



Welcome to the Annual General Meeting – 23rd June 2026

Agenda

- The charity's objectives
- Annual Report for the year – 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
 - The charity's finances
 - Events and donations during the year
 - Destiny Garden School – achievements during the year
- Election of Officers and Trustees
- Ambitions for our year ahead

DESTINY CHILDREN'S OBJECTIVES

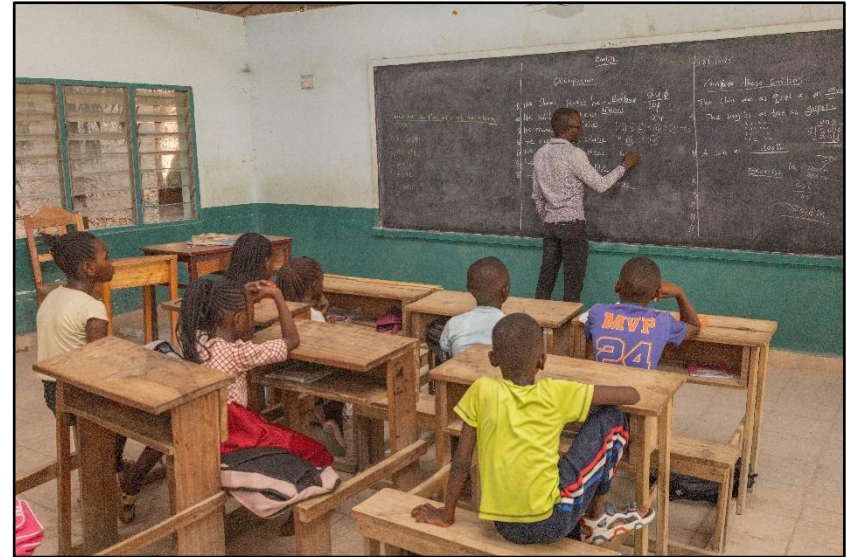
The advancement of children's education in Kenya



Destiny Children's objectives

"The advancement of education of children in Kenya, in particular but not exclusively pupils of Destiny Garden School, Mombasa, by providing and assisting in the provision of educational facilities and materials and the provision of grants."

100% of all our sponsor and donor funds, including Gift Aid, go directly to Destiny Garden School. All the costs of running the charity are met by the committee members.



Destiny Children supports Destiny Garden School, Mombasa

The funds raised in the reporting year have helped provide a better future for the children at DGS by securing them a good education, a nutritious school lunch and the basic welfare they need to survive.

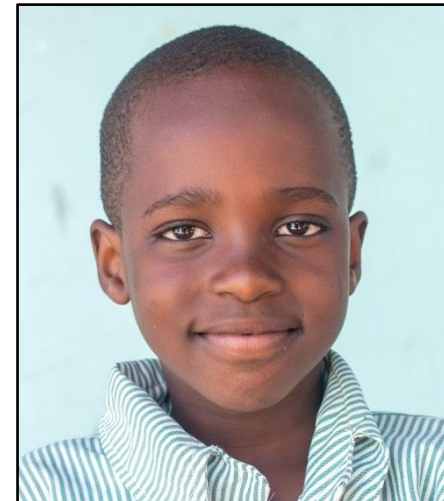
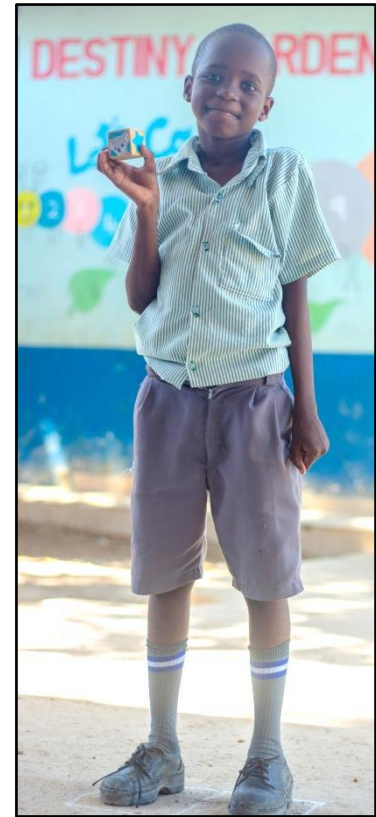
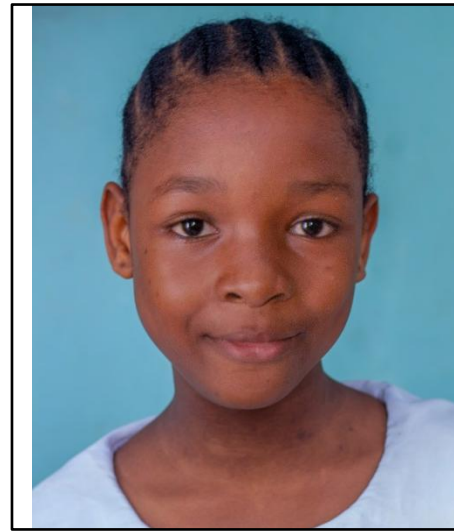


