

Charity registration number 1050871

Company registration number 3123629 (England and Wales)

LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Rev G R Ridley	
	Ms R Edwards	
	Mr A J Shearman	
	Ms S Bell	(Appointed 11 October 2022)
	Mr S Bokinala	(Appointed 11 October 2022)
	Mr A Mathew	(Appointed 11 October 2022)
	Dr C Ijeh	(Appointed 16 November 2022)
	Mr F Jayaraj	(Appointed 11 October 2022)
Secretary	Ms R Edwards	
Charity number	1050871	
Company number	3123629	
Registered office	Strudwick Drive Oldbrook Milton Keynes MK6 2TG	
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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
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**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

LightForce International is a Christian mission specialising in humanitarian aid and development projects. Its work commenced in Eastern Europe in 1980 and LightForce is still active in Albania.

The dawn of the new millennium saw the work expand into Africa and India, the focus being child education, health, food & nutrition, care of orphans and rural village outreach.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of LightForce International are:

To advance the Christian religion and to relieve persons in any part of the world who are in condition of need, hardship and distress by reason of their social and economic circumstances and in particular but not exclusively by deploying human and material resources to provide appropriate relief to such persons.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Uganda

Schools opened fully in February 2022. All activities are back to normal operation. The number of students on our school sponsorship program and vocational program numbered around 250 with an additional 150 field work placements at our farm. We assist children with disability as a priority followed by orphans and vulnerable children from the local community. We continue to have 1 qualified nursery teacher from the UK assisting our staff.

In addition to the school we have other projects serving the community. Our project for teenage girls is attended by over 250 girls. We began a tailoring course for 60 of these teenage girls. Spiritual and educational content are part of each monthly meeting and all the girls receive hygiene materials. We have a group of HIV widows and they meet monthly for fellowship and mutual support. They go home with soap and sugar.

Our onsite Community Clinic continues to serve students, staff and the local villages.

Our farming project has made good progress again this year. We have planted and harvested maize and a variety of vegetables. We made our own maize silage for cattle. We now have 16 cows. The piggery is thriving. Our new Poultry unit is going well. We have both layers and broilers. We increased the number of birds. Our eggs and broilers are popular and we sell all. Our solar system for producing electricity has supplied us with power 24/7 throughout the year and continues to be an excellent investment. The borehole we drilled in 2021 has been so valuable as the national water is an unreliable service.

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India

We continued the excellent relationships with Home of Faith and IGM. At Home of Faith we provided food and support for key staff monthly. Sunitha Johnson continues to educate the children under her care. The number of children continues at 42. Our relationship with IGM continued and the works in Chennai area and Ooty both continue. Their children's home in Chennai now enjoys a new purpose-built facility. They have 22 branch churches, run medical camps monthly, and continue to provide vocational training, support the poor and marginalised with clothing and food, and assist in emergency situations. We continued to help IGM to support educational projects (tuition centres) linked to churches in Orissa state. The 12 Tuition Centres target tribal people in remote villages belonging to lower castes. The main aim and focus to provide partnership & quality education through the 12 free night schools in different villages. We support 12 bible school students for mission work. IGM continues to be a very active and an excellent partner. The CEO of IGM was again honoured for his excellent work.

Albania

Our 1 camp was able to operate in 2022. Our staff continued to run the small farm and maintain the property. Issues continued in court over a land wrangle. After 5 years the case is back to the local court.

Kenya

LightForce continues to partner with Education for Life in Mombasa. The educational facilities include nursery, primary and secondary education, a small children's home and feeding program. We were happy to continue to provide some support during the year. Also, many LightForce partners continue to support children directly with EFL.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is presented on page 6 of the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

LightForce International seeks to raise funds for specific projects and endeavours to utilise such funds as wisely yet quickly as possible. Balances on the accounts generally reflect amounts of restricted funds being held but not yet utilised. Our policy is to ensure that we have funds in hand to operate for four months.

