2013/14 has proven to be a busy year for Charterhouse in Southwark. We have continued to support charitable organisations across the Borough and in particular, those working with young people in need. The projects we support are principally aimed at providing a range of positive activities for young people which are designed to boost self-esteem and encourage ambition.

In December 2013 we were particularly pleased to see St Hugh’s Bermondsey (formerly St Hugh’s Charterhouse in Southwark) open their newly-built church. I am delighted that the close relationship between our two organisations continues, since our founding in 1885. It is also good to report that links with Charterhouse continue to flourish. We have maintained our support with a half-bursary, matched by the school, for a young person living in Southwark to attend Charterhouse for the Sixth Form years. I am very grateful to John Witheridge and Andrew Turner for their support with this initiative.

In total we have spent over £84,000 in the last year in support of the youth and community groups listed on the front page and to do this I am grateful for the help and assistance of fellow Trustees - Armel Cates (L61), Sebastian Lyon (B85), John Gillespie (R95), Charlie Hobson (Master, Sutton’s Hospital), John Witheridge (the Headmaster), and our Director, Janet Kennedy.

I am also pleased to announce that Libby Barratt (G07) joined the Trustee Board in October 2013, bringing a dash of youth to proceedings. She has already attended several of the Trustee meetings and some of the projects we have been supporting and a report from her appears below.

The Trustee Board would like to thank everyone who has donated funds during the year, which are much appreciated. We now have a number of regular Gift Aided donations that we receive in addition to one-off donations that many of you have made. We also benefit from sponsorship income from those brave enough to run the London Marathon in our name, to whom our grateful thanks must go. I met several of the runners a couple of weeks ago and listened with not a shred of envy as they exchanged notes on their training schedules and injuries. A special vote of thanks goes to the Strong family who, after many years of annual gifts to Charterhouse in Southwark from the J.P. Strong Charitable Settlement, donated the entirety of the residue of the Settlement to Charterhouse in Southwark (£34,000), for which we are immensely grateful. A biography of John Patteson Strong OBE appears later in this Newsletter.

Libby Barrett left Charterhouse in 2007 after having spent two years in Gown boys. After a year spent travelling she studied at The University of Bristol where she achieved a first class honours degree in chemistry. Libby now works on the charity team at Rathbones Investment Management and is studying for her CFA qualification.

‘I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to become a trustee for Charterhouse in Southwark for a number of reasons.

I wanted the opportunity to give something back to a school which provided me with so much both during and after my education; it was through the OC club that I was introduced to my first employer. But most importantly, I was grateful for the chance to become involved in some of the outstanding projects that Charterhouse in Southwark helps support. The charity has remained true to its founding principles and continues to help underprivileged children in the Southwark area through extra curricular activities and support programmes’. 

Libby Barrett
Charterhouse in Southwark, or ‘Charterhouse Mission’ as it began, was set up and funded, and sometimes staffed, by Old Carthusians. From 1885 when Fr. Curry, the first Missioner, opened the doors at No 40 Tabard Street the Mission’s popularity grew quickly and land was bought at No 32 Crosby Row where, in 1908 a new church dedicated to St Hugh of Lincoln, was built with floors above the church allowing for greater numbers of young people to use the facilities.

In the 1930s another building, at No 39 Crosby Row, was built and used mainly for activities for girls. So spiritual, physical and educational services to the local community continued for many decades; experiencing neighbourhood change due to housing redevelopment and closure of the traditional local industries.

Faced with old, deteriorating buildings and a challenging financial future, Trustees of Charterhouse in Southwark decided to sell the buildings to be able to provide income to support projects run by other charitable organisations working with children and young people in Southwark.

In the last 4 years, Charterhouse in Southwark has made grants totalling £287,711 to local organisations. Number 32 Crosby Row, including St Hugh’s, was sold and demolished and a brand-new St Hugh’s built, with a mixture of private and affordable housing above. The new St Hugh’s, Bermondsey was rededicated by our Patron, the Rt. Rev, Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, on 7th December 2013.

The Bethwin Football Club, one of the largest of the UK’s largest community football clubs, was renamed Greenhouse London FC to reflect a merger with Greenhouse’s clubs in East London. The club now has FA recognition and provides an elite pathway for older players, offering them a chance to play in the Senior League. Burgess Park in Camberwell continues to be the home of the GLFC with all football training and home matches taking place there. The young people that attend either live or go to school in Southwark.