This enables DGS to provide

- pastoral care for DGS pupils
- employment for local people
- development opportunities for volunteers

How we raise funds

- Offer a sponsorship programme – sponsors can sponsor the school, a named child or a class
- Encourage our supporters to raise funds
- Organise fundraising events
- Use other fundraising initiatives such as 'easyfundraising' and 'GiftsThat Make A Difference'
- Apply for grants & funding from trust funds and other organisations or individuals
- Recoup Gift Aid



Our 100% USP

Every penny of
sponsor and donor
contributions, including Gift Aid,
supports

Destiny Garden School.

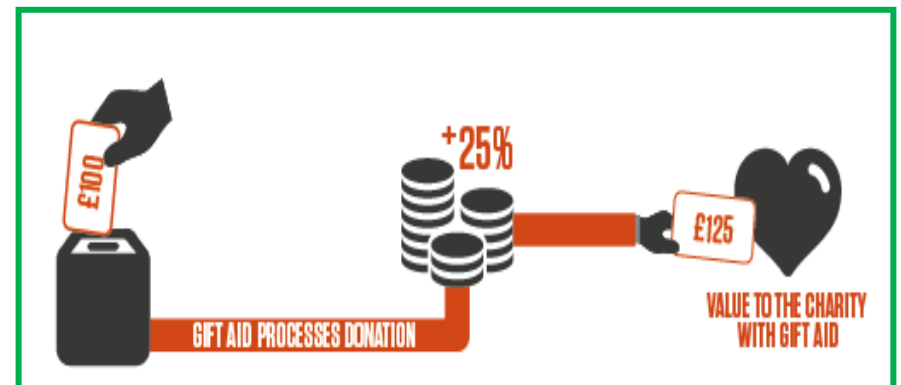
All the costs of running the
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committee members.

In the year 2025-2026
we recouped
£13,635 in Gift Aid.

100%



Gift Aid



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026

A large group of school children in uniform are standing in front of a building. Two adults, a man and a woman, are standing behind them. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue shirt and glasses, and the woman is on the right, wearing a blue top. The children are wearing light blue and grey uniforms. The building has a white wall and a window with a blue metal grille.

The charity's finances

DCC's Events and donations

DGS's achievements



Charity's Finances

Income & Expenditure
Year 2025 to 2026

Another
great
year

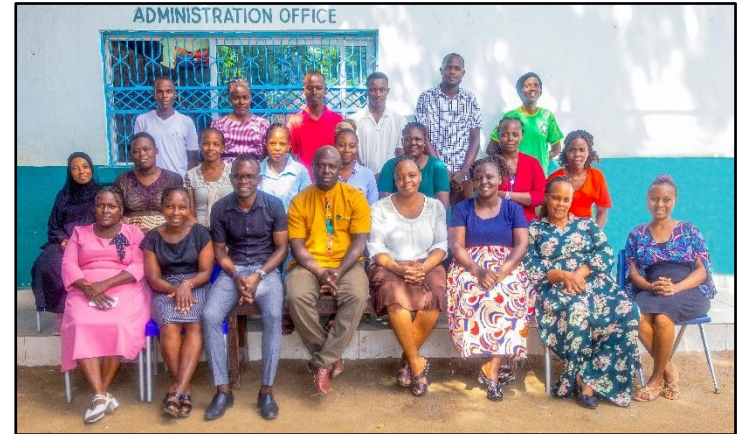
Destiny Children	
Income and Expenditure	
April 2025 to March 2026	
Income	
Sponsor Income	46,969
Donations - general	24,797
Admin donations from Trustees	969
Fundraising events	3,181
Gift Aid	13,635
Grants	5,596
Bank Interest	239
Further Education	10,422
Total Income	105,808
Expenditure	
Destiny Garden School, Mombasa	105,402
Administration costs met by Trustees	923
Total Expenditure	106,325