Risk Management

Recognizing that we work in cash societies overseas we nevertheless seek to move funds and make payments by bank transfer and cheque where possible. We also do our best to ensure transactions are receipted. Close management of staff handling cash and regular reports and auditing are ensured to identify irregularities.

Grants

Whilst not generally provided we have given small income generation "seed money" for the purpose of starting small businesses/income generation project in Uganda.

In the second quarter of each year projects are identified for funding the following year. Donors commit to specific projects ensuring our continued development and guaranteeing core funding.

Plans for Future Periods

Uganda - we will realise 250 sponsored students in our schools from February 2023. Our community projects will continue to benefit the community. Property transfer will be processed when administration is fully settled following Lira receiving City status. We will seek final licensing of our schools. Our journey to sustainability continues with farm shop sales of eggs, milk and chickens.

Albania - Our camp facility in Lezhe will be under constant review.

India - to continue to support the growth and development of all projects in line with the respective vision of our partners.

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

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c. Financial risk management objectives and policies

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d. Grants

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

LightForce is a Registered Charity no: 1050871, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated on 8th November 1995.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected in accordance with the Declaration of Trust. There are four trustees of LightForce International and they are required to meet at least twice a year. Trustees

may be removed from office if disqualified under the Charities Act 1993, if absent from two consecutive meetings, if removed by resolution by all other trustees, or if they resign trusteeship by notice in writing provided at least two continuing trustees.

Trustee replacement would be carried out with due reference to a prospective candidate having interest in the work of LightForce, they should share our Christian values, have cross cultural experience, bring something unique that adds value to the board. We would also give consideration to the gender balance of the board. Training would be provided for newly appointed trustees. They would serve alongside a serving trustee to ensure they understand legal responsibility, the objectives of the charity and how to ensure LightForce International continues to be compliant. Day to day management of LightForce is delegated to the International Director.

c. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Plans for future periods

Uganda

We will realise 350 students in our schools from February 2022. Our community projects will continue to benefit the community. Property transfer was compromised during Covid 19 and we will process in 2022. We will seek final licensing of our schools. Our journey to sustainability continues with farm shop sales of eggs, milk and chickens.

Albania

Our camp facility in Lezhe will be reviewed and the future considered when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted and court cases are concluded.

India

To continue to support the growth and development of all projects in line with the respective vision of our partners. Some aspects are currently restricted by the pandemic.

Volunteer issues

In accordance with LightForce international's equal opportunities policy, LightForce International has long established fair practices in the recruitment, selection, retention and training of all volunteers. We have looked at the safeguarding requirements for all our projects and ensure that volunteers are thoroughly checked before travelling to the field.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev G R Ridley

Ms R Edwards

Mr A J Shearman

Mr R Bowker

Ms S Bell

Mr S Bokinala

Mr A Mathew

Dr C Ijeh

Mr F Jayaraj

(Resigned 7 November 2022)

(Appointed 11 October 2022)

(Appointed 11 October 2022)

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[Details of organisational structure.]

Public Benefit Report

LightForce international continues to run projects that meet genuine needs within the community. We provide benefit to the public chiefly through feeding, health services and education. Our mid term objective is to establish sustainable projects. Covid 19 has put many constraints on our work during the year, but we have advanced with care.

FOOD & NUTRITION

In India LFI continues, through it's partners, to be committed to providing supplementary feeding to some of the most marginalised members of society. These include lower caste, lepers, former sex workers, street children and gypsies. Working through various partnerships we seek to ensure that there is also adequate social support, counselling and education available to these beneficiaries. The Education for Life project in Kenya provides a lunch each school day for all the beneficiaries of its education project as well as for children attending other schools. In Uganda, our Nursery & Primary School as well as our Agricultural and Vocational School provide two meals a day that help to sustain our students. All staff take lunch and dinner when on duty.

