



KRISHNAMURTI  
FOUNDATION  
TRUST

*2023-24*  
*Annual*  
*Report*





*Thinking together is tremendously important because we have to face a world that is rapidly disintegrating and degenerating, a world in which there is no sense of morality, where nothing is sacred and where no one respects another. To understand all this, not superficially or casually, we have to enter into the depths of it, into what lies behind it.*

KRISHNAMURTI, THE NETWORK OF THOUGHT



## *Message from the Board of Trustees*

The description of the state of the world in the preceding quote probably chimes with most of us. Krishnamurti maintains that thinking together becomes tremendously important in the face of this chaos as it may offer a means of understanding and transcending it. But what does it mean to think together in the manner he is referring to, and can it be done with friends, family, colleagues, in schools, businesses and organisations?


As trustees of Krishnamurti Foundation Trust (KFT), responsible for the activities at Brockwood Park, we are regularly informed of and involved in the many projects, plans and challenges facing all those who work here. You will see from the following reports that a great deal of good work is being done across the different areas of Brockwood, often in the face of increasing regulations, restrictions and real difficulties. However, what is perhaps not highlighted in the reports is the extent to which a relatively small organisation can achieve so much because of the willingness of all involved to think together – not just at the superficial level but in a deeper, sustained manner that overcomes obstacles without the imposition of authority.

A serious interest in Krishnamurti's teachings is a prerequisite for all residential staff (and trustees) at Brockwood, and this means that a concern with revealing the operation of the self and the causes of conflict – that occur in any relationship – is in the DNA of the place. The creative energy then released as a consequence of reflecting and thinking together in this manner is exceptional. An atmosphere and culture is created, which is felt immediately by most who enter and which enables a relatively small number of people to attain great outcomes.

These observations are intended to help explain the achievements you will read about in the following report for 2023-24. Furthermore, careful and competent management, and the kind support of donors and unexpected legacies, mean that KFT is financially in a more secure position than at any time in its 57-year history. The Brockwood Fund, established in 2023 and seen as vital to the long-term financial management of the Trust, now stands at around £1.5 million. The Fund, structured to exist in perpetuity, has attracted the attention of several donors in the last year who have decided to leave legacies to it.

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The role of legacies in the operation of the charity is significant: in the last ten years, we have seen a total of 46 legacies left, with a combined value of around £2.9 million. We expect legacies to continue to play an important role in helping build the Fund, which has an initial target of £10 million; this being the point we have set at which the charity may begin drawing down interest from it to assist in supporting our mission and work.

It should be added that legacies can of course be left to any area of Brockwood or to 'where needed most'. As a friend recently wrote: *I have left a legacy for Brockwood. I feel it is very important in an increasingly divisive, nationalistic world to preserve the beacon of light of Brockwood – the holistic approach of the school, the pastoral care, the beauty of space and dialogue at the Centre. I have loved the place where 'peace comes dropping slow' for many years. We must see that it flows forever!*

We thank all of you who are helping it flow in your different ways.

–TRUSTEES OF KRISHNAMURTI FOUNDATION TRUST:  
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## Overview

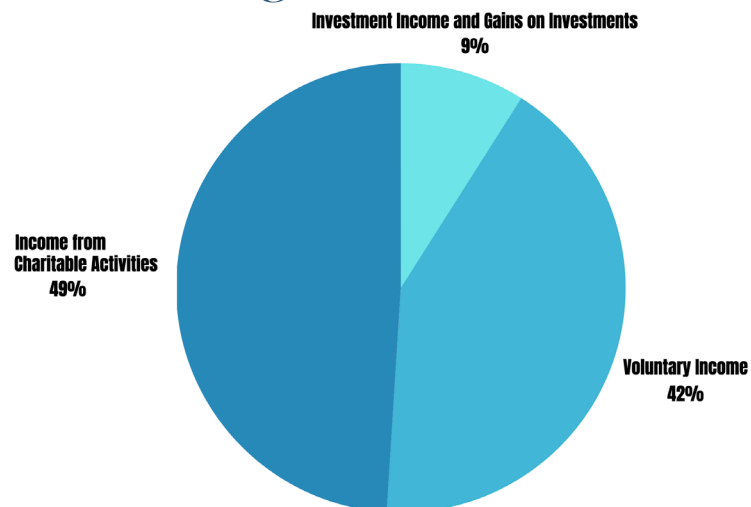
We offer here a brief financial and functional overview of Brockwood for the last financial year. During the year 2023-24, the schools awarded approximately 8.6% of total fee income in bursaries, which amounted to £163,068, providing support to 15 students at Brockwood Park School and seven at Inwoods.

