



Brits Abroad Shanghai
Annual Report 2018 – 2019
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1. President's Review of the Year



It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see Brits Abroad Shanghai go from strength to strength in 2018/19. There is much to be proud of, much to celebrate, much to thank people for and of course, still much to do. I hope that this Annual Report captures many of our successes, showcases much of our great work and keeps our members well-informed about the achievements we have had over the past twelve months.

Brits Abroad Shanghai is fortunate to have outstanding people on the committee, who work very hard on our behalf to make things happen for us. I would particularly like to thank our two Vice Presidents, Eunice Taylor and Melissa Blissett for their support, advice and encouragement this year. Melissa has done a super job on the weekly bulletin and the monthly Wire, and an outstanding job, with the support of Lisa Zhang to launch our Brits Abroad WeChat subscription account. It is great to see so many members now following us on WeChat. Eunice has continued in her role as our Community Outreach Team Leader and has represented us at many charity events, as well as identifying with her team the charities that Brits Abroad has supported during the year. We will be sad to see Eunice and her family leave Shanghai in the summer. I would also like to thank Christel Anderson for her super work as our treasurer; Ginny Cunningham for her excellent work as our membership co-ordinator; David Betts-Hollinrake and our most recent committee member James Dyson, who replaced David in October, for keeping our web-site up to date and our IT systems working very well; Sharon McIntosh for making sure that we are all well organised in her role as secretary, and for her outstanding support of all the Brits Abroad sub teams; and Anne Witherspoon and then Selina Ruscoe-Price, for making sure our social calendar is action packed. I would particularly like to wish Eunice and Sharon all the very best for the future; we will miss them both very much. We are really pleased to have Pam continue as our brilliant proof-reader.

I am especially proud of the large range of events and activities that Brits Abroad has facilitated this year for our members. The social calendar has been extremely busy with routine events such as Mayl, Mahjong, Breakfast with the Brits, the Book Club, Drop in Drinks, Newcomers Coffee Morning and the Walks. There have also been the less frequent, yet very popular quiz nights, and the one-off big events such as the Easter Brunch, Ascot Day, Breast Cancer Think Pink Lunch and, of course, the Christmas Party. Our change of venue for our Morning Tea at the Kee has gone very well and has been well received by our members. It is also lovely to see some new events on our calendar, such as the new Photography group, facilitated by Emily and Sigrid, the 10k monthly fitness walk and the new craft activities, such as the pottery and jewellery making workshops. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with any of these events, and special thanks to Victoria and the Walks team, Catherine and Candia and the Book Club group, Tracey and the Mayl team, Karen and the Mahjong team, Bonita for Morning Tea at the Kee, and Selina, Gillian and the social team for many of the social events.

An important part of our work this year has been the Community Outreach. I am delighted to report to members that this year, Brits Abroad has supported the following charities - Heart to Heart, Shanghai Baby Home, Shanghai Young Bakers, Shanghai Sunrise and Chinese Global Alliance Cancer Charity. Our donations in 2018 have totalled 90,000 RMB. There was also the outstanding collection of baby clothes for Heart to Heart at the Christmas Party too. This is a fantastic achievement and on behalf of all our charities, thank you.

We have also seen some improvements in recent months with our Discounts Programme. Sharon and Lisa have been working hard to develop our range of discount providers and Philip Crispin has made some small adjustments to the web-site so that we can now insert discount codes for our members to use.

Brits Abroad Shanghai continues to liaise with the British Consulate and with the British Chamber and we have enjoyed excellent relationships with other expat associations. We welcomed the opportunity to showcase our organisation at the Expat Show in September and at some of the international schools' open mornings, where we recruited a significant number of new members.

Our biggest priority for the coming year is to develop further our WeChat Subscription account, and hopefully move more towards payments using WeChat or Ali Pay and issue membership cards electronically for 2020. We are also always seeking to recruit members to lead events or support at events. I hope we can encourage you to do this.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President of Brits Abroad Shanghai and I am deeply proud of all that has been achieved. Without fail, when it is time for people to move on, they unreservedly say that Brits Abroad has been deeply important to them and they will remember us with great fondness. I hope you feel the same and I trust that you will enjoy reading this Annual Report.