Financial Overview

The charity transferred sufficient monthly funds to DGS during the year to cover:

- * The primary school staff salaries
- * School lunches and breakfasts
- * Educational materials and some text books
- * Improvements to the school's facilities

Our thanks go to sponsors and supporters for their donations, and the Gift Aid received from these.



Although the charity's financial liability is minimal, it continues to maintain a reserve to cover primary school staff redundancies in the unlikely event the school had to close. These reserves are held in a Building Society account to attract interest and minimise risk.

Financial Overview continued ...

The accounting package the charity uses is ExpensePlus, which is designed for small charities and churches. ExpensePlus is on the cloud so can be shared with the Trustees.



The charity is looking to recruit a Treasurer to run the accounts and strengthen the Trustee team.

EVENTS AND DONATIONS



Generous donations and fundraising events have enabled DGS to make many improvements for the pupils and staff during the year.

Events and Donations

Sponsors and supporters have organised fundraising events to help DGS improve its facilities and provide educational materials.



A sponsor raised funds for DGS to install additional solar panels, thus reducing DGS's costs.

Funds raised provided Improvements to the DGS kitchen facilities, ensuring the cooks can continue to provide nutritious meals for the DGS children.



Events and Donations

Sponsors' donations replaced worn-out desks, chairs, tables and benches, creating a safer and more comfortable environment for the children.



Making desks, chairs, tables and benches provided work for the local carpenters!

Events and Donations

A donation from a keen supporter purchased shelves for the library.

Madam Veronica, Admin and Librarian, sorted the books and items on the new shelves, giving better access for the teachers and pupils.



Another supporter's donation improved DGS's solar system to reduce DGS's cost



Events and Donations

The children at UK schools organised fundraising events during to the year providing much needed items for DGS pupils.



Sports equipment



Desks and chairs



**Covering new text books
donated by a UK school**



A new water tank and stand

Events and Donations

Donations from our supporters enabled DGS to reduce the ratio of students sharing a textbook.



This is an ongoing need as in some subjects there are still as many as 4 students sharing one textbook.

Events and Donations

A donation enabled the DGS staff to have a delicious Christmas lunch featuring beef pilau and chicken stew with rice. Followed by a banana.



They received a cash voucher gift in appreciation of their hard work during the school year.



Events and Donations

Sponsors donated extra funds to provide treats for DGS pupils
e.g. books, pencils, crayons, a special meal with meat or fish, fruit, a soft drink, sometimes Birthday cake!



Events and Donations

Destiny Children Trustees Debi and Hannah visited DGS in June. Thanks to generous donations and help from friends and volunteers from Moray School Bank, they brought many much needed items including educational, crafting and hygiene products, games and a parachute!

Hannah taught the students different parachute games, bringing lots of laughter, teamwork, and fun to the playground.



DC Trustee Stephanie, based in Kenya, also visited DGS, travelling from Nairobi to Mombasa.



Debi, representing the DCC Trustees, had several successful meetings with the DGS management team

Events and Donations

Trustees Debi and Hannah arranged a staff team-building day during their visit to Mombasa, This was funded by them and their friends from Moray.

It was a time for the DGS staff to bond and have fun, at the same time boosting team spirit



The day was a huge success



Events and Donations

Trustees Debi and Hannah also funded a 'Community Day' for the DGS children and their parents or guardians. DGS staff sent out the invitations, organised the seating and cooked a special meal.

a delicious lunch
songs and dances
games



With help from Debi and Hannah's friends and volunteers from Moray School Bank, it was an occasion to remember.