Total income of the charity increased from £3,429,368 to £4,634,068 mainly due to increase in donations received. Donations totalled £1,947,056 (compared to £762,740 in 2023); legacies amounted to £109,833 (2023: £354,558). After deducting total expenses of £2,877,098 (2023: £2,530,837), the Net Incoming Resources for the charity, after taking into account gains on investments of £228,647, totalled £1,985,617 (2023: £918,046).

# Actual Financials for the Financial Year 2023-24

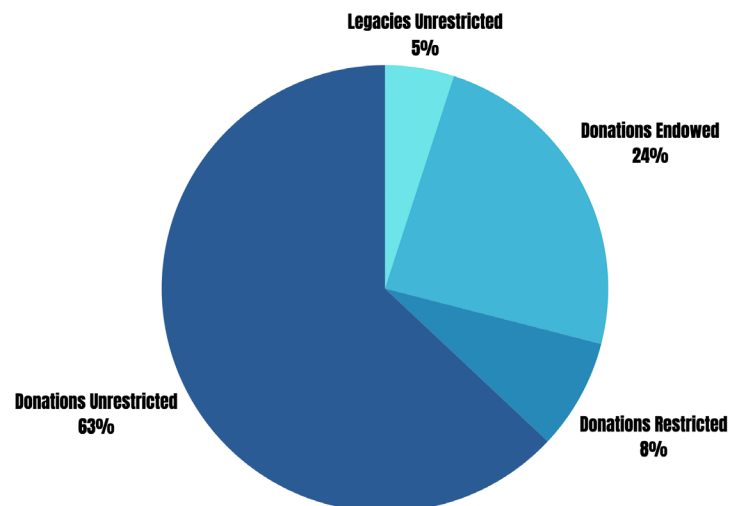
KRISHNAMURTI FOUNDATION TRUST • INCLUDING ALL DEPARTMENTS AT BROCKWOOD

## Incoming Resources £4.86m

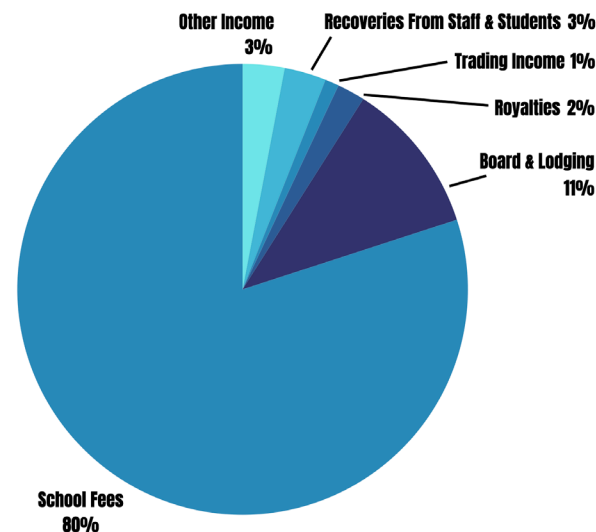


Voluntary Income includes income given to the charity on a voluntary basis such as gifts, donations and legacies.  
Incoming resources from charitable activities include any resources arising from activities promoting the charity's objectives.

