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INTRODUCTION

Adventure Projects Trust is registered with the Charity Commissioners, registration number 1047928, and is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 24th July 1995. Its address is at 36A The Knoll, Brixworth, Northampton NN6 9HY.

The current Trustees of the charity are: -

Mr. Garryl Willis (Chairperson)

Mr. Richard Johnson

Mr. Benjamin Johnson

AIM OF THE TRUST

The aim of the trust is, “to promote the advancement of the Christian religion and to provide recreational facilities in Uganda and elsewhere to persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, poverty or social and economic circumstances with the objective of improving their conditions of life.”

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST

The initial objectives of the trust are: -

- the establishment of a residential activities centre called Discovery Centre at Hope Land near to Jinja in Uganda.
- the delivery of programmes and activities that promote a positive Christian lifestyle particularly in relation to AIDS, to the young people of Uganda.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND IMPACT OF COVID

Covid restrictions have had a major impact on the finances of the Trust. As mentioned in the previous year's report severe measures had to be taken to reduce expenditure, as income had dropped dramatically. Fortunately, the response to the, "Bridging the Gap Together" appeal in the last financial year was very encouraging and alleviated some of the pressures. The starting balance to this year's accounts was £9,587.

During the first part of the financial year the pressures in the finance area were still intense, with remaining staff still only receiving 50% of their normal salary, so the 2020 Christmas Appeal was launched to help address this. The response to this appeal "Let's Bless the D.C. Team this Christmas", was again very encouraging.

In addition to this encouragement, a major supporter also resumed their support, which enabled the staff deficit accumulated over several months to be restored- this was very gratefully received.

The financial year ended with a balance of £20,222. Although this is a healthy amount, the Trustees are very aware that income in the coming year from visiting local groups is still likely to be very much reduced, and we anticipate no international groups will be coming for at least another full year.

U-UKSLP Community Interest Company is the means through which finances for international groups are managed, and as no groups visited in the last year, no income was received. (In the previous financial year, it had contributed £7,750). As mentioned, no income from that source is expected this coming financial year. £650 had to be transferred to U-UKSLP Community Interest Company to cover accountancy fees for the annual accounts – which still needed to be completed officially despite there being no income or expenditure.

There is an outstanding liability of £3,500, being a loan from one of the trustees to help with installation of a solar power electricity system, held over from the 2018-19 financial year.

The Trust has been able to forward £29,600 to support the work in Uganda. The larger part of this, approximately £25,200, was used for the general running of Discovery Centre (D.C.) which included staff support, labour costs, maintenance, and repair.

Of the remainder most was used to support the local community with feeding programmes - £1,900, school fees - £1,200, and the completion of building classrooms for a local primary school - £1,300.

STAFF

It has not been an easy time with all the Covid restrictions that have been in place in Uganda. We are so grateful to Immaculate who leads Discovery Centre with her husband Godfrey, who despite challenges have remained resolute and determined in leading the team. Likewise, the team have been brilliant in their dedication and commitment, for which we are extremely grateful.

We are also very grateful to Leo Kiwanuka, one of the national leaders of Youth With A Mission (Uganda), who is the link person between Discovery Centre and the YWAM

national leadership team. His wisdom and advice in this challenging year has been particularly invaluable.

Two long standing members of staff left D.C. during the year; we are sorry to see them go but it is right for them to move on as their careers and life journeys further develop. Godfrey (Blackman) has been a very faithful and dependable member staff, with a particular interest in football. Israel has been a very committed worker, always very cheerful and going the “extra mile”. He is due to be married to Daphine in October of this year and we wish them well for their future. Daphine, who is also a currently a staff member at D.C., will leave when they marry.

GROUND

Although the numbers of visitors to D.C. has been greatly reduced this year, the grounds have been kept in a very good condition. We are grateful to staff member Philip Abels who has taken responsibility for this and now directs the work that needs to be done. With the reduction in the grounds team, the grass cutting is now contracted out as and when it is needed. This has proved to be less costly.

Following the recommendations from two senior staff of N.A.Y.C. (Northampton Association of Youth Clubs) when they visited D.C., improvements have been made to the challenge course, strengthening the zip wire tower and implementing further safety measures.

ACTIVITIES

Schools have been closed for much of the last year, so many of the related on-going activities have been significantly reduced; however, as Covid restrictions have allowed at times, they have taken place. This has included the computer skills course, Motivate activities and the Arise and Shine group.

Football has continued for much of the time, and we are very grateful to Brian Tattu who has taken up the mantle from Godfrey for leading this ministry. He is doing a great job and things are developing well.

A football tournament was held in May for about two hundred youth, and we are very grateful to Dan De Silva from Hawaii for sponsoring this.

Some local groups have been able to visit, including the “Boys Mentorship” who are regular annual visitors. Due to Covid restrictions their numbers were reduced, and they were accommodated in tents rather than using the accommodation inside.

Unfortunately, no international groups visited, again due to Covid restrictions.

COMMUNICATIONS

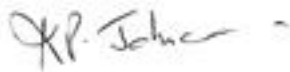
Although it has been challenging this year, one of the positive aspects has been the improvement in communications. Investment was made in purchasing some tablets which has resulted in the ability to use “Zoom”, enabling effective communication between Uganda and the UK.

This includes regular weekly management meetings, bimonthly meetings with teachers who have been involved with the International sixth – form conferences held at D.C., and also the annual Friends of D.C. meeting which was held virtually.

CONCLUSION

Although it has been a challenging year, D.C. is in a good place and ready to pick up again as Covid restrictions diminish.

The Trustees would also like to thank all the many supporters of Discovery Centre, particularly those who pray for the Centre and its work; however foremost we thank God for His continued goodness and blessing to us.



Richard Johnson
On behalf of the Trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1st September 2021

P.S. You can follow what is happening at D.C. by requesting to join the Facebook group **Discovery Centre Uganda** or for more general information see the web site at www.discoverycentreuganda.org

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1. Receipts and Payments: Year to 31st August 2021

	20/21 £	19/20 £
Receipts		
Income from trusts	2,025.00	1,000.00
Income from organisations	19,828.19	9,559.50
Income from individuals	9,377.47	16,300.86
Income from companies	0.00	8,780.00
Income from web giving	6,700.11	2,472.30
Gift Aid Recovered	2,954.75	3,054.50
Total Receipts	40,885.52	41,167.16
Payments		
Funds forwarded to Uganda	29,600.00	33,100.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	90.00
To U-UKSLP CIC	650.00	0.00
Total Payments for year	30,250.00	33,190.00
Balance for the year	10,635.52	7,977.16
Bank balance at 31 st August 2020	9,587.13	1,609.91
Bank balance at 31 st August 2021	20,222.65	9,587.13

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st August 2021

Monetary Assets		
Bank balance current account	20,222.65	9,587.13
Liabilities		
Loans	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total Monetary Assets	16,722.65	6,087.13

Other Assets

None



Mr. R.P.Johnson

On behalf of the trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1st September 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Adventure Projects Trust (charity registration 1047928) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 3 January 2022