Further Education Programme

The charity recruited sponsors to support top DGS performers to continue their education to a higher level. We currently support 20 students in the DGS Junior Secondary School, 20 former DGS students through top national Kenyan High Schools, and 3 through university.

DGS continue to organise holiday programs throughout the year to help the high school sponsored students with their academic performance, highlighting their achievements and areas for improvement.



Gifts That Make A Difference - GTMAD

During the year sponsors and supporters have bought these gifts, not only solving the problem of what to buy someone for their birthday or Christmas, but also making a difference to the lives of the children at Destiny Garden School.

Gifts can range from £5 to £180, or more!



£40 – a goat



£10 – toys



£15 – library books



£5 –plants



£15 – beans



£35 – chickens



£35 – desks



£30 – text books



£20 – stationery

Grants for School Lunches

Two substantial grants from a Charitable Trust have enabled DGS to provide the children with a school lunch throughout the last two reporting years.

This has taken us through to July 2026 and we have applied for a third grant. We hope this application will be successful, enabling DGS to continue providing the children with a nutritious school lunch.

Many DGS families struggle to provide adequate food for their children and rely on the midday meal the school produces.

This meal not only helps with the children's welfare but also ensures they are able to learn more effectively, and is a great encouragement for their parents to send their children to school.



Grant for Lunches During the School Holidays

The same Charitable Trust was concerned the DGS children wouldn't receive adequate food during the school holidays and provided a further grant to address this.

So during the reporting year DGS opened its doors to DGS children and organises not only lunches but some fun and games 3 days a week during the school holidays.



Grant for Sanitary Products

Another generous grant provided the older girls with sanitary products - enough to last the entire year, ensuring comfort, confidence, and uninterrupted learning.

The teachers took time to educate the girls on proper hygiene, menstrual health, and the correct use of the products.

Period poverty remains a serious challenge for girls in parts of Kenya, as in other poorer countries, causing a significant percentage of girls to miss school every month simply because they lack access to sanitary products.



Grant for Breakfasts

AfricaWatoto

Watoto in the Swahili language means children.

Africa Watoto's funds during this reporting year have provided the pre-primary school children with mid-morning porridge and a snack.



As in previous years Africa Watoto, a UK charity run by Stella Bili, has continued to raise and transfer funds to the charity for DGS.



Porridge is poured into cups

In addition their funds have provided the whole school with fruit twice a month.

Appeal for the Junior Secondary School's Toilet Block

The charity had a great response to the March 2026 appeal to fund the JSS toilets.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the charity not only reached its target but had a small surplus. This allowed DGS to further enhance the Junior School toilets, including tiling, and also make improvements to the Pre-Primary school toilets.



Rain disrupted the work which started in April, but the block is now complete and the grand opening is scheduled for 23rd June.

The Gift Aid element of the UK donations will be used to further upgrade the school's kitchen facilities, and replace some of the worn out corrugated roofing.



DESTINY GARDEN SCHOOL

DGS and its achievements
during the year





Destiny Garden School (DGS)

DGS's Management Team



Jacob, the DGS Director, founded the school 17 years ago in 2009.

Brenda, the Sponsorship Director, is responsible for the sponsorship programme.

Boaz, the School Manager, is the bursar and supports Brenda in the sponsorship work, as well as managing the school.

Chao Maricela, the DGS accounts assistant supporting Boaz. She also supports the DCC Treasurer with the charity accounts.



Destiny Garden School (DGS)

The DGS Staff



The school employs 35 staff; there are 11 teaching staff in the Primary section, 3 in the Pre-Primary wing, and 7 in the Junior School. It also employs 14 support staff which includes management, catering, library, cleaning, and security personnel.

The DGS staff worked hard during the year to ensure all pupils had the opportunity to develop academically, socially and personally.

The staff have not had a pay increase for 2 years and it is hoped we can increase income to give them a well deserved pay rise. They received a bonus and gift in 2024 and a small voucher and gift in 2025.



Destiny Garden School (DGS)

The DGS Children

The School provides high-quality education and welfare support to over 450 children, the majority of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds in this area of Mombasa where unemployment is as high as 66%. There are still a number of children who do not attend school.

