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Annual Report 2022-2023

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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

The 2022-2023 financial year started with a balance of £14,417.87 and finished the financial year with a balance of £8,172.65. The charity has no outstanding liabilities.

As with the previous year, the trust received no income from U-UKSLP Community Interest Company, which administers the trips to Discovery Centre. (Pre-Covid this source was contributing approximately £7,500 annually to the running of the Centre). It is hoped that in the coming year this will again generate some income. £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.

We were however pleased to receive donations totalling £2,700 from two other companies, and a major supporter increased their monthly donation in the latter part of the year.

The Trust has been able to forward £39,620 to support the work in Uganda. £1,815 was sent to the Youth With A Mission (Uganda) national office to support their work there; the remainder, £37,805, was forwarded to Discovery Centre. The larger part of this, approximately £32,000, was used for the general running of Discovery Centre (D.C.) which included staff support, labour costs, general maintenance and repair. This was significantly higher than last year, due to inflation and a change in how income tax is applied, which has added significantly to the staff support costs. Of the remainder, approximately £3,200 was used to fund the renovation of the Education Centre (see 2022 Christmas Appeal). Approximately £2,600 was spent on supporting children with school fees.

Regular Activities

The regular activities and ministries at D.C. have continued - these include the children's Arise and Shine group, computer classes, composition and recording of songs with the "Notivate" team, and sports, particularly football.

D.C. was pleased to welcome and accommodate many groups during the year, and in particular those who regularly visit and incorporate the visit into their own established programmes. There have been a number of day visitors who enjoyed the beautiful surroundings, as well as the popular challenge course. As in previous years we have had the joy of hosting some wedding receptions at D.C.

It was hoped that the student international conferences held at D.C. which were postponed due to the Covid situation, would resume this year. This did not materialise, but one is scheduled for November 2023.

Sports D.T.S.

In last year's report we noted that in the coming year Discovery Centre would be hosting its first Sports D.T.S. (Discipleship Training School). The D.T.S. is a 5-6 month residential course and is the foundational course for YWAM (Youth With A Mission).

We are very pleased to report that it did take place and it was very successful. We were privileged to have input from a number of guest speakers, including the CEO of "Kick -Off Sports", Nsereko Wilberforce, who led sessions over Zoom from Sweden.

Refurbishment

With the tropical climate, keeping the buildings and infrastructure in good order can be challenging, so an on-going programme of refurbishment continues.

The Education Centre at D.C. was looking a bit 'tired' after serving us for ten years, so refurbishing the building was the focus of the Christmas 2022 appeal. We are pleased to say that the work is now complete, and the building looks splendid. Thank you so much for the support, it is very much appreciated.

Farm

We have been so blessed with good crops from the farm this year. About three acres of land are cultivated, the main crops being maize, sweet potatoes and cassava. There is also a banana plantation of about seven hundred plants. Some of the produce is used at D.C., with the excess sold.

Communications

Communications with D.C. had previously been problematic. However, with recent technological improvements, communications are now very reliable, with very little interruption, particularly when meetings are held over Zoom. The improved communication methods have resulted in D.C. no longer using a Wi-Fi network.

Links with the YWAM Uganda National Leadership

We are 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 are greatly valued.

Future Developments

It is important to keep all the infrastructure at D.C. in good condition, and as a new financial year begins a number of refurbishment projects have been identified and hopefully will progress to keep things in good order.

One of the great assets of D.C. is its beautiful surroundings and the sense of peace and tranquillity; visitors often say “You can feel the presence of God here”. With this in mind D.C makes an ideal place for groups to use as a base for their own activities and programmes. It is hoped that more groups will take advantage of this in the coming year.

Dedicated Staff Team

None of these activities described above could happen of course without the D.C. staff. We are indebted to these wonderful people, who are so ably led by Immaculate and supported by her husband Godfrey. They are a very dedicated, prayerful team who through their love, service and laughter make D.C. a very special place to visit.

The staff team have strong relationships and function as a “family” and so we must mention the arrival of Natasha to the D.C. family earlier the year. Israel and Daphine joined the D.C. staff some time back, fell in love, were married and now joyfully celebrate the birth of their daughter.

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Conclusion

The Trustees would 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.

R.P. Johnson

Richard Johnson
On behalf of the Trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1st September 2023



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ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST

1. Receipts and Payments: Year to 31st August 2023

	22/23 £	21/22 £
Receipts		
Income from trusts	0.00	1,510.00
Income from organisations	18,183.00	13,170.00
Income from individuals	10,239.47	12,857.91
Income from companies	2,700.00	0.00
Income from web giving	122.08	0.00
Gift Aid Recovered	2,580.50	
2,878.75		
Total Receipts	33,825.05	30,416.66
Payments		
Funds forwarded to Uganda	39,620.00	32,250.00
Miscellaneous	50.27	71.44
To U-UKSLP CIC	400.00	400.00
Loans	0.00	3,500.00
Total Payments for year	40,070.27	36,221.44
Balance for the year	-6,245.22	-5,804.78
Bank balance at 31 st August 2022	14,417.87	20,222.65
Bank balance at 31 st August 2023	8,172.65	14,417.87

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st August 2023

Monetary Assets		
Bank balance current account	8,172.65	14,417.87
Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Monetary Assets	8,127.65	14,417.87

Other Assets

None



Mr. R.P. Johnson

On behalf of the trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1st September 2023

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 2023.

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: 5 January 2024