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HEALTH & HIV/AIDS

Our emergency medical fund enables us to provide medical care where needed and where the absence of finance leaves people vulnerable through sickness. Our children in the Nursery & Primary school benefit from health checks, through the clinic, in the year they receive (height, weight, sight, and hearing tests). The children who live within our Care Home also receive free medical care through our clinic. We have 4 successful small projects supporting HIV widows with regular meetings, counsel and income generating support. We added a project to support teenage girls with lifestyle advice and sanitary pads.

EDUCATION

Our Uganda office provides school sponsorship for children including some with Special Needs. Most are physically challenged but some are orphans and come from extremely vulnerable circumstances. We are now totalling 140 children on the Sponsorship Programme. We give serious consideration to providing access to education for girls. Our Nursery and Primary schools have 270 students. Our Agricultural and Vocational School offer courses in tailoring, crop and livestock management as well as a certificate in agricultural studies. Our farm is developing to provide practical experience too. Our program of camps at our Centre in Albania provides education on life principles for children amidst a fun program of activity and social interaction which is enjoyed by all. Children in the Children's homes in India are enrolled in local schools. Through Home of Faith in India we are endeavouring to ensure children embraced by the project attend school (42 in all). Our partners at IGM have all their 150 children in full time education. Education for Life in Kenya continues to receive support through LightForce; this vibrant project provides education from nursery to 'A' level.

SUSTAINABILITY

It is recognised that projects need to be sustained. Donor dependency and fatigue are problems we seek to avoid. Means of income generation are encouraged at each of the International office locations to ensure long term sustainability. These include piggery, goat rearing, poultry, purchase & sale of produce, participant contributions to programs and small income generation projects. In 2021, we again ran a successful year of farming in Uganda harvesting and growing a variety of crops. We began to sell eggs, chickens and other items from our farm shop with good success. The income from this will support our work towards sustainability. In addition we provide employment for 70 local people.

TRUSTEE COMPLIANCE

The trustees declare they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Crouchers Ltd be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Ms R Edwards
Trustee

Date: 14/9/23

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Lightforce International for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL**

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lightforce International (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

As a part of overseas mission and aid work, a stock of animals are farmed by rural farmers in Albania and Uganda. At any point in time, the number and value of the animals held will vary. The responsibility of farm management and the animals is undertaken by selected/approved farmers, and their operations are regularly monitored on site by the main representative of the charity. At the year end stock was quantified and valued, but as in the previous year, due to the location and practicalities of observing a date sensitive stock take, the animals have not been physically seen and hence we are unable to generate sufficient appropriate audit evidence to confirm the physical existence and therefore the value shown as stock in the financial statements. Alternative records and representations indicate their existence and there has been no management limitation to this area of audit work. Due to the lack of audit evidence held and seen for the purchase of fixed assets and the title of properties, we are unable to generate sufficient appropriate audit evidence to confirm the physical existence and ownership of the assets in the financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL**

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In respect solely of the limitation on our work relating to the existence of animals and titles to property described above:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

Based on our understanding of the company and its industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: employment regulation, Bribery Act and Modern Slavery Act.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the company is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as tax legislation and the Companies Act 2006.

In addition, we evaluated the directors' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the directors and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.


The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Mr D P Croucher BSc (Hons) FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Crouchers Ltd**

18.09.2023

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2	38,557	-	38,557	34,858	-	34,858
Charitable activities	3	-	200,525	200,525	-	169,829	169,829
Investments	4	17	-	17	10	-	10
Other income	5	8,001	-	8,001	9,312	-	9,312
Total income		46,575	200,525	247,100	44,180	169,829	214,009
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	6	54,654	233,426	288,080	71,963	144,699	216,662
Net expenditure for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(8,079)	(32,901)	(40,980)	(27,783)	25,130	(2,653)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		917,117	106,159	1,023,276	944,900	81,029	1,025,929
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		909,038	73,258	982,296	917,117	106,159	1,023,276

