Centre*

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The Krishnamurti Centre has experienced a strong rebound in visitor numbers, with bookings up more than 50% compared to the pre-Covid era. New events introduced, such as The Krishnamurti Gathering in the summer and Young Adults Retreats, were successful. Therefore, we have decided to expand on these offerings in the 2024 calendar alongside the group and individual retreats that have been taking place at the Centre for many years. This provides many options for guests to choose from, and we are pleased that many

bookings have already been made for these upcoming events.

The Centre has implemented reduced rates through various offers, including events at lower prices, promotions, concessionary rooms, and individual special rates. This initiative has enabled more people interested in Krishnamurti's teachings to visit the Centre and engage with others while using its facilities.

More than 100 young people have participated in the newly launched Volunteer Programme. Participants typically stay for

two to four weeks and engage in a programme that includes time with Krishnamurti's teachings, assisting in the kitchen after meals, helping on the building and grounds, with the opportunity for reflection throughout. Most, if not all, volunteers expressed satisfaction with their experience and appreciated the chance to delve deeper into the teachings alongside guests, staff and fellow volunteers. Several have expressed interest in returning to volunteer again or attend one of our events.

In the last year, we conducted a thorough audit and streamlined the guest experience, from initial contact with the Centre to arrival at their accommodation. This process led to designing and editing a new guest booklet containing necessary information and providing a brief introduction to The Krishnamurti Centre and its intentions.



## ***Brockwood Park School***

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Fifty-five years after its inception, Brockwood Park School remains a fragile project, while the global crisis that Krishnamurti spoke of has become worse. Worldwide challenges continue to cast a dark shadow over most of humanity, regardless of nationality, belief and economic status. Amidst all of this, Brockwood remains a beacon of light pointing firmly at the possibility of living a different kind of life, one without conflict and division, where beauty and a sense of sanity prevails.

In 2022-23, the school had around 70 students enrolled, from over 20 countries. Once again, there was a high number of applicants, enabling selection of the most suitable, for

which academic merit is not a requirement. We continue to provide an extraordinary amount of bursaries for those families in need of financial assistance, making for a diverse student body both in terms of place of origin and economic background.

Amidst many challenges, such as new regulations and increasingly punitive inspections, we still enjoy the heart-warming support of our parent body. We received a great deal of moving feedback from parents about their children's development, exhibiting their own appreciation for the work of the school. Many parents also attended the Parents' Weekend in December, staying at Brockwood for two nights and engaging

in school activities, including discussions with teachers on education and different aspects of school life.

In recent years, we have felt fortunate to be able to face the many challenges that arise with a stable group of staff who are committed to living at, and caring for, Brockwood Park. We are constantly looking together at different aspects of life and of the school, which enables us to face the daily challenges with more clarity and to generate a healthy, steady and stable atmosphere for the students.

In the midst of global crises, Brockwood Park School faces its own sets of challenges. Conversations with people involved over many decades reveal that, overall, the school and its challenges related to student life remain remarkably unchanged. However, society has progressed

rapidly and encroaches on school life much more than in previous years, particularly with regards to stringent regulations, social media, and the ongoing mechanisation of society. Despite, and because of, these challenges we feel strongly that it is crucial that there be places such as Brockwood in today's educational landscape.

Brockwood encourages students and staff to look at the world and themselves, not with rigid certainty (based on strong opinions and beliefs), nor anxious uncertainty (based on hopeless despair), but rather with the sense of inquiry, questioning and goodness that Krishnamurti spoke of throughout his life. As did he, we hope that the school can continue for many more years to come and we are very thankful for the strong ongoing support we receive from staff, students, parents and all our generous donors and well-wishers.



## *Inwoods Small School*

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As we reflect on the academic year 2022-23, we see again that the small school grew and developed. We had two classes, with eight children in each. These 16 children ranged from Reception to Year 4.

For all ages, our teachers continued to explore how a curriculum could be offered with Krishnamurti's teachings at their foundation. There was a freedom and fluidity to what we offered, although keeping in mind the need for academic skills to also be covered. In both classes, the teachers were exploring a project-

based learning approach, centred around the children's own interests and questions. This resulted in some exciting and immersive learning experiences that could be shared as a whole school, and also with the parents at the end of term celebrations. A daily connection to nature and being outdoors was also essential in grounding the children in the world around them and offering a healthy holistic education.

The year ended well with Inwoods Small School gaining a good number of applications for the 2023-24 academic year and only a small number leaving. The end of year comments from parents were very supportive and encouraging. 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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