

Trustees' Annual Report for New Life Children Centre

Charity Name: New Life Children's Centre

Reporting Period: 1 August 2023 – 31 July 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1065802

Structure, Governance, and Management

New Life Children Centre is governed by its Constitution, which outlines the framework for decision-making and charity operations. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in compliance with its objectives and within the guidelines of the UK Charity Commission.

The charity's governing board consists of 6 Trustees. Trustees are recruited based on their skills and commitment to the charity's objectives. Meetings are held quarterly to review progress, finances, and plans for future development. Day-to-day operations are managed by a team of dedicated staff and volunteers, both in the UK and The Gambia.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Ken Morgan	Chairman		Trustees of Charity
Beth Evans	Secretary		Trustees of Charity
Margaret Staples			Trustees of Charity
Rebecca Walker			Trustees of Charity
Mark Gordon			Trustees of Charity
Lisa McDavid			Trustees of Charity

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of New Life Children Centre is to provide education, resources, and care for children in The Gambia. Our two schools cater to children from underserved communities, offering them opportunities for learning and personal development. Beyond education, the charity also undertakes community development initiatives aimed at improving living standards, providing healthcare support, and promoting sustainable development.

The main objects of the Charity as agreed in its Constitution are to: -

- a) Advance the Christian faith both abroad and in the United Kingdom;
- b) The relief of poverty and sickness for persons in any part of the world
- c) The worldwide advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.

Key objectives include:

1. Ensuring access to quality education for all children enrolled in our schools.
2. Supporting community health initiatives, including hygiene awareness campaigns and provision of essential supplies.
3. Collaborating with local partners to promote economic self-reliance through skills training.

4. Strengthening ties between the UK and The Gambia through fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

As set out in the Constitution for the Charity, any new trustees will be appointed by a wider group of interested people. This group is what we call 'partners of NLCC' and their mandate is to appoint, when necessary, any new trustees to the Board of Trustees along with the existing ones. They would not carry any responsibility of the trustees as their only role and responsibility is to appoint new trustees when applicable. All Partners of NLCC are welcome to join with the trustees in all the Board meetings that take place.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees receive an induction which includes a briefing: their legal obligations as Trustees under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, information regarding the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, key policies and procedures, the organisational structure and decision-making processes and the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events which will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Partners of NLCC

Trustees are appointed by a wider group of people who are actively involved in the charity along with existing trustees and have a range of expertise necessary to the success of the work comprising of: -

Ceri Lennon – HR Manager
Sylvia Morgan – Retired Teacher
Samantha O'Connell – Finance
Sian Wade – Minister and Community Worker
Pam Chard - Retired district nurse
Heather Beedham – Retired nurse

Achievements and Performance (August 2023 - July 2024)

During the reporting period, New Life Children Centre made significant progress in achieving its objectives:

1. **Educational Impact:**
 - Over 700 children were sponsored across our two schools, receiving quality education over the year
 - Successfully launched an extracurricular program, including arts, sports, and literacy initiatives.
 - Funded teacher training workshops to enhance teaching quality through our NLCC partners.
 - Our schools come amongst the top in the country, with an aggregate of 6
2. **Community Development:**
 - Distributed essential supplies, including school uniforms, textbooks, and hygiene kits, to families in the Gambia Villages
 - Implemented a clean water project benefiting the school communities and surrounding areas.
3. **Volunteer and UK-Based Support:**

- Engaged UK-based supporters through fundraising events, raising awareness of the charity's work.
- Regular Trips to the Gambia organised by the charity to volunteer in the school, local health clinics and to provide support in building projects.
- Volunteering opportunities in our Charity shop in Newark continued to grow

Financial Review

Income: The charity's total income for the reporting period was. £197,218.37 This was primarily generated through:

- Donations from individual supporters and corporate sponsors.
- Monthly Sponsorship from supporters
- Fundraising events held in the UK.

Expenditure: Expenditures totalled £218,870.66, with funds allocated as follows:

- Educational resources and school operations: £34,693.19
- Community development projects: £28,394.00
- Administrative and operational costs: £155,783.47

The charity achieved a net loss of £21,652.29.