DGS comprises a Nursery class, Pre-Primary 1 and 2, Primary Grades 1 - 6, and a Junior Secondary Grades 7 - 9. Approximately 60% of pupils attend on fully funded places due to financial hardship, whilst 40% pay substantially reduced fees.



The Nursery class educates 3 to 4 year old children. It is important for the children to start school at DGS as early as possible so that they can learn English; students in Kenya are taught in English but it is not spoken in many of the homes in this poor area of Mombasa.



Destiny Garden School (DGS)

The Sponsorship Programme

This is run by Brenda, the sponsorship Director and Boaz, the school manager.



A few sponsors choose to write to their sponsored child. To avoid the other children feeling left out, in the Primary section of DGS the letters are addressed to the whole class. The teachers often use the letters as a teaching aid, not just for practice in English, but also for geography and general knowledge.

Once a year students write letters/drawings to 'Dear Sponsor' whether sponsored or not. In fact all the children believe they have a sponsor!

In the Junior Secondary section of DGS, sponsors can write directly to their sponsored child if they wish to do so, as is the case for High School and University sponsors.



Destiny Garden School (DGS)

DGS's Achievements

During the reporting year, DGS continued to improve wellbeing and opportunities for over 450 children through education, welfare, safeguarding, nutrition, personal development and community support.



Through these achievements the DGS pupils received educational opportunities, practical support and care.



Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Educational Outcomes – Improved Learning

DGS successfully delivered Kenya's Competency Based Curriculum, helping pupils develop the knowledge, practical skills and confidence needed for future education and employment.



Holiday learning programmes held at DGS helped pupils strengthen their academic skills and improve readiness for the next stage of their education. These additional lessons were for selected DGS Primary pupils, Junior Secondary pupils and former pupils attending High School.



Destiny Garden School (DGS)

Achievements

Educational Outcomes – Exam Preparation

Regular assessments helped staff identify pupils needing additional support, enabling early intervention and improving educational outcomes.



DGS is qualified to hold the national examinations, Classes 6 and 9, for pupils in the area. The school provided guidance and support to help their students approach examinations with confidence.



Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Educational Outcomes – Progression to Further Education



The completion of the Junior Secondary School enables academically able DGS pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to continue their free education beyond primary school, creating opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable to them. It also provides opportunities for other pupils from poorer backgrounds to receive quality education at substantially reduced school fees.

Brenda and Boaz of DGS manage the Further Education programme following and monitoring the former DGS students who are now studying in Kenyan High Schools and University.



Destiny Garden School (DGS)

Achievements

Personal Development Outcomes - Confidence

Recognising academic, sporting and personal achievements helped motivate pupils, build confidence and encourage them to achieve their full potential.



Regular sporting activities promoted physical health, teamwork, resilience, confidence and emotional wellbeing, while giving pupils opportunities to succeed outside the classroom

Graduation and prize giving events encouraged pupils and built confidence.

Trophies donated by sponsors went to
'Most Improved Student'
'Best Footballer of the Year'
'Best Athlete of the Year'
'Best Mathematician'





Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Personal Development Outcomes - Teamwork

Educational visits and sporting competitions broadened pupils' horizons, increased confidence and provided learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Sport, PE, athletics and even play during school breaks build on teamwork.



2 educational trips were financed by supporters, broadening the pupils outlook and strengthening team building.



Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Personal Development Outcomes - Leadership

Extracurricular activities helped pupils develop confidence, teamwork, leadership skills and practical abilities while encouraging creativity and enjoyment of school life

Play helps DGS children develop teamwork and leadership skills, whilst having fun!



DGS Pupils develop teamwork and leadership skills through the clubs the school arranges. Scouts and Girl Guide, and other clubs such as Wildlife, Agriculture, Debating and Journalism.



Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Welfare Outcomes - Safeguarding

Investment in staff training helped improve teaching quality, safeguarding awareness and educational standards, benefiting all pupils.

Regular training of the DGS staff takes place with outside experts invited to conduct sessions. A trainer from the Ministry of Education trained the teaching staff on various aspects of their work.



DGS staff received training awareness on their Child Protection Policy.



Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Welfare Outcomes – Emotional Support

Pastoral care and counselling supported pupils' emotional wellbeing, helping them overcome personal challenges that could otherwise affect attendance, behaviour and learning.



Assemblies and community activities promoted inclusion, respect and positive values, helping pupils feel part of a supportive school community.





Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Welfare Outcomes – Family Engagement

Strong partnerships with parents and guardians helped improve attendance, encourage learning at home and strengthen support for children's welfare and educational progress.

Parent-Teacher Association meetings are opportunities to discuss ways to improve DGS's and pupils' performance, and to reduce absenteeism.



One-on-one sessions are an opportunity for DGS teachers to meet with parents or guardians and each student.



Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Health and Nutrition Outcomes – Better Concentration

Access to nutritious school meals and safe drinking water improved concentration, attendance and wellbeing, while supporting families experiencing food insecurity.



The children look forward to their school lunches which for some is the main meal they receive during the day.

Safe drinking water – drawn from the borehole, stored in tanks and purified.





Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Health and Nutrition Outcomes – Improved Attendance

Parents and guardians are keen to ensure their children attend school knowing they will have a nutritious school meal.



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Destiny Garden School (DGS) **Achievements**

Health and Nutrition Outcomes – Reduced Hunger

The holiday lunch programme helped ensure vulnerable children continued to receive nutritious meals during school closures, reducing the risk of hunger and supporting wellbeing.



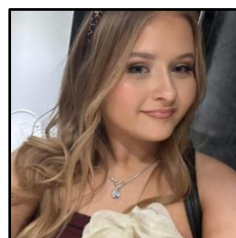
The younger children continued to receive morning porridge and snacks ensuring they didn't start lessons hungry.



Election of Trustees, Officers and Committee Members:

The Trustees, Officers and Committee Members below have agreed to undertake these roles and have been nominated and seconded.

- Alan Slater – Trustee and Chair
- Judy Roper– Trustee and Treasurer
- Debi Weir – Trustee, Secretary and UK Sponsorship
- Kathy James – Trustee and Social Media
- Colin Cliffe – Trustee and Governance and Risk
- Stephanie Donaldson – Trustee and DGS contact based in Kenya
- Hannah Weir – Trustee and Youth Engagement
- Brenda Ongola – Trustee and DGS Sponsorship
- Jan Bell – Committee Member and Minutes Secretary
- Maricela Chao – Committee Member and Accounts Assistant



We would also like to mention a few key supporters who provide extra voluntary help



- **Audrey Galloway** – provides ongoing support and back up for the accounting system
- **Gail Delaney** - developed both the DGS and DC websites and provides ongoing back up.
- **David Ward** - examines our accounts each year free of charge; a huge saving to the charity.
- **Imojen Jean** - is supporting Kathy on Social Media and marketing
- **Elizabeth Wright** – organises Dinner Dances and holds other fund raising events for DGS.

Our grateful thanks go to them and all our other volunteers.



Looking ahead: 2026/2027 Goals

- Reduce the charity's reliance on one member of the committee
- Recruit a Treasurer
- Help DGS to become more self sustainable
- Increase the number of sponsors to improve DGS's staff salaries
- Encourage sponsors and supporters to run fundraising events
- Find corporate sponsors
- Apply for grants
- Explore Destiny Children's long term model for the next 5 years.

Summary of the AGM – 23rd June 2026

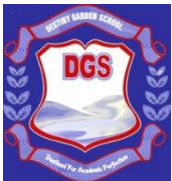
This year brought both challenges and significant achievements for Destiny Children and Destiny Garden School. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors and volunteers, hundreds of children have continued to receive education, welfare support and nutritious school meals, helping them build brighter futures.

The Trustees approved the Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) and the Accounts (CC16a). The Independent Examiner's Report (IER) confirmed all is in order.



DCC thank:

- Trustees, Committee Members, Sponsors, Donors, and Volunteers
- DGS's Management, Staff, and Pupils



DGS says 'ASANTE SANA' (THANK YOU VERY MUCH) to all sponsors and supporters, and the DCC Trustees.

A big thank you

- to all our sponsors and supporters
- to DGS's management team and staff