With thanks to all our members for your support.

Stephanie Quayle
President 2018/19

2. Membership

The calendar year of 2018 saw a total of 411 members. This breaks down into 170 families consisting of 326 adults and 85 children. We have maintained 66% Full Membership (British) and 34% Associate Membership made up of members from 18 other nationalities, this is well within our constitution.

The membership fee remained at 300 RMB per family for the year. For new members who joined after 1st July the fee was 200 RMB. As in the previous year we agreed to offer a further reduction rate of 100 RMB for new members who signed up at the Expat show in September and new members thereafter. This allowed people to join in Brits Abroad events and encourage them to continue their membership.

Membership sign up and renewal was available at almost all events including Morning Tea at the KEE, Breakfast with the Brits, Meet and Greet Coffee Morning and Mayl.

An overview of the Membership for 2018

Month	Renewals	New
January 2018	13	1
February	6	3
March	3	3
April	3	4
May	0	2
June	0	2
July	0	2
August	0	5
September	10	31
October	0	8
November	25	3
December	25	0

Ginny Cunningham
Membership Co-ordinator

3. Social

The social calendar has been extremely busy in 2018/2019. There has been a host of routine events, such as Breakfast with the Brits, Newcomers Coffee at Costa, Drop in Drinks, Informative Walks and Coffee at the Waldorf now Tea at the Kee Club. We have added even more events such as a Photography Club, Pottery & Jewellery workshops, Gin & Wine tasting evenings, and a 10K Any Day Power walk. Of course, we must not forget our glamorous one-off special events marking special dates and celebrations in the calendar such as Ascot, Breast Cancer Awareness and Christmas.

Drop in Drinks

This has been hosted at a variety of venues including - Pop at 3 on the Bund, Cottons and Abbey Road, to name but a few, traditionally on the last Friday of each month. It is always well attended and popular with partners, giving the chance to meet other members and expand socialising outside of the normal work network. Subsequently friendships and sub groups have been formed, and we hear of numerous arrangements being made independently creating further social events with each others' partners & families. This has been particularly beneficial when one or other partner is out of town, and a support structure is there, keeping the other partner included in events in Shanghai. This year it is our intention to find some new venues that we hope will enable us to explore new bars in the city, whilst enjoying a cold beer, a glass of wine or a favourite cocktail. We look forward to seeing you there.

Breakfast with the Brits

Held at Paulaner in Pudong, this is another monthly event, usually on the third Thursday of each month. It is a sign-up event that has previously been well attended. Even with our recent small group of attendees, the opportunity has been there to chat in a relaxed environment and really get to know other members. We are catered with a delicious spread of breakfast dishes including scrambled eggs, cheeses and cold meats, as well as an excellent range of pastries, representing excellent value for money for our members. We have particularly enjoyed our breakfast when we can sit outside and enjoy the pleasant weather, looking out over the river and reminding ourselves that we are having breakfast in Shanghai. We are investigating alternating venues between Pudong and Puxi with a view to offering a lunchtime event with a theme such as 'lunch around the world' so that more members living further afield can access the venues and experience a variety of cuisine from different countries.

Coffee Morning at the Waldorf/Tea at the KEE

We have enjoyed Coffee Morning at the Waldorf Astoria for a number of years and would like to thank all of our members and sponsors for supporting us; it made this monthly event a huge success. In light of rising costs we regretfully had to move away from the Waldorf, and have now ventured to explore another beautiful venue and created an event called 'Tea at the Kee' on the 3rd floor at the Salon at the Kee Club.



September 2018 saw the move to The KEE Club, a private club on Huaihai Zhong Lu in Puxi. It was chosen to host our monthly Morning Tea, a true traditional British look in the Twin Villas and the feeling of a touch of home. We welcomed our members, both returning and new to the elegant KEE Club. We enjoy a delicious morning tea of delicate sandwiches, croissant, fruit and of course a traditional scone with cream and jam. We are hosted in the beautiful eclectic Red Salon where we are surrounded with spectacular contemporary and modern art that is displayed and changed with new artists every few months.