Reserves Policy: Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure. The Trustees have established in their Reserves Policy that the charity reserves should cover 3 months of essential operating costs to cover the continued operation of the charity in the event of a reduced level of income for any reason. The reserve fund would be £25,000 (D1.500,000).

Plans for the Future

For the upcoming year, New Life Children Centre aims to:

- Expand enrolment to reach more children, particularly those in remote areas.
- Building of a New location School in Faraba
- Develop a sustainable agriculture program to support school meals and community nutrition in the new location school
- To encourage the ongoing advancement of the Christian religion within the schools
- The continued staff training programmes to ensure a high level of teaching across our schools.

- Repair and update of both school premises.
 - Seeking more media promotional resources for promoting the charity and the work in Africa
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing an Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires them to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing the 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Board of Trustees recognise the need for effective management of the key risks faced by the charitable company. They also recognise that risk management is something that has to happen constantly and continually on an informal basis at all levels.

The objectives of New Life Children's Centre risk management strategy are to:-

- Raise awareness of the need for risk management;
- Minimise loss, disruption, damage and injury and reduce the cost of risk, thereby maximising resources;
- Inform policy and decision making by identifying risks and their likely impact.

These objectives are achieved by:

- Establishing clear roles, responsibilities and reporting lines within the organisation for risk management
- Effective communication with, and the active involvement of, Trustees, Key Volunteers and the School Management.

- Monitoring arrangements on an ongoing basis

Key processes undertaken are:

- Risk assessments are undertaken, appropriate to the organisation's size and complexity, to match, support and feed back up into the risk register headings and provide evidence that risk is being managed.

Trustees and volunteers (workers) all have a responsibility to identify, assess, and manage risks in their area of work or responsibility. In some areas this might be done informally, without formal record of the actions taken, due to the fast-moving and volunteer nature of the organisation. In most areas however, and in many situations, a more formal risk assessment and management process is in place.

Statement as to disclosure to our independent examiner

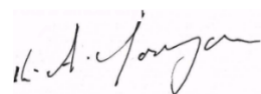
In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' Annual Report:

- there is no relevant information needed by the independent examiner in connection with preparing their report, of which the independent examiner is unaware, and
 - the Trustees, having made enquiries of the independent examiner that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.
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Acknowledgments

The Trustees express their heartfelt gratitude to all donors, sponsors, volunteers, and partners who have contributed to the success of New Life Children Centre. Your support has made a tangible difference in the lives of children and families in The Gambia.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kenneth Morgan
Chair of Trustees
Date: 4th March 2025



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Charity Accounts

12 Months to 31st July 2024

(Charity Registration Number: 1065802)

New Life Children's Centres

Income and Expenditure Account for the 12 months to 31 July 2024

	NatWest and Yorkshire Banks £	Newark shop cash account £	Gambia £	Total £
INCOME				
UK Income				
Donations	102,737.54			102,737.54
Gift Aid	17,171.48			17,171.48
Shop income	1,853.70	24,974.05		26,827.75
Fund raising events	0.00			0.00
Gambia Income				
School income			41,790.89	41,790.89
Land Income			4,855.51	4,855.51
Interest			1,231.94	1,231.94
Miscellaneous			1,965.45	1,965.45
TOTAL INCOME	121,762.72	24,974.05	49,843.78	196,580.55
EXPENDITURE				
GAMBIA	Salaries		87,858.56	87,858.56
	Social Security / Tax		7,097.84	7,097.84
	Utilities		2,346.90	2,346.90
	Maintenance		8,256.95	8,256.95
	Transport		390.56	390.56
	School fees		975.77	975.77
	Stationery		2,285.97	2,285.97
	Bank charges		1,014.33	1,014.33
	School Equipment		7,197.49	7,197.49
	Rice Appeal Gifts		0.00	0.00
	Special Events Expenses		3,532.59	3,532.59
	Miscellaneous		2,696.10	2,696.10
	Exchange adjustment		4,362.23	4,362.23
	Shop expenses	15,065.57		15,065.57
UK	Travel	2,691.26		2,691.26
	Publicity	0.00		0.00
	Miscellaneous	14,301.58		14,301.58
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32,058.41	0.00	128,015.28	160,073.69
NET INCOME	89,704.31	24,974.05	(78,171.50)	36,506.86

