

# ***ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST***

## ***Annual Report 2023 -24***

***(1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024)***

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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**

The 2023-2024 financial year started with a balance of £8,172.65 and finished the financial year with a balance of £7,145.66. The charity has no outstanding liabilities.

It was pleasing to note that the charity received an income of £2,150 from U-UKSLP Community Interest Company, which administers group trips to Discovery Centre. This was the first contribution since the Covid 19 pandemic.

We are so grateful to the many individuals who support the charity with regular monthly donations and the generosity of those who support the annual Christmas Appeal.

We are indebted to our major supporter who continues to fund the work of the charity -- it substantially covers all staff costs at Discovery Centre.

The Trust has been able to forward £31,015 to support the work in Uganda. £660 was sent to the Youth With A Mission (Uganda) national office for their administrative support to support to Discovery Centre; the remainder, £30,355, was forwarded to Discovery Centre. The larger part of this, approximately £26,800, was used for the general running of Discovery Centre (D.C.) which included staff support, labour costs, general maintenance and repair.

The Christmas Appeal 2023 reached its target and having raised approximately £3,200, this was split, enabling repairs to the challenge course to take place and also to support costs incurred in running the Sports DTS (see later). Approximately £350 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.

### **International Visitors**

Discovery Centre was pleased to welcome students from Finham Park School in Coventry to the JIYM 23 (Jinja International Youth Meeting 23) in November. This was the first time since the Covid 19 pandemic that the event had been held. The students from the UK were joined by students from Ugandan secondary schools. There were a diverse range of conference topics presented and discussed, as well as other activities enjoyed by the delegates including a campfire, sports, the challenge course and a visit to Itanda Falls on the River Nile.

Two other International groups visited - one from New Life Church Northampton in the UK. and a group staying for two weeks from Kenya, using Discovery Centre as a ministry base.

### **Sports DTS.**

Following on from the very successful first Sports D.T.S. held at Discovery Centre last year, a second one took place this year. 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).

As with the first school, the second school was a great success, and had a great impact on the lives of the students, but not without its challenges! Some of the students struggled to raise the fees for the school so the supplemented support from the Christmas Appeal was greatly appreciated.

After the lecture phase, part of the outreach phase took place on Buvuma Island in Lake Victoria.

It is anticipated that a third Sports D.T.S. will run at Discovery Centre in the coming year.

### **Maintenance and Refurbishment**

The challenge course is well used at D.C. but the wooden platforms and ladders on the zipwire were showing their age; it was because of this that part of the funds raised through the Christmas Appeal was directed to their replacement. The platforms have been replaced in metal, together with the ladders to the upper platform.

Significant refurbishment of the main building took place during the year. The ceilings in the lounge area and also the kitchen were replaced. The ceiling in the lounge looks really attractive now. Other works were completed including tiling to both the inside and outside kitchens.

### **Grounds**

So often visitors to Discovery Centre comment on how beautiful the grounds on the site are - this is due to the dedicated hard work of the D.C. team which is very much appreciated. When the grass is growing vigorously outside contractors assist in keeping it in check.

After a storm this year, a large tree fell down - fortunately no damage was done to any of the buildings or people, but it was a timely warning. As a result of this a decision was made to fell any trees in the vicinity of the buildings that might cause damage if they came down.

The timber from the trees has proved to be very useful, some of which has been used to build a goat shed. Many of the small branches have been converted to charcoal which is used in the cooking of meals.

### **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.

### **The 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.

In further news about the team, there have been two weddings this year. Philip was married in January and Peter in May. One of the students on this year's Sports D.T.S., Isaac, was also married in December. We bless all three couples as they grow closer together in God.

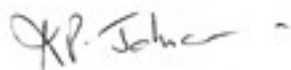
As opportunities arise there is a desire to invest in the development of the team members. In the light of this, Israel went to the YWAM Kilimanjaro base in Tanzania on a D.T.S. leadership course.

### **A Place of Blessing**

As we look to the future we pray, as its strap line says, that Discovery Centre will continue to be a source of blessing to those who visit, but also increasing the sphere of blessing to the local and wider communities.

### **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.



Richard Johnson

On behalf of the Trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024



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# ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST

## 1. Receipts and Payments: Year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

	23/24 £	22/23 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Income from organisations	19,080.00	18,183.00
Income from individuals	6,180.00	10,239.47
Income from companies	2,950.00	2,700.00
Income from web giving	275.51	122.08
Gift Aid Recovered	1,515.00	
2,580.50		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>30,000.51</b>	<b>33,825.05</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Funds forwarded to Uganda	31,015.00	39,620.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	50.27
To U-UKSLP CIC	0.00	400.00
Bank Fees	12.50	0.00
<b>Total Payments for year</b>	<b>31,027.50</b>	<b>40,070.27</b>
<b>Balance for the year</b>	<b>-1,026.99</b>	<b>-6,245.22</b>
Bank balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	8,172.65	14,417.87
Bank balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024	7,145.66	8,172.65

## 2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank balance current account	7,145.66	8,172.65
<b>Liabilities</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>7,145.66</b>	<b>8,127.65</b>

### Other Assets

None



Mr. R.P. Johnson

On behalf of the trustees of Adventure Projects Trust

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ADVENTURE PROJECTS TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/8/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1047928

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/8/2024

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/11/24

Name:

STEPHEN WATKINS

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

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