Our members also enjoyed a guided tour of the Kee Club in all its splendour, they particularly liked the Gentleman's Smoking Room with vintage motor car and clothing memorabilia and the fireplace which is adorned with the front slice of an old Aston Martin racing car. We welcomed representatives from the charities we support and presented

donation cheques to Heart to Heart and the Shanghai Young Bakers. We also had vendors for our members to do a little Christmas shopping.

Bonita Frost

Tea at the KEE coordinator

Quiz Night

The fierce but friendly Quiz Night held at the Park Tavern is extremely popular and the sign-up for this event is always prompt. Everyone who has been involved in the setting of the questions has made our brains work overtime and there have been some very challenging rounds. It's always great when people think 'out of the box.' We are looking to reformat the event and host even more quiz nights in 2019.

Silver Jewellery Workshop



Augusmith is one of many craft workshops on the top floor of Reel Mall, where an array of various types of workshops are available to groups of approximately 10 people. Brits Abroad arranged a concession price for a group booking where attendees were shown how to make a silver ring or necklace of their chosen design. It gave

an insight into how jewellery is made, and was enjoyed by all... so much so that some are returning as soon as possible to make more personal pieces.



10K Any Day Walk

This is a new event, starting in January this year, evolving by popular demand to get out and about and explore the Bund area whilst exercising. The aim is to take a brisk walk along the beautiful new Bund walking path, and to complete an approximate 10km within 2 hours. 47 kilometres of pathway has been opened so far, enabling us to explore along the bund. We will take a new path every month with the aim of eventually having covered the whole circuit. Members are welcome to take the lead and map out their suggested route for us to follow. Simply sign up by the day before and we will create a walker's Wechat group. We will meet up at 10:45 for an 11am prompt start. Walkers will meet up at the arranged time in the morning and can walk at their own pace and enjoy a catch-up with fellow walkers.

Gin Tasting

LaoWines ran a series of master classes with Chase Distillery to introduce their products and explain how they are made and, more importantly, can be drunk. Chase Distillery is a family-run business located in Herefordshire, U.K. They produce a range of award-winning spirits. Founded in 2008 by William Chase, it is the U.K's first single estate distillery and operates a field-to-bottle production process all on one site. This gin event saw Chase Distillery taking

over the tasting room at LaoWines in Jinqiao for an intimate evening where we learnt how to make great gin based drinks and enjoy drinking them! The 150RMB fee included a 100RMB discount off the purchase price of any Chase products that evening.

Coffee Morning Meet & Greet

This event is held 3 times a year at a local coffee shop such as Costa. It enables newcomers to meet existing members and have a casual meet & greet and deal with memberships if needed.

Wine Tasting

A one-off event where the Executive Chef from Seve designed a special menu for a group of 20 Brits Abroad attendees where each course was matched with wines from EMW. East Meets West Fine Wines has been importing quality wines from smaller, independent producers into China since 2003. They won the coveted award for 'Best Wine Importer' by China's Sommeliers Wine Challenge in 2012 and supply the majority of good restaurants and hotels in Shanghai. They are passionate about wines and the 'Wine Educator' discussed the wines being served on the night. In addition there was discounted wines available to purchase on the night. This was an extremely popular bespoke event and was snapped up as soon as it was announced. By popular demand more of these events will be arranged through EMW and also through our contact at Oyster Bay who has advised us they have links with over 70 restaurants that we could choose between.

Ascot Lunch

Another successful annual Ascot charity lunch was held at the private function room of Roof 325, Shanghai History Museum. A set menu included a glass of sparkling wine at reception and a glass of house wine with the meal; additional drinks could be bought at a concession price. The turnout was excellent; the food was amazing and not forgetting the location that was to die for. The sun was shining for our group photo, which showed off the beautiful dresses, hats and fascinators on display. During the event we had a raffle in aid of the Shanghai Baby Home with great prizes. In addition a prize was presented for the best hat!



