



NEWSLETTER

UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The 2026 LTPT Christmas Appeal focusses on **Nutrients for 1200 undernourished children** in 22 of the Langa Forum's Government-unfunded pre-schools. The Appeal is being sent by e-mail to LTPT Friends and also will feature in the new LTPT website and associated social media links. 🌲

CHRISTMAS CARD

Designed and donated by LTPT trustee Aimee Luther and her mother Andrea Smith, these wonderful A5 cards are available, if posted, at **£5 per pack of 10** plus postage.



Front cover – Peace on Earth



Inside – greetings in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa, with a QR code to donate a £2 hot chicken meal



LTPT EVENT – JJ CALE STORY AT ST MARY’S

On Friday 10 October, in St Mary’s Church in Hemel Hempstead, an appreciative audience were entertained by the JJ Cale band for an evening of Laid-Back R n’ B with the music of JJ Cale and Eric Clapton.

Comments received include: during the performance grandson Ben Pickles, *‘It is going very well – lovely music and well organised. Everyone having a jolly time’*.

After the performance, Gordon’s half century long friend, a jazz musician since his varsity days, Eric Pillinger wrote, *‘Last night’s concert was excellent. A great sound and really cool blues band’*.



The JJ Cale Story in St Mary’s Church, Hemel Hempstead, 10 October

The final contribution to LTPT funds, after deduction of costs, was **£1529**, and we benefitted greatly from the band donating the vast majority of its fee, which we have allocated as a contribution to the LTPT Christmas Appeal supporting the nutrients project. 🎸

BACK STORY

Gordon at 14.40 the previous day, heading to a cash machine to draw £200 for the band, tripped and cracked his head. Much bloodied and supported by Rosina he ended up in Watford Hospital A&E for six hours for an intensive examination. He was cleared of brain bleed and a cracked skull, but a nasty cut and 2 broken blood vessels had to be dealt with through stitching. That was the end of his involvement for the next day!

Happily, Rosina was able to carry on the following evening well supported by three adult grandchildren, Emily, Sophia and Ben, and partners Ty and Thalia. ❤️

CONTRIBUTION TO LTPT FUNDS

£1529



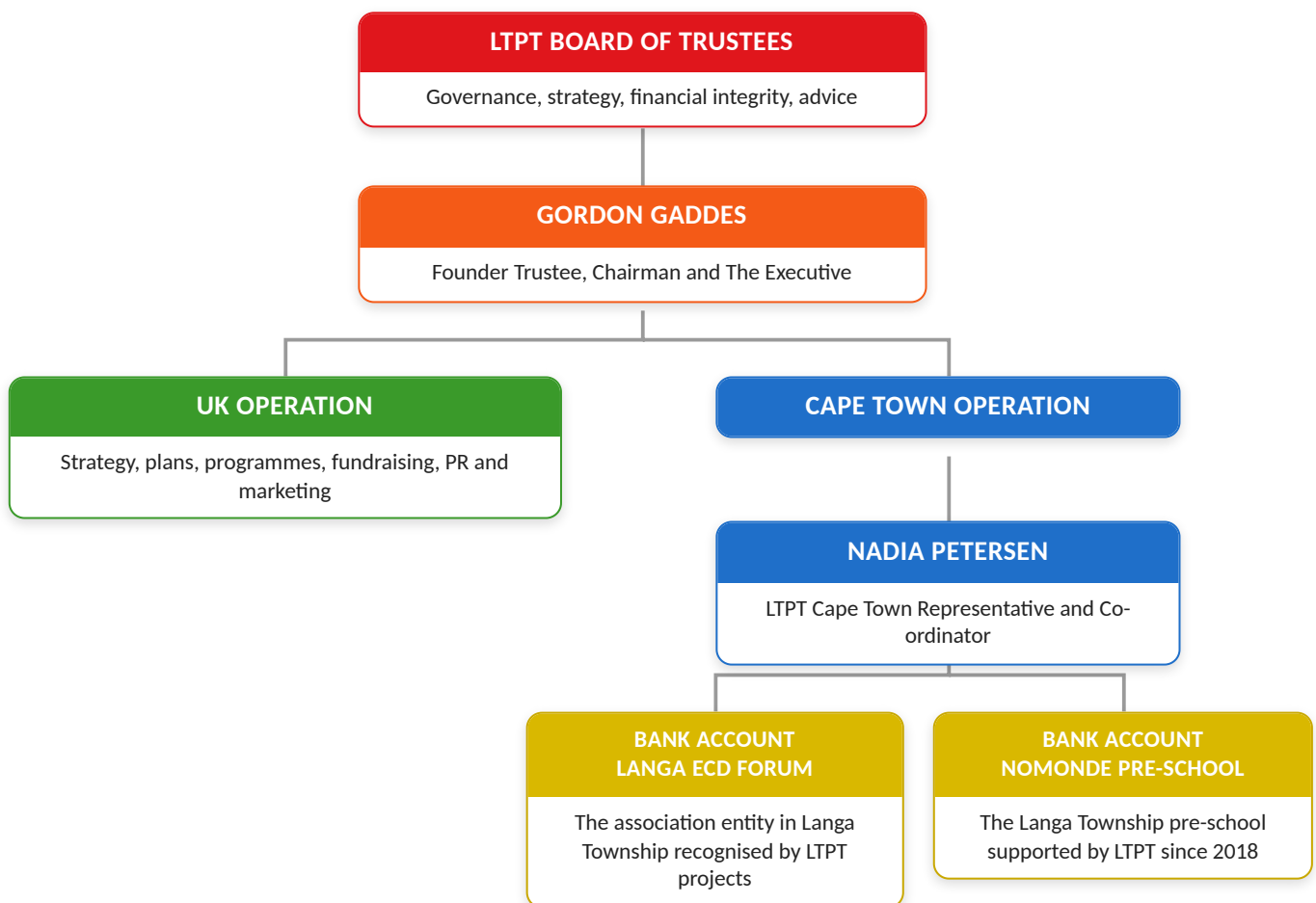
REORGANISATION – NOMONDE / GROUNDBREAKERS

Since 2018 most of LTPT funding of projects has been through the Nomonde LTPT Account. Now, with the continuing widening of LTPT project work to help members of the Langa Early Child Development Forum, it has been decided that the above account will only receive funds to support Nomonde Pre-School itself.

