

# ***ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST***

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

Due to the generosity of Discovery Centre supporters and keeping an extremely tight control on expenditure during the previous financial year, the 2021-2022 financial year started with a balance of £20,222.

With the removal of Covid restrictions residential groups from within Uganda have returned, however, with one exception no international groups have visited. Therefore for another year no income was received from U-UKSLP Community Interest Company, which administers the trips. (Pre-Covid this source was contributing approximately £7500 annually to the running of the Centre).

The financial year ended with a balance of £14,417. During the year an outstanding loan of £3,500 was able to be paid back, so the charity at the end of this financial year had no outstanding liabilities.

The Trust has been able to forward £32,250 to support the work in Uganda. The larger part of this, approximately £23,300, was used for the general running of Discovery Centre (D.C.) which included staff support, labour costs, and general maintenance, and repair. Of the remainder approximately £4000 was used to fund the conversion of the garage into a dormitory (see 2021 Christmas Appeal), £3,100 to fund the upgrade of the staff house, the re-thatching of the meeting hut and adding an air conditioning unit to the recording studio. Approximately £1850 was spent on supporting children with school fees.

As mentioned, no income U-UKSLP is expected this coming financial year. £400 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.

## **STAFF**

As has been said previously, the staff at D.C. are by far its greatest asset, they are very much appreciated for who they are and what they have achieved. The staff are led by Immaculate, complemented by her husband Godfrey. Both lead by example, which really enhances the quality of the team at D.C. who work with immense commitment and dedication.

Particular mention must be made of Philip and Roselyn; both have served so faithfully at D.C. for many years. Their contribution to the success of D.C. is greatly valued and we hope it may continue for years to come.

During the year we were sad to say “goodbye” to Sandrine who had served so faithfully looking after the D.C. accounts. She is now in Switzerland doing a counselling course. We are very thankful to Donald who has come on board to fill the gap left by Sandrine in doing the accounts.

Another new member of staff is Sarah, who arrived towards the end of 2021; she has settled in well and is now fully part of the team. Recently we were very pleased to welcome Israel and his wife Daphne back onto the staff team. Both served faithfully at D.C. before they were married.

We are also very grateful to Leo Kiwanuka, one of the national leaders of Youth With A Mission (Uganda), who has been the link person between Discovery Centre and the YWAM national leadership team for many years. His wisdom and advice when challenges occur is greatly valued.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

As mentioned above the 2021 Christmas Appeal was to raise funds in order to complete the conversion of the garage into a dormitory. This has been completed and is now in use. It will give a further thirty beds or so, enabling larger groups to be accommodated.

Extensive upgrading of the staff house also took place with the replacing of ceilings which had some water damage, and replacing units in the kitchen. The roof of the meeting hut was also rethatched. The meeting hut is a very valuable resource as it is used as a base for sports activities and also for meetings away from the main building of D.C.

We were very thankful for the funding to enable an air conditioning unit to be installed in the recording studio, this will make it much more comfortable working there.

We are very appreciative of Philip who oversees the care of the D.C. grounds - these are very well kept and visitors often remark on their beauty. This beautiful setting has attracted a number of wedding receptions which have been held at D.C. during the year.

The farm continues to be productive, however there has been a change in cropping. The large banana plantation remains, but most of the rest of the ground has been planted with casava. The labour input is less, and the crop is sold off “in the ground” on a contract which is more profitable than other crops such as maize that has been grown before.

## **ACTIVITIES**

With Covid restrictions removed schools are now back and this has enabled many of the school ministries to resume. The computer studies have recommenced — groups of children from local primary schools have the opportunity to learn basic computing skills. The Notivate song writing and performance program, which continued with individual students during lockdown, has been revitalised and now five primary school groups are involved.

Our grateful thanks goes to Roselyn and the team that run the regular “Arise and Shine” children’s group on Saturday afternoons, making a really positive input into the children’s lives.

A new sports program initiative has begun. Each month a school is invited to have a whole day of sports at D.C. This has proved to be very popular as the facilities are often limited at many schools. There are regularly over two hundred students visiting at a time. In addition to this the D.C. team visit local schools, encouraging sports and taking the opportunity to speak to and encourage the students.

Football continues to be very popular with regular training sessions and matches. There have also been occasional big football tournaments held at D.C. involving both male and female teams. Grateful thanks to Brian for leading this popular ministry.

## **SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

The strapline for D.C. is “a place of blessing” that not only applies to D.C. but also to spreading out to the local community. Staff have frequently visited local communities giving out food and speaking words of encouragement.

Children’s clothes have been distributed that have been made by students from a school in the UK. A Friend of D.C. also financed the building of a new latrine block at a local school. The headteacher and students were extremely grateful for this, as the old one was in a very sorry state of disrepair.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

One of the exciting developments for the coming year will be the running of the first D.T.S. at D.C. The D.T.S. (Discipleship Training School) is a 5-6 month residential course and is the foundational course for YWAM (Youth With A Mission). The one to be held at D.C. will focus on sports.

We have been very encouraged by others who are involved in similar enterprises in other parts of the world, including Nsereko Wilberforce, a Ugandan living in Sweden who has developed a dedicated website for the school. [www.sportsdtsuganda.org](http://www.sportsdtsuganda.org)

Communications with Uganda are now very reliable, particularly using “WhatsApp” or “Zoom” 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. It is hoped that further global links can be made.

Another target for the coming year is for international groups to return to D.C., which were prevented due to the Covid pandemic.

Finally, it is hoped that the D.C. website can be updated, as it is getting rather dated at present.

## **CONCLUSION**

Although it has been a challenging year, D.C. is in a good place and ready to move forward again.

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

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

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](http://www.discoverycentreuganda.org)

# ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST

## 1. Receipts and Payments: Year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

	21/22 £	20/21 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Income from trusts	1,510.00	2,025.00
Income from organisations	13,170.00	19,828.19
Income from individuals	12,857.91	9,377.47
Income from companies	0.00	0.00
Income from web giving	0.00	6,700.11
Gift Aid Recovered	2,878.75	2,954.75
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>30,416.66</b>	<b>40,885.52</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Funds forwarded to Uganda	32,250.00	29,600.00
Miscellaneous	71.44	0.00
To U-UKSLP CIC	400.00	650.00
Loans	3,500.00	0.00
<b>Total Payments for year</b>	<b>36,221.44</b>	<b>30,250.00</b>
<b>Balance for the year</b>	<b>-5804.78</b>	<b>10,635.52</b>
Bank balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	20,222.65	9,587.13
Bank balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	14,417.87	20,222.65

## 2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank balance current account	14,417.87	20,222.65
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Loans	0.00	3,500.00
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>14,417.87</b>	<b>16,722.65</b>

### Other Assets

None



Mr. R.P. Johnson

On behalf of the trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

# **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 2022.

## **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.

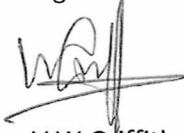
## **Independent examiner's statement**

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: 9 January 2023