Breast Cancer Awareness



Brits Abroad hosted our annual charity Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon on Thursday 18th October. It was a great success enjoyed by all. We started the event offering a pink fizz reception, whilst our 64 attendees entered into the spirit - having fun in the photo booth and playing a great game of Bra Pong. The 3 course meal was set in the open dining area at Roof 325, Shanghai History Museum. The building is beautiful and the terrace allowed us to spill out and enjoy sunshine and the views over Peoples Park. The menu had a pink theme, and all choices were absolutely delicious and dessert was a huge hit! The feedback regarding the food was outstanding; everyone complimented the chef and the service, and unanimously felt that we had value for money.

Carol Johnson, our trusty link with raffle donors, exceeded our raffle where we gave away prizes from many local vendors. The support and donations were very generous. Joining our October events together with new and existing members, guests and our friends from other organisations, especially the German Club, we raised a total of 20,000 RMB and selected the Global Chinese Breast Cancer Organisation Alliance to work with, and presented them with 20,000 RMB.



The Royal Wedding on 19th May

We arranged a Jock Straps & Tiaras themed event on the Royal Wedding Day, which also landed on the same day as the FA Cup Final! TV coverage was provided for both. It was the day of the year to enjoy all that's fantastic about being British. The Park Tavern put together a tremendous BBQ and drinks selection for us, and there were certainly some silly outfits on show. It was an event that had something for everyone and proved to be a full house and enjoyed by all.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party, as always, is the highlight of the Brits Abroad social calendar. This year it was held again on the 37th floor of the Four Seasons Hotel, which for the second year, proved to be an excellent venue for our party. The reindeer game was hilarious, the food and wine were lovely as usual and the infamous "musical chairs" was as dangerous as previous years. Thomas the D.J. did a fabulous job of keeping us on the dance floor until the early evening with some brilliant tunes, and after a few more drinks in the lobby of The Four Seasons it was certainly time to go to bed!! What a fabulous event - well done to all the team who worked so hard putting it together.

Social Coordinator - Selina Ruscoe-Price
Deputy Social Coordinator - Gillian Knight

4. Regular Activities

Photography Club

Brits Abroad Photography Club was started in October 2018 by Sigrid and Emily. The club is open to anyone who loves photography and wants to practice and improve. The purpose is to share ideas, tips and tricks in a friendly environment.

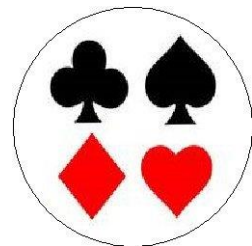
We meet twice every month, usually on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. During the first session of the month, we explore the streets of Shanghai taking photos and practicing a technical skill and a compositional skill. During the second session, we review our photos over a cup of tea and work out what we did well and what we could do better.

So far, we've been to Jiashan market, Fuxing Park, the Bund and the 1933 Slaughterhouse and practiced altering the settings on our cameras to vary the shutter speed, aperture and ISO to alter how our cameras use light for different effects. We've also practiced some composition techniques – using leading lines and the rule of three – to try to improve our photos.

Emily & Sigrid
Photography Club Coordinators

Mayl

The Wednesday afternoon Mayl group has continued strong participation through 2018. The numbers have kept constant and maybe slightly increased. Since taking over in October the numbers per week have averaged at 22 players per week, with one week reaching 29 players.



The Park Tavern is the perfect venue to host Mayl where we have the use of a private room upstairs with adequate tables and chairs. Toby our regular barman makes sure that all players are supplied with a beverage at the start of the session and during play. Angel sometimes helps out at this event in Toby's absence.

We meet weekly at the Park Tavern with many members enjoying lunch together before the card game. All levels of card players are encouraged to join. Beginners are paired up with experienced players to ensure they feel welcome and to quickly learn the rules of the game.

Mayl is a great way to meet fellow Brits Abroad members. Each week participants pick a card to determine which table they will be playing on. By picking cards, members play with different people each week allowing them to get better acquainted with fellow expats and forge new friendships. For only 50 RMB, participants play cards for approximately 3 hours and receive two drinks - coffee, tea and soft drinks. Join us for a fun afternoon of Mayl on Wednesdays!

