



THE UNIVERSITY OF
BUCKINGHAM

CAMPAIGN FOR FREE THINKING

2016 Impact Report



“

This University would simply not exist without the generosity of its benefactors. You have sustained us for forty years. Heartfelt thanks, on behalf of our whole community – past, present and future – for everything that you have given to the University of Buckingham.”

Anthony Seldon

Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor

GIVING TO SUCCESS

During 2016 the University received gifts and grants of £12.68 million, including its largest ever gift of £5.5 million from Lord Vinson. The £150 million Campaign for Free Thinking was conceived and launched.

Our Vice-Chancellor, Sir Anthony Seldon, arrived in September 2015, with aspirations to secure Buckingham's position as **one of the finest and most innovative independent universities in the world**.

Philanthropy is playing a bigger role than ever. Thanks to a gift from longstanding supporter, Brian Kingham, the activities of the development office have been sustained.

There are four themes:

- **The Vice-Chancellor's Fund** – for discretionary projects
- **People** – bursaries, scholarships and fellowships
- **Buildings** – to transform the campus
- **Innovative new courses**

The Campaign for Free Thinking will transform the campus, double the number of students and create breakthrough courses.



Architect's impression of the new Medical School building in Milton Keynes, Feilden & Mawson

PEOPLE

During the year, around £550,000 was committed towards bursaries.

“The University offers a supportive environment for all students. Everyone is made to feel welcome in our stimulating, caring and diverse educational community.”

Scholarship and bursary provision has been greatly enhanced thanks to a major benefaction from the Linbury Trust towards the new PPE (philosophy, politics and economics) course, which started in September 2016.

There are opportunities to support students at many levels: bursaries, scholarships, or prizes.

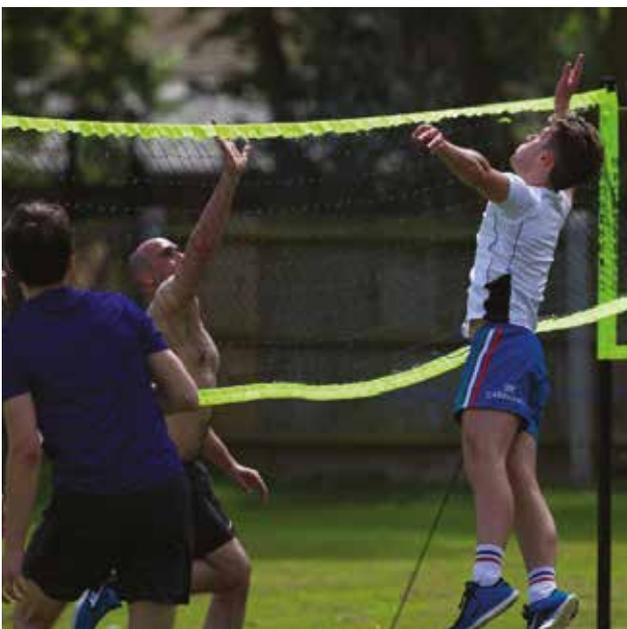
The bursary fund is the perfect way for former students to support someone following in their footsteps.



Left: Dr Joanne Selway, Lead for Equality and Diversity, Senior Lecturer

Below left: 40th anniversary sports day, 2016

Below right: Alakhiwe Ndlovu receiving a book bursary from Dean Jones, Development Co-ordinator





KINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP



“I found a University and course that felt right. I was in full-time work. Finding the fees was a struggle and then along came the Kingham Scholarship. I’d never have fulfilled the dream of a lifetime without it. Thanks to kindness of a complete stranger, I’ve gained the skills and confidence to start my own business while I study.”

Elizabeth Smith

Final Year BBE Student and Kingham Scholar

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Unrestricted Funding For Unrestricted Thinking



BUILDINGS

Lord Vinson, entrepreneur and co-founder of the Centre for Policy Studies, has made a gift of £5.5 million jointly to the University of Buckingham and the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA).

Now the University has been awarded a grant of £3m by the Buckinghamshire and Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP).

The Vinson Building will provide a hub for teaching and research on free-market economics and offer a new home for the growing number of entrepreneurship students.

The IEA was one of the key forces and guiding spirits behind the foundation of the University and remains closely involved today.

The Vinson gift cements the partnership between the IEA and the University of Buckingham, marking an association that stretches throughout our forty-year history.

Top: Lord Vinson in the 1980s

Below: New Centre on Hunter St, architect's impression, Panther Hudspath



BUILDINGS

A £2m grant from the government's Local Growth Fund was made, via the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), towards the new medical school Academic Centre building in Milton Keynes.

