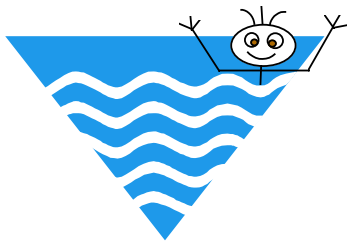


# The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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The Trust, known as **WAVES**, was set up as a memorial to Kerrigan Savage who died in a motor accident in April 1996 in Nairobi, Kenya. He was 26 years old. He had become aware of the plight of so many disadvantaged children, in the UK and in Kenya, and the need to preserve and protect wildlife. A charity to operate in these two spheres provides a fitting tribute. **WAVES** focuses on bringing some pleasure and some fun to children and in doing so to provide them with "hope for a better life". So many children simply never get the chance to be children.

**Why is the Trust called WAVES?** An individual's impact can be judged like a pebble dropped in a pool. The waves go out to the bank and are reflected back to make an ever-increasing number and variety of waves – be they good or bad. Kerrigan made a good, big splash and his waves continue to touch many lives in the UK and in Kenya.

Our logo shows the water and in the waves there is the figure of Kerrigan illustrated as he always drew himself. On letters and cards that he sent home from his travels this little person would be there, waving happily to all his friends and family.

**In Kenya WAVES** supports the Mukuru Promotion Centre, run by the Sisters of Mercy, and the Ruben Centre, run by the Christian Brothers which provide education, skills training, community development, healthcare and food in the Nairobi slums.



**WAVES** provided 3 playing fields in deprived areas of Nairobi at St Elizabeth's Primary School in Lunga Lunga, Ruben School in Ruben slum, and in the Mukuru slums at St. Bakhita School. Each field is surrounded by trees, a rarity in the slums.

An annual **Mukuru Kerrigan Challenge Cup** football tournament (Boys and Girls) between the four Mukuru slum primary schools and the Street Children Centre (Boys) takes place in May / June each year, when 2500 children attend. Finalists receive a T shirt and a certificate; winners also receive much prized **WAVES** caps, and there are Fair Player awards for both the boys and the girls.

**The cost of the competition is £300 per annum.**

**An education sponsorship scheme for children from the Nairobi slums** was launched in January 2001. The children come from Mukuru and Ruben schools. Secondary education is beyond the means of a slum family. 3 boys and 2 girls are receiving secondary education sponsored by **WAVES** supporters. 34 students have now successfully completed their KCSE exams.

**The cost is £325 per child per year, or £1300 for the 4 years of study that lead to the Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (the KCSE).**

To give the very best chance for a young person to gain employment and to support themselves and their family dependents, further education is an ideal. Accordingly **WAVES** sponsors tertiary education for students who do well in their KCSE exams, at state university or for qualifications such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA). 10 students are in tertiary education, 19 have completed and qualified, while 2 students await a college place.

**The cost of a tertiary education scholarship at a state university is around £650 per annum**



As well as educational support, consistent with our wishes to give the children some fun, we support where funds allow, **extra curricular activities such as Gymnastics, Music and Scouting**. Scouting is particularly popular with the boys at the Mukuru Streetboy Centre and the camping and hiking activities **WAVES** provides encourages team spirit and self-discipline. Scouting is an invaluable aid in rehabilitating the boys back into family life and into school or work. Ruben school has active scout and guide troops that receive support for activities from **WAVES**. The uniforms are made in the skills centre and worn with great pride. School choirs, with attendance funded by **WAVES**, have done well in national competitions, as have gymnastics teams.

**The cost of a Scout Camp for 4 days for 32 scouts is around £30 per head**

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At the Giraffe Centre at Langata, Nairobi, **the African Fund for Endangered Wild life (AFEW)**, is dedicated to educating Kenyan youth in the conservation of the environment and preservation of endangered wild life and their habitats. **WAVES** sponsors disadvantaged Kenyan children to go on educational safaris, organised by AFEW.

**The cost of a 7-day safari is £175 per child.**

To foster and encourage the spread of knowledge amongst children in Kenya about care of their environment, **AFEW** run courses to show teachers from all over Kenya the best ways to teach environmental science. On completion of their training teachers are required to run projects with their children to demonstrate what they have learned. The funding for the projects in poorer schools is provided by **WAVES**. Tree nurseries, vegetable gardens and fish ponds are favourite enterprises. The projects develop and grow over time promoting an understanding by the schoolchildren of the importance of sustainable environmental conservation.



**Our project fund is £2000 pa.**

**WAVES** organises, through AFEW, **ecology day trips for street children, slum school children, and the youngest Starehe students** to visit the Nairobi National Park, the Giraffe Centre, the Crocodile and Ostrich Park and the orphaned baby elephants at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. The trips are fun and also educational, fostering an appreciation of the Kenyan wild life. 1000 children per annum enjoy these trips.

**The cost of taking children on this day trip is £4 per child**

At the northern edge of the Nairobi National Park, the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT)** runs an animal orphanage. Baby elephants need constant 24-hour care for their first two years of life. **WAVES** contributes towards the salary of a keeper, all of whom have remarkable elephant empathy.

**The cost of a keeper is £140 - £250 per month**

In the Tsavo National Park, where the young elephants from DSWT are introduced back into the wild, snaring has a major detrimental effect on the animal population. Currently 8 desnaring teams encourage the local communities to recognise and take care of their heritage by giving wildlife presentations and explaining the importance of conservation. Support is given to schools in the communities by the **Outreach Programme**, where **WAVES** donates desks, text and wildlife books and sports equipment to primary schools, and sponsors school field trips into Tsavo. **WAVES** funds an annual **Sports Day**, football for the boys and netball for the girls, for 4 rural primary schools around Tsavo.



**£10 provides a child with books for Maths and English. Books about wildlife cost £20 each. £40 will buy a new desk. A school trip into Tsavo by bus costs £250, or £10 per child. A sports day costs around £900.**



**Starehe Boys Centre**, motto *Natulenge Juu* (Aim High), is a charitable organisation which gives education to gifted boys from severely disadvantaged backgrounds who are either orphaned or from one-parent families. Academically this boarding school rates as the one of the best boys' schools in Kenya. Most Starehe boys will qualify for university. **WAVES** is sponsoring 1 Starehe pupil through school and 2 through university. Four **WAVES** sponsored young men have graduated and all are now successfully pursuing their professional careers.

**The cost of sponsoring a boy at Starehe is £1090 per year (for 4 years) and then £650 per year for state university.**

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