Tracey Dhinsa
Mayl Co-ordinator

Mahjong



You're in China so why not try your hand at Mahjong? Mahjong is a game that originated in China, but is now played (in varying forms) all over the world. Like the Western card game rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy and calculation and involves a degree of chance... or it's just a fun game for getting to know your fellow Brits Abroad members.

Every Monday afternoon (1:30pm – 4:30pm) we play the British version of Mahjong at the Park Tavern on Hengshan Road. It's a popular event and lots of fun. It's open to everyone and is a great way to relax, chat and meet new people. We have a beginner's table every week so don't worry about not knowing how to play. We only charge a 50 RMB fee to play, which includes beverages for the afternoon and money for the charity pot. Come join us!

Karen Carrington
Mahjong Co-ordinator 2018/2019

Walks

As of April last year Brits Abroad established a new walk's team. Martha Chivers kindly helped us set up the group and informed us on how the walk's group is run. We started our first walk with Alison Thornton around Jinqiao, Pudong with a visit to Pudong's oldest temple and then walked through the Migrant village. We then moved back to the Former French Concession for our May walk run by Sarah Robinson, a Brit's guest who very kindly ran a book club walk – 'The Street of Eternal Happiness' - a fun walk discovering the location of all the character's homes. Janet and Pam ran the June walk where we were taken through the British Settlement. Walks started again after the summer break where Emily led us to discover the New East Bund footpath and the Longhua temple. Our October Breast Cancer walk took us back to the Bund footpath where we dressed in pink and made the 7km trek from the Mercedes Benz Arena down to Lujiazui for a well-deserved lunch. We had some very generous donations from the walk that day, which we were able to add to the overall Breast Cancer charity pot. In November Nicki Titze and Kirsty Hamilton ran the walk. They led us on an historical Art Deco discovery in the Former French Concession.



To kick start the holiday season, Sharon and Bonita took our members in December on a delightful festive adventure around Shanghai's most famous hotels. The Christmas decorations did not disappoint as always.



We are now looking to start up the Brits walk's group for 2019 and we desperately need volunteers to come forward and run a walk. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm for Shanghai and an interest in learning and sharing the history of this ever-changing city.

Victoria van der Putten
Walks Co-ordinator

Book Club

The Book Club continues to be valued as an enjoyable way to interact with other Brits Abroad members. Book Club attendees have enjoyed reading, discussing and hearing a range of interpretations and responses to the same books. Members read from a wide variety of books suggested and agreed by the group. Discussions were informal, lively and friendly. All contributions were warmly received.

Members of the group took turns to host the meetings in their homes. The host provided refreshments and either the host, the person who nominated the book or another group member volunteered to lead the discussion. Meetings usually lasted one and a half hours. One extended meeting for the book *Balzac and the little Chinese Seamstress* included a film, discussion of the book and film, and lunch.

Books read during 2018 included:

The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry; *When We Were Orphans* by Kazuo Ishiguro; *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue; *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders; *Wild Swans: Three Daughters Of China* by Jung Chang; *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff; *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World-and Why Things Are Better Than You Think* by Hans Rosling, Anna Rosling Rönnlund & Ola Rosling; *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid; *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes; *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie, which was intended to be combined with a guided walk, but unfortunately the walk had to be cancelled.

Book club is a monthly event. This year, in order to accommodate a necessary change of the monthly Morning Tea, at the Kee, the book club meeting will swap from the third Tuesday of each month to the fourth Tuesday, commencing February onwards. A break during July and August will again be included, as many members are absent during the summer.

This is a club open to all members of Brits Abroad and can be joined at any time during the year. Twelve members is the maximum manageable number per Book Club meeting. Recently several members have repatriated, therefore the club starts 2019 with eight regular attendees, and another three enquiring about joining.

Candia Allen & Catherine Hogan-Conlon
Book Club Co-ordinators

5. Community Outreach

2018/19 was another interesting year with great achievements from the charities we support and the individual students we help.