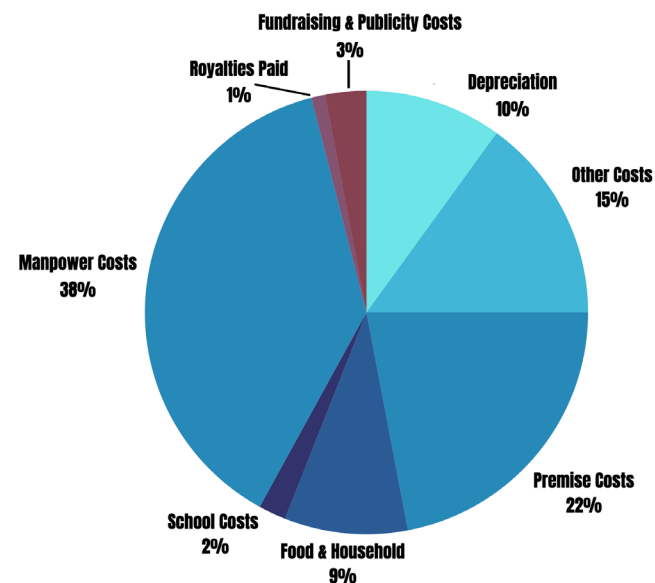
## Voluntary Income £2.06m



## Income from Charitable Activities £2.36m



## Resources Expended £2.88m







## *Krishnamurti Foundation*

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Despite the rapid pace of technological innovation, cultural changes and the vast shifts in our understanding of the physical world, one constant remains: the persistent undercurrents of uncertainty and division that drive and shape human beings. Therefore, nearly 40 years after Krishnamurti's death, the relevance of his message continues to grow.

Every day, more people are touched by his work and take on the radical challenge of questioning, observing, and inquiring deeply into the whole of life. The Foundation remains committed to facilitating this discovery – without distortion or interpretation, independent of

any tradition or system – making the teachings freely available to a global audience, regardless of background or circumstance.

Our online activities now reach audiences on a scale we could only have imagined twenty years ago. Our Instagram account has over 1.1 million followers, while our YouTube channels have surpassed a combined 1 million subscribers. Our podcast has been downloaded nearly 3 million times. In a single year, close to 1 million users visited our websites to read featured articles, find quotes, and explore the many avenues we provide for pursuing an understanding of Krishnamurti's teachings in their own lives. All of this is achieved through the careful

and impersonal curation that Krishnamurti expected of the Foundation, and made possible through generous public support.

As highlighted above, much of the Foundation's dissemination work is online. However, the printed page continues to be relevant to our efforts, and we work closely with major publishers in English and translations to ensure new and classic books continue to be available. For example, 2024 saw the release of *How to Find Peace – Living in a Challenging World*.

Dissemination is only one of the two facets of our mandate. Our state-of-the-art archive and the expertise of dedicated staff

have allowed our preservation activities to continue to flourish. These efforts are a combination of cutting-edge technology and traditional archival conservation. Being the original source of all that the Foundation produces, the archives are at the heart of its work.

Amid the unpredictable unknowns of life – artificial intelligence central among them – the Foundation's small team remains steadfast in preserving Krishnamurti's teachings in their authentic form and ensuring they continue to be readily available to those interested in understanding life and themselves.





# *The Krishnamurti Centre*

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The Krishnamurti Centre continues to flourish, with a good number of visitors eager to engage with Krishnamurti's teachings.

Our diverse range of programmes has continued to attract new and returning guests. We offer Group Retreats, Silent Retreats, Young Adults Retreats, The Summer Gathering, Friends of Brockwood Gatherings, foreign language retreats, and individual retreats complemented by Saturday video screenings and dialogues. All events organised by the Centre in 2023-2024 have been very well subscribed,

each attracting more than 20 participants. The popular Krishnamurti Summer Gathering had about 100 participants.