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		875,996		887,882
Investments	12		266		266
			<u>876,262</u>		<u>888,148</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	13	45,089		38,259	
Debtors	14	20,010		23,585	
Cash at bank and in hand		46,990		79,280	
		<u>112,089</u>		<u>141,124</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(6,055)		(5,996)	
Net current assets			<u>106,034</u>		<u>135,128</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>982,296</u>		<u>1,023,276</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			73,258		106,159
Unrestricted funds			909,038		917,117
			<u>982,296</u>		<u>1,023,276</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13/9/23



Ms R Edwards
 Director

Company registration number 3123629

**LIGHTFORCE INTERNATIONAL
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG.

The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Freehold land and buildings	No Depn
Plant and equipment	25-33.3%
Motor vehicles	33.3-50%

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

1.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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1.13 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Individuals and businesses	9,157	8,458
Gift in kind	29,400	26,400
	<u>38,557</u>	<u>34,858</u>

Gifts in kind are from Milton Keynes Christian Centre, a related party, and comprise of £16,750 (2021: £13,750) for the provision of serviced offices and £12,650 (2021: £12,650) being staff costs of personnel working within Lightforce International.

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income Restricted	Charitable Income Restricted
	2022	2021
	£	£
Overseas aid - Albania	35,385	30,088
Overseas aid - India	22,426	27,921
Overseas aid - Africa	142,714	111,820
	<u>200,525</u>	<u>169,829</u>

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4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	17	10

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other income	8,001	9,312

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	Charitable Expenditure
	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	7,214	22,917
Overseas aid - Uganda	150,345	81,878
Overseas aid - Kenya	1,262	1,302
Overseas aid - Albania	63,158	42,796
Overseas aid - India Home of Faith	21,915	22,295
Overseas aid - India IGM	4,362	8,144
General	39,824	37,330
	288,080	216,662
	288,080	216,662
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	54,654	71,963
Restricted funds	233,426	144,699
	288,080	216,662

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7 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the Charity's auditor and associates:	2022 £	2021 £
Audit of the Charity's annual accounts	3,500	5,305

8 Trustees

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021- £ NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021- £ NIL).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold improvements	Plant and Motor vehicles equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	474,559	462,516	113,056	23,027
Disposals	-	-	-	(7,996)
At 31 December 2022	474,559	462,516	113,056	15,031
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	-	63,235	100,035	22,006
Depreciation charged in the year	-	6,246	4,958	360
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(7,674)
At 31 December 2022	-	69,481	104,993	14,692
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	474,559	393,035	8,063	339
At 31 December 2021	474,559	399,281	13,021	1,021

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12 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022 & 31 December 2022	266
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	266
At 31 December 2021	266

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company Number	Registered office	Holding	Included in consolidation		
Lightforce Trading Company Limited	03001342	Christian Centre, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes	100%	No		
Other investments comprise:		Notes			2022 £	2021 £
Investments in subsidiaries					266	266

Lightforce Trading Company Limited

The Trustees consider Lightforce Trading Company Limited, in terms of size and operations, immaterial to the overall position of the Group. The Company made a profit of £963 (2021 : loss £488) and have net assets of £2,085 (2021 : £1,122). On the basis, the Trustees have agreed that the company is immaterial to consolidate into the accounts.

13 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Raw materials and consumables	45,089	38,259

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14 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	7,147
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	6,594	-
Other debtors	12,416	16,438
Prepayments and accrued income	1,000	-
	<u>20,010</u>	<u>23,585</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	926	27
Other creditors	2,129	2,518
Accruals and deferred income	3,000	3,451
	<u>6,055</u>	<u>5,996</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	873,221	2,775	875,996	885,107	887,882
Investments	266	-	266	266	266
Current assets/(liabilities)	39,932	66,102	106,034	31,744	135,128
	<u>913,419</u>	<u>68,877</u>	<u>982,296</u>	<u>917,117</u>	<u>1,023,276</u>