There are three main sources for our funds: targeted fundraising from individual events - Breast Cancer lunch, Ascot, Christmas Lunch; funds raised from regular events such as Mahjong and Walks; and ad hoc income from other areas such as 'Junk Your Jiao' and second hand DVD donations.

Beyond these financial contributions, Brits Abroad members have also been very generous with their time. You have collected airline/hotel toiletries for Heart to Heart, and given new children's clothes for Heart to Heart at our 2018 Christmas Lunch. Some members also volunteered their time to support many charities across Shanghai helping children, disabled people and the unemployed.

Here are some of the details about what Brits Abroad members' donations achieved in 2018/19.



Stepping Stones/I-Care – our funding provided eye tests and glasses for migrant children. This will enable children to see properly, immensely improving their chances to learn and do well in school. This in turn improves their chances in life.

We continued the investment with ***Shanghai Sunrise*** and our three students: Huang Liu, Zhang Xiaoxiao and a new student in 2018 - Zhou Yue, who is in grade 11 (photo attached).

Shanghai Baby Home were given the cost towards life altering operations for babies in their care enabling surgery such as cleft palates to be repaired.

Cerecare is a charity that helps children with cerebral palsy. Our donation will help towards the cost of residential care.

Global Chinese Breast Cancer Organization's Alliance is a charity that provides education and helps set up self-help groups of cancer survivors. This funding went towards setting up a new group.

Shanghai Young Bakers were supported to help them train and develop young people making them 'job ready'. This programme is targeted at young people who are doing less well at school and are more likely to achieve less without support.

Eunice Taylor
Community Outreach Coordinator

6. Internal and External Communications

It's been all change in the Brits communications world over the past year. We said a fond farewell to Bev Darle who had been our dedicated Editor-in-Chief of The Wire for the past three years and Melissa Blissett took on the challenge of filling Bev's shoes. Along with Pam Gray, our sharp-eyed proofreader, they have continued to compile features and news to keep the membership up to date with the myriad of monthly events and news. We also had to wave off David Betts-Hollinrake, and James Dyson has now taken up the baton as our IT and website coordinator – welcome James!

Ever keen to keep up with the current trends, and thanks to the efforts of Lisa Zhang who supports the committee with all things communications-driven, we've launched our WeChat Subscription Account. We can now send out the weekly bulletin directly to your smartphone, allowing members to discover and sign-up for the latest events even more conveniently. Scan the QR code and select "Follow" to join us!



So, with the website, our App, Facebook page, the weekly bulletin email, The Wire monthly newsletter and now the WeChat Subscription Account there is no reason to miss out on your favourite event or find out what else has been going on in the Brits family.

With so many communications platforms to choose from now, we will consider streamlining our internal communications offerings in 2019, and see which are the most popular with the membership.

The Wire in particular has remained largely unchanged in recent years, with articles about upcoming and past events and special features about our charity activities. As we progress through the year, do try out the various other formats, and let us know which you use and like, or what you would change. Meanwhile, articles for The Wire are very welcome. Our Editor, Melissa Blissett, is always delighted to receive information and photos from members; so if you've enjoyed an activity or have a story to tell, do please contact her.



Finally, don't forget about our members' request facility. Members are encouraged to use this feature to ask for help from fellow Brits Abroad members. All you need to do is fill in

the form on the website and we'll post your request in the weekly bulletin. For specific enquiries or to contact the committee do use our Hotmail account: britsabroad57@hotmail.com. Just put a description of your enquiry in the subject line to direct it to the appropriate person.

Mellissa Blissett
Communications

7. Financial Report

**BRITABSABROADSHANGHAI FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

<u>INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018</u>	<u>RMB</u>	<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	<u>31/12/17</u>	<u>31/12/18</u>
			<u>*****RMB</u>	<u>*****RMB</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		Bank/safe	87,583	93,000
Mayl	50,785	Cash	25,969	25,699
Mahjong	7,510	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>113,552</u>	<u>118,699</u>
Special Events	47,072			
Quiz	1,455	<u>NET INCREASE</u>		5,147
Membership	31,400			
Walks	5,150			
Donations	793			
Vendors at the Kee	600			
	<u>144,765</u>			
<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>DONATIONS IN 2018</u>		<u>*****RMB</u>
Mayl	31,608	Stepping Stones		25,000
Mahjong	4,560	Shanghai Sunrise		15,000
Special Events	5,694	Shanghai Baby Home		20,000
Waldorf Coffee	4,420	Cerecare		10,000
Admin	1,926	Breastcancer		<u>20,000</u>
Tea at the Kee	1,410			<u>90,000</u>
Charity Donations	90,000			
	<u>139,618</u>			
<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>5,147</u>			