To further enhance accessibility, we have introduced additional reduced-rate rooms, ensuring more visitors can experience the Centre's unique environment regardless of financial constraints. This initiative has already welcomed many new guests. By offering flexible pricing options, we aim to support those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to visit, reinforcing our commitment to inclusiveness.

The Krishnamurti Centre has also implemented various ways for guests to make small donations, whether as part of their online booking process or while visiting the Centre. These contributions are always much appreciated and enable us to create sponsorship opportunities and offer concessionary rates.

Our volunteer programme remains a valuable aspect of the Centre's vibrancy. Over the past year, many enthusiastic individuals have participated in the programme. Some had previously visited the Centre,

and many expressed a desire to visit again.

Feedback has been very positive, with guests appreciating the beauty and seriousness of the place, as well as the opportunities to engage with staff, other guests and volunteers.

The vitality of the Centre, created by its diverse offerings and the steady flow of guests and volunteers, is felt by visitors and staff alike.





## ***Brockwood Park School***

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Brockwood Park School started its 55th year with 67 students from 25 different countries. As was intended when Krishnamurti and a small group of educators started the school, it continues to be a truly international community that quickly becomes a home away from home for its students.

Brockwood continues to thrive thanks to the group of dedicated adults committed to the place, who assume responsibility for taking care of the school and educating a diverse group of students in an atmosphere of freedom and seriousness. All residential staff members come with a deep interest in Krishnamurti's

teachings and the intentions of the school, which, along with the beauty of the surrounding nature, forms the foundation of its special atmosphere. The current group of residential staff has been living and working together for several years and continues to explore life and education in a spirit of friendship and sincerity.

The year 2023-24 came with familiar challenges as well as new developments. Each year, around 30 new students join the school community, and the staff (as well as returning students) take great care to make them feel welcome and introduce them to a completely different kind of

education, one where they are invited to take real responsibility for their own learning and to become aware of their inner worlds in the mirror of relationship.

As usual, a great deal of work was carried out by the garden, grounds and maintenance teams to preserve the beauty of the land and futureproof the buildings for the years ahead. A new storage barn was built close to the tennis court by staff and students involved in woodwork classes, which meant countless hours of detailed planning and dedicated work before the building was raised. Increasing Brockwood's outreach was another area of

focus, including the production of a beautiful new video about the school.

We also faced an array of challenges, such as the ever-increasing regulations in the independent school sector, rising energy costs and tightening rules around immigration, which affects staff recruitment. Despite the challenges, Brockwood remains a vibrant place with an atmosphere appreciated by students, teachers, parents, alumni and visitors alike. We are grateful for the continuous support offered by countless people from all corners of the earth.





# *Inwoods Small School*

The academic year 2023-24 was another year of growth and development at Inwoods Small School. As we look back and reflect, we see a happy and interested group of children, teachers and parents who are willing to invest in and support the school. Our numbers continued to grow, with 20 children in total, split between two classes taught from Reception to Year 6.

For all ages, our teachers continued to explore how a curriculum can be offered with a deep interest in what it means to learn. In both classes, the teachers taught with a project-based learning approach centred

around the children's own interests and questions. Exciting projects developed in the older class, which looked at a range of topics related to Gods and Goddesses. We incorporated trips for the whole school, which also broadened and engaged the children with this topic. The younger class investigated topics such as perspective, points of view, eyes, and time travel. The classroom was covered in the planets of our solar system, and it became a very immersive space created by the children. Because the projects were led by the interests of the children, they had a self-perpetuating energy.

There was much to learn outside of knowledge-based processes, too. Children were encouraged to help and be responsible for the school and to be aware of the care it takes to look after it. We also put emphasis on giving time and space for play, and within this were many opportunities to learn and be sensitive to different relationships. A daily connection to nature and being outdoors were also essential in grounding the children in the world around them and offering a healthy holistic education.

The year ended well, with Inwoods gaining a good number of applications for the 2024-25 year, with only a small number leaving. The end-of-year comments from parents were very supportive and encouraging.

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