Separately, the funds for Forum projects will be placed in the Groundbreakers account of our representative Nadia Petersen for dispersal as appropriate. The first use of this new system was in October to purchase nutrients for the Forum's 22 unfunded pre-schools.

HOW LTPT IS ORGANISED

UK Langa Township Pre-School Trust – Charity Commission England & Wales Registered Charity



THIS ISSUE AT A GLANCE

1200

children receiving
nutrients

22

unfunded Forum pre-
schools

£1529

raised by the JJ Cale Story

42

pre-schools receiving
Christmas vouchers



ART IN THE NAVE

This large and popular exhibition of arts and crafts held in our beautiful Norman St Mary's Church traces back a quarter of a century to a national Methodist exhibition held here to celebrate the Millennium. Over the last seven years Brian Doran has organised the follow-up to illustrate and sell the works of local artists and to raise funds for the church and two or three charities, one of which is LTPT.

Each year we have received a donation of **£1000**, and the donations for the last two exhibitions have paid for the nutrients this October. Brian has provided two of his favourite photos from this year's exhibition. 🎨



Paintings by Susan Chester



Textiles and crafts by Jo Klimeck



NUTRIENTS

October nutrients for 1200 children in the Forum's 22 unfunded pre-schools, paid for by the Art in the Nave donations. 🥕



Pre-school staff with their deliveries – far left Yolisa, Nomonde administrator



Supplies ready for distribution



Thozama Tukulu (Veronica), Forum Chair



CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

This is happening 'after we go to press' but, for the record, it is worth reminding the reader that **circa £3000** is spent on vouchers for 42 pre-schools, pro rata in relation to the size of each pre-school, to support end of term celebrations at this significant time of the year. 🎁

Of the 42 pre-schools supported, as a sample we asked 3 of them to indicate how the vouchers had been used.

'Many thanks for the voucher you gave Ilitha Educare Centre my children during Christmas. I feel happy as we had big lunch and presents for those start Primary School. Mr Gordon I feel so grateful for what you have done for my ECD all these years.'

Lucy Kota, Ilitha Educare Centre

Yolica of Nomonde Pre-School indicated that the voucher had been used to buy educational toys, colouring books and crayons, and Veronica of the Khanyisile used the voucher for educational gifts and to support the Graduation Day.



Pre-school leaders with their named voucher envelopes



Preparing an envelope for each pre-school



Buying the vouchers at the store



Vouchers being processed at the till – Clarence Petersen in attendance



LTPT SPRING 2027 EVENT



The Morelli's team in the High Street, Old Town



Inside Morelli's

LTPT, over its first decade, arranged several successful supper parties at Alberto's restaurant in the Old Town's High Street. We were very sad that Alberto's closed down but six months ago, lower down in the High Street, Morelli's, a new Italian restaurant, was opened, which has become popular.

We are able therefore to give early notice that on one of the Thursdays in the last fortnight in April, meeting from 7pm onwards, there will be an **LTPT Supper Party** in an area set aside exclusively for our guests. Preceded by a glass of wine or Moretti beer or fruit juice, there will be a three course meal, with three choices for each course. The menu will be sent out for your choice and we will need to give the restaurant 3 days' notice of our menu selection. The cost will be £45, and final details will be sent out in the New Year. 🍷

WHEN	A Thursday in the last fortnight of April 2027, from 7pm
WHERE	Morelli's, High Street, Hemel Hempstead Old Town
MENU	Welcome drink, then three courses with three choices for each
COST	£45 per person



The bar at Morelli's



Fabrizio - Head Chef

Fabrizio Morelli, Head Chef

Photos: Morelli Restaurant (@morellirestaurant)



NEW WEBSITE

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Build a child,
build a nation



The new LTPT website home page

By the end of 2026 LTPT will have a new website hosted within the system of our Patron, Gary Clueit who, living in the Isle of Man, has a charity registered in California, the Clueit Foundation. The previous website hosted by eUKhost will then be redundant.

The new website has been developed by Aimee Luther, one of our five trustees, and focusses on our mission, recent developments and the raising of funds. Its archive includes, as detailed reference material, the fifty four newsletters telling the story of LTPT's fifteen year existence.

LTPT TRUST DEED REMINDER

The Objects of the Trust are:

'To advance education for the benefit of the public of the Township of Langa, Cape Town, South Africa, by supporting the Nomonde Educare initiative and any other pre-school initiatives in the township through assistance such as materials, equipment and furnishings and direct financial assistance, the provision of professional advice and such assistance as deemed appropriate.'

EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION

LTPT has been active in Langa for 15 years bringing much appreciated and unexpected support variously to thousands of people: children, staff, parents and siblings. However, we are now at the stage where we are asking ourselves how we further can empower and help to transform.

To this end you will note the final words in our Objects, *'the provision of ... such assistance as deemed appropriate'*. This leaves the door open for the trustees to ask themselves the question, **'is there any way that we can find to improve employment opportunities in Langa where unemployment is around 60%?'**

We shall have to see whether this leads us to anywhere positive. 🙄

POSTSCRIPT

This newsletter is scripted by the LTPT Chairman, Gordon Gaddes,
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