We have had a successful year, which resulted in a surplus of 5,147 RMB, after making donations of 90,000 RMB. Balance sheet is very healthy too; we have assets of 118,699 RMB.

8. Public Relations & Marketing

Brits Abroad very much deserves the excellent reputation it has amongst the expat communities in Shanghai. We have continued during 2018 to promote Brits Abroad to new members, sponsors and the wider community. In addition to running a stand at the 2018 Expat Show, we have also been present at many international school events, introducing Brits Abroad to new audiences whilst celebrating our work with established members too.

Many of our members have attended British themed activities and events in Shanghai, including the British Chamber's St. Patrick's Ball and St. Andrew's Ball.

9. The Brits Abroad Team

The Committee members and representatives who served during 2018/19 are set out below:

The Committee

President	Stephanie Quayle
Vice President	Melissa Blissett
Vice President	Eunice Taylor
Treasurer	Christel Adriaenssen
Secretary	Sharon McIntosh
Social Coordinator	Anne Witherspoon (Apr. 18 – Jul. 18)
	Selina Ruscoe-Price (Aug. 18 – 2019)
Deputy Social Coordinator	Gillian Knight (Sept. 18 – 2019)
Membership Secretary	Ginny Cunningham
Community Outreach Coordinator	Eunice Taylor
The Wire Editor	Melissa Blissett
Website Coordinator	David Betts-Hollinrake (Mar. –Nov 2018)
	James Dyson (Nov. 2018 – 2019)
Public Relations/Advertising/Discounts Coordinator	

The Representatives

Walks Coordinator	Victoria van de Putten
Book Club Coordinator	Candia Allen/Catherine Hogan-Conlon
Mahjong Coordinator	Karen Carrington
May I Coordinator	Kerry Cowart (Mar. 2018 – Sep. 2018)
	Tracey Dhinsa (Sep. 2018 – 2019)
Proofreader	Pam Gray

Together with the above, Brits Abroad are lucky to have a host of other volunteers who give their energy, time, enthusiasm, advice and help to make the Brits Abroad community a welcoming, active and fun place to be.

Without the help of all of the above our many events and activities would not be able to continue – thank you.

Brits Abroad Committee March 2018 to 2019

10. Appendix 1

Charity	Charity description	Use	Amount	Year	Month
Shanghai Young Bakers	A charity which takes young, people who would struggle to get into college or work and train them as bakers. They are then given work placement in 5 star hotels or equivalents and helped to obtain stable well-paid jobs.	To help with the costs of trainees	CN¥20,000	2019	January
Global Chinese Breast Cancer Organization's Alliance	Since 2015, they initiated the "Pink China Movement" through which they offer continuous and comprehensive training and to set up new support groups especially in the less developed cities.	"Seed Funding" (Start-up Funding) is granted to the group to assist them to start up.	CN¥20,000	2018	December
Cerecare	Children with cerebral palsy		CN¥10,000	2018	September
Shanghai Baby Home	A residential home and aftercare for babies undergoing surgery at SHCMC	An operation	CN¥20,000	2018	June
Shanghai Sunrise	Further education for secondary school children that can't afford to go to school	2 students continuing onto university and our other student to continue at high school for 18/19	CN¥15,000	2018	June
Stepping Stones	I-Care Project*	Providing eye tests and glasses for children in rural schools	CN¥25,000	2018	Feb/Mar
TOTAL			CN¥110,000		

** note this donation was mentioned in 2017/18 annual report but although the work was carried out in this period the cash was actually issued in 2018/19.*