Building work is under way. Work started in Autumn 2016. The centre is due to open in January 2018.



During the year, Ondaatje Hall and its fine 17th-century garden — the gift of Sir Christopher Ondaatje — has become a major new centre for seminars, fireside chats, hospitality, and even theatre. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was performed in the garden, directed by Professor Alistair Alcock.

The University is a valuable cultural centre for Buckingham and the surrounding area, and brings a wealth of speakers, events and productions to the town.





Pictured: Tony Yablon, Ralph's son

REMEMBERING BUCKINGHAM

YABLON PORTRAIT

We were delighted to welcome the families of Ralph Yablon and Sir Arthur Driver, both of whom contributed to the University in its formative years.

The families unveiled portraits of the two men, whose philanthropy and vision made such a difference here, and remind us forever of their generosity. A wonderful day demonstrated the strength of family that there is at the University.

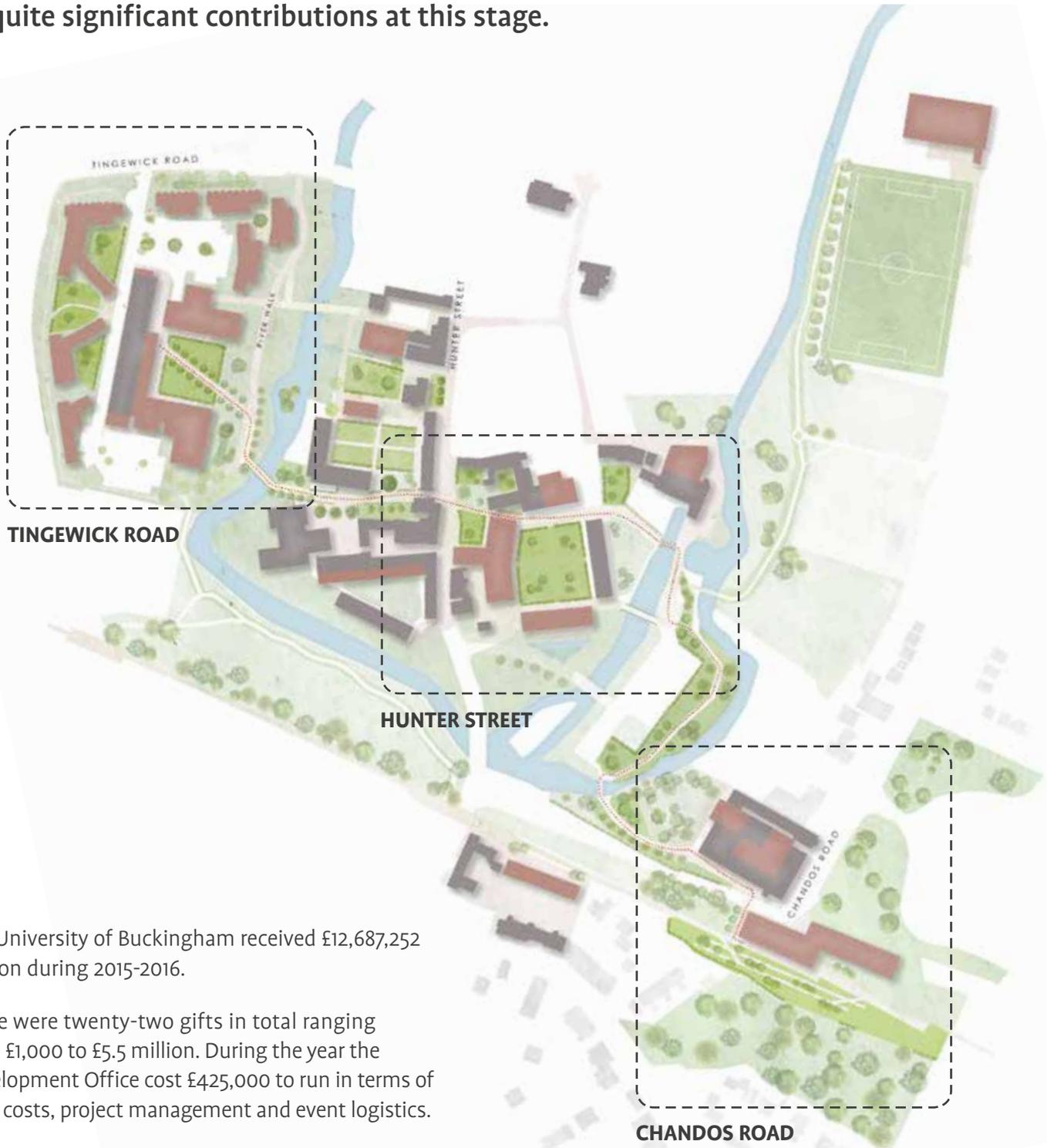
RONALD STACEY BEQUEST

The University recently received, via the Buckinghamshire-based Foundation, a bequest from Ronald Stacey. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Stacey and his family and to the Chairman, Ian Plaistowe and the Trustees of the University of Buckingham Foundation for all that they do.