GLFC at Burgess Park has 646 active members registered in 18 youth teams. In addition there are 2 men’s teams, a girl’s team, a woman’s team and an open soccer school for 5-15 year olds on Saturdays. Most teams attend training sessions each week.

Charterhouse in Southwark has awarded Greenhouse £5,000 for each of the last 4 years, with some support from the Charterhouse Endowment Fund previously. Greenhouse can be assured, subject to satisfactory reports, of a further two years of funding to help them forward plan their income.

In 2013/14 Greenhouse asked for help in funding girls’ football for the growing numbers of girls attending and £15,000 was awarded. We look forward to seeing how this develops. Greenhouse’s aim is to reach beyond the pitch and their research indicates that young people attending grow in confidence and self-esteem and that this improves motivation at school.
FINANCE REPORT

The year ended 31 March 2014 was another productive year for the merged Charterhouse in Southwark. The charity has enjoyed on-going benefits from the pooling of resources with the former Endowment fund. We continue to monitor our efficiency to ensure our costs remain low, and remain prudent in only making grants from income, and not our capital base. The charity has continued to actively find ways to make a difference to a wide number of young people in the Southwark area and beyond, by supporting a number of projects and initiatives.

We have continued to be helped by many regular donors and supporters, and are extremely grateful for this on-going support. We have also been very generously supported this year by a Trustee, who has funded the costs of employing our one part time employee. This has allowed an even higher proportion of income to be used for charitable grants. In addition, the Trustees remain satisfied with the work done by our investment managers. Their focus on absolute returns mirrors our objective of being able to help where it is needed for the long term.

TREASURER
John Gillespie

MARATHON RUNNERS

Charterhouse in Southwark has an allocation of “Golden Bond” places each year and thanks to our energetic OC volunteer, James Lubbock (B’66), who recruits and encourages runners, we derive a significant donation from the sponsorship raised. Running a Marathon must be one of the more heroic ways of fund-raising involving enormous commitment in time and training and we are grateful to them all.

In April 2013 we had 4 runners - Will Chew, Hannah Kozlova, Tom Plinston and Martin Winter (G72). Between them our runners raised a net total of £7,418 for Charterhouse in Southwark. Martin is a regular Marathon runner and has run for Charterhouse in Southwark for many years.

WE DID IT!

THE J.P STRONG CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT

J.P Strong Charitable Settlement has been a long-standing and regular donor to Charterhouse in Southwark and has now given an outstanding sum of £34,000 on winding up. We are very grateful to the family for their generosity.

Rev Canon David Strong has provided the following: John Patteson Strong OBE was at Charterhouse. After studying at the Leathersellers College in Bermondsey he established Strong and Fisher Tanneries in a derelict factory in Rushden, Northamptonshire in 1931.

During WWII the company produced leather goods for the armed forces, particularly for RAF pilots.

After the war, and with advances in technology and chemistry, the company expanded and produced high quality leathers for clothing for the fashion industry.

In 1961 the company won the Ambassador Award for Exports. ‘JP’, as he was known, was awarded the OBE by H.M. The Queen in 1976 and held many public appointments – Home Guard Commander, Scout District Commissioner, High Sheriff of Huntingdon, Stoke of Peterborough, and Chair of Governors at Kimbolton School. JP died on 21st February 2007 aged 101.
We were able to help Dulwich Picture Gallery run a pilot project offering creative workshops based on ideas from the Gallery’s permanent collection to a group of young carers in Southwark. These young people have considerable home responsibilities caring for parents or siblings and the Gallery wanted to see how they could engage and allow the young people to have some “me time” that dovetailed in with their role as carers.

The gallery tours and workshops were extremely well attended and almost all the group managed to be at every event. As a result of the introductory pilot a number of the young carers have joined in the Gallery’s mainstream education programme, one has engaged in work experience at the Gallery, and another is working on a portfolio of work to further his career.

2013-2014 GRANT BREAKDOWN

£90,689

£22,000
Downside Fisher Youth Club - An apprentice programme

£10,000
Downside Fisher Youth Club - Summer programme

£15,000
Greenhouse Sports - Football for girls

£5,000
Greenhouse Sports - Football for boys

£16,463
Charterhouse School - Bursary for a Charterhouse Sixth Form boarding place

£13,938
St Hugh’s Bermondsey - Community co-ordinator for the new building and plaque

£8,288
Dulwich Picture Gallery - Outreach education programme

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Whether it’s time, money or skills, our trustees are always grateful for what we receive. To help us today, please consider a one-off, or for long-term support, a regular donation to help support our charitable work.

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