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17 Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2022
Unrestricted	917,117	46,575	(54,654)	-	909,038
Restricted					
Uganda	76,951	141,984	(142,729)	2,775	78,981
Kenya	1,162	730	(1,262)	-	630
Albania	1,425	35,385	(63,158)	-	(26,348)
India Home of Faith	10,966	15,633	(21,915)	-	4,684
India IGM	1,615	5,713	(4,362)	-	2,966
Uganda container	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Sudan	1,020	-	-	-	1,020
India NICO V.Teams	2,245	1,080	-	-	3,325
Uganda assets	2,775			(2,775)	
	106,159	200,525	(233,426)	-	73,258
TOTAL FUNDS	1,023,276	247,100	(288,080)	-	982,296

Kenya: The funds are being used towards the sponsorship of the Nursery run by Education for Life.

India —Home of Faith: The funds are being used towards the continuing support of the Home of Faith Care Home in Andhra Pradesh.

India —India Gospel Mission. The funds are being used towards the education of children in Orissa, and sponsorship of children in the IGM Care Homes in Chennai.

India —New India Church of God: The funds are being used towards the work of NICO V —currently their bank account is frozen so we are unable to send the funds.

Albania. The funds are being used to support the manager of projects in Albania and the costs of maintaining the LightForce Lezhe Centre.

Uganda: The funds are being used for sponsoring children to attend school, helping HIV widows, supporting teenage girls, training agricultural students as well as additional ongoing projects. NB: During 2022 £Nil, (2021 :£45,191) was spent on fixed assets from the Uganda fund. The depreciation of those assets will be allocated as expenditure to this fund over the assets' useful economic life. The available cash in the fund at the year end is £19,420 (2021 : £22,071).

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18 Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2021
Unrestricted	944,900	44,180	(71,963)	-	917,117
<u>Restricted</u>					
Uganda	40,405	110,658	(74,112)	-	76,951
Kenya	1,303	1,162	(1,303)	-	1,162
Albania	10,182	30,089	(38,846)	-	1,425
India Home of Faith	11,329	21,932	(22,295)	-	10,966
India IGM	5,060	4,698	(8,143)	-	1,615
Uganda container	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Sudan	1,020	-	-	-	1,020
India NICOG V.Teams	955	1,290	-	-	2,245
Uganda assets	2,775	-	-	-	2,775
	81,029	169,829	(144,699)	-	106,159
TOTAL FUNDS	1,025,929	214,009	(216,662)	-	1,023,276

19 Related party transactions

LightForce international is the missions aim of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC) which pioneered the work of LightForce International. There is therefore a close link between the two charities. Lightforce Trading Company Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary company of LightForce International.

George Ridley, Chairman of Lightforce International (LFI) is contracted as a pastor (Minister of Religion) at MKCC. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled MKCC to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. This equates to £50,702 (2021: £50,702). In addition, other donations were made to LFI amounting to £86,327 (2021: £86,037) and £16,750 (2021: £13,750) in kind, being the provision of office space. The value of the donated services is included under "Donations" in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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20 Summary of funds

Summary of Funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2022
General Funds	917,117	46,575	(59,004)	-	904,688
Restricted Funds	106,159	200,525	(229,075)	-	72,609
	1,023,276	247,100	(288,079)	-	982,297

Summary of Funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2021
General Funds	944,900	44,180	(71,963)	-	917,117
Restricted Funds	81,029	169,829	(144,699)	-	106,159
	1,025,929	214,009	216,662	-	1,023,276

21 Contingent liability

There remain instances of legal dispute as to the ownership of title to some small areas of the land shown in the financial statements. In all cases, legal responses have been made, and the land in question is fully utilised. There is no suggestion that any of the land shown within fixed assets or any claim to title, has been seen as an attempt to seek some form of payment. The charity is confident that all land is properly titled in the charity's name.

Due to the locations where the charity operates, it is not always possible for a specific document to be obtained as full evidence for an expense. Such documents are secured whenever possible and subtable records are kept for expenditure and cash payments, including larger transactions.