The bequest will be of great consequence as we embark on setting up a programme and tax-efficient foundation in the USA, and and works towards other curriculum initiatives.

GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The first year of the Campaign for Free Thinking has focused on setting up – what might be called the ‘quiet phase’. It is typical to have a small number of quite significant contributions at this stage.



The University of Buckingham received £12,687,252 million during 2015-2016.

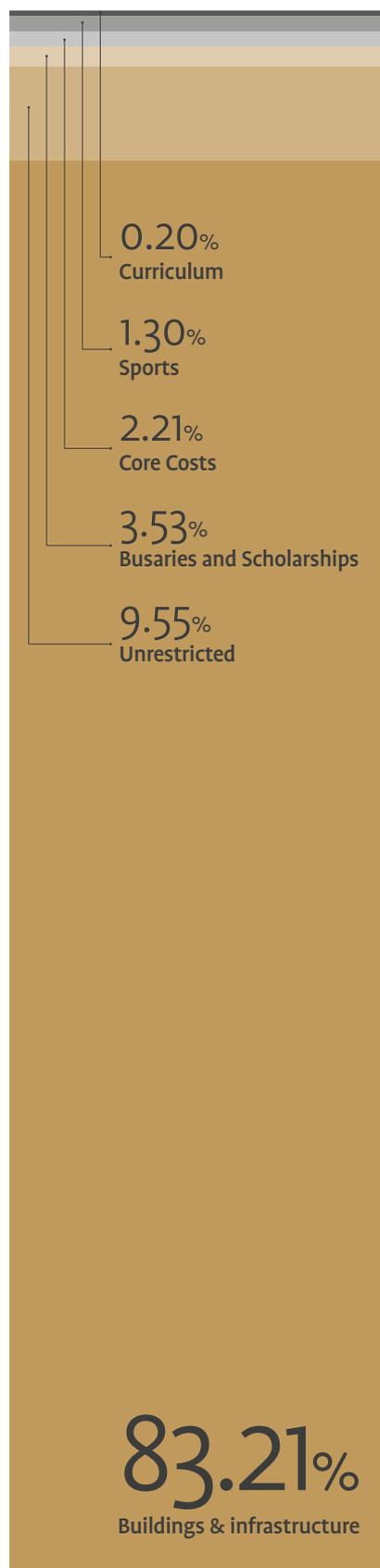
There were twenty-two gifts in total ranging from £1,000 to £5.5 million. During the year the Development Office cost £425,000 to run in terms of staff costs, project management and event logistics.

There was an emphasis on buildings (83%). During the year, preparations were made to launch a bond for £30 million to transform the campus in Buckingham.

BREAKDOWN (OF GIFTS AND GRANTS)

SOURCE	£'S VALUE	DESTINATION
Brian Kingham	£250,000	Core costs
SEMLEP	£2,000,000	Medical School
BTVLEP	£3,000,000	Entrepreneurship
Linbury Trust	£216,000	Bursaries
Anon	£1,000,000	Unrestricted
Richard Hoare	£20,000	Unrestricted
Jonathan Shapiro	£20,000	Institute for Advanced Sports Studies
Nigel Vinson Family Trust	£5,557,039	Liberal Economics
Anon	£10,000	Unrestricted
Bequest (via Foundation)	£150,000	Unrestricted
Various unrestricted	£11,281	Various
Tavolozza Foundation GGMBH	£20,000	History of Art Scholarships
PND London Ltd	£20,000	History of Art Scholarships
BGRF	£30,000	Clore Lab Research Position
Matthew Proud	£165,000	Sports
Amesbury Archaeology Fund	£6,000	Archaeology
Brian Kingham	£40,000	Kingham Scholarships, BBE
FACET Trust	£20,000	Unrestricted
University of Buckingham Foundation	£85,932	Scholarships
Santander Scholarships	£65,000	Scholarships
Ede & Ravenscroft Prize	£1,000	
Gift aid	£72,500	
TOTAL	£12,687,252v	

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