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Expanded Receipts and Payments Account for 12 months to 31 July 2024

	NatWest and Yorkshire Banks £	Newark shop cash account £	Gambia £	Total £
RECEIPTS				
UK Receipts				
Donations	102,737.54			102,737.54
Gift Aid	17,809.30			17,809.30
Shop income	1,853.70	24,974.05		26,827.75
Rag Bag Shop Sales				0.00
Loan - Derek Beal	0.00			0.00
Fund raising events	0.00			0.00
Gambia Receipts				
School income			41,790.89	41,790.89
Land Income			4,855.51	4,855.51
Interest			1,231.94	1,231.94
Miscellaneous			1,965.45	1,965.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS	122,400.54	24,974.05	49,843.78	197,218.37
PAYMENTS				
GAMBIA	Salaries		85,247.02	85,247.02
	Social Security / Tax		7,229.92	7,229.92
	Utilities		2,346.90	2,346.90
	Maintenance		8,256.95	8,256.95
	Transport		390.56	390.56
	Purchase of Land		28,394.00	28,394.00
	School fees		975.77	975.77
	Stationery		2,285.97	2,285.97
	Bank charges		1,014.33	1,014.33
	Repairs & Renewals		26,519.92	26,519.92
	School Equipment		7,197.49	7,197.49
	Building project - Half Dye		0.00	0.00
	Building project - Kanifing		0.00	0.00
	Micellaneous Staff Expenses		507.26	507.26
	Miscellaneous		6,578.48	6,578.48
	Rice Appeal			
	Special Events		3,532.59	3,532.59
	Exchange adjustment		4,362.23	4,362.23
	Staff loans paid		2,053.62	2,053.62
	Loan repayment			0.00
UK	Shop expenses	15,065.57		15,065.57
	Travel	2,691.26		2,691.26
	Publicity	0.00		0.00
	Miscellaneous	14,301.58		14,301.58
TOTAL PAYMENTS	32,058.41	0.00	186,893.00	218,951.41
NET PAYMENTS	90,342.13	24,974.05	(137,049.22)	(21,733.04)
Balances brought forward 31 July 2023	569.45	1,070.45	36,929.90	38,569.80
TRANSFERS				
Paid in to Bank from shop	25,655.00	(25,655.00)		0.00
Paid in to Bank from Rag Bag sales	0.00	0.00		
Transfers to The Gambia	(138,000.00)		138,000.00	0.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	(112,345.00)	(25,655.00)	138,000.00	0.00
Balances carried forward 31 July 2024	(21,433.42)	389.50	37,880.68	16,836.76

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Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2024

	2024
	£
BANK AND CASH	
Virgin Bank	5,879.44
NatWest Bank	7,187.36
The Gambia	37,880.68
Newark shop cash account	389.50
Total bank and cash	51,336.98
DEBTORS	
Gift Aid	2,198.93
Staff loans	672.92
	2,871.86
LAND AND BUILDINGS	
Kanefing	
Balance brought forward	340,840.53
Additions	0.00
Total	340,840.53
Half Dye	
Balance brought forward	357,815.60
Additions	0.00
Total	357,815.60
Faraba Land	
Balance brought forward	19,912.69
Additions	28,394.00
Total	48,306.69
Total land and buildings	746,962.81
Total assets	801,171.65
CREDITORS	
Income Tax and Social Security	550.75
Shop rent (Newark)	5,000.00
TOTAL CREDITORS	5,550.75
NET ASSETS	795,620.90
GENERAL FUND	
Balance brought forward 31 July 2023	759,114.04
Excess income over expenditure for the year	36,506.86
Balance carried forward 31 July 2024	795,620.90

NOTE TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET

Exchange adjustment rate movements during the 12 months were between 76.73 to 86.19.

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Balance Sheet Notes as at 31 July 2024

BANK AND CASH BALANCES

Bank - NatWest	7,187.36
Bank - Virgin	5,879.44
Bank - Gambia	37,880.68
Cash	389.50
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	51,336.98

LOANS TO STAFF

	DALASI	EXCHANGE RATE
Loans brought forward	252,000.00	76.73 opening
Loans paid	10,000.00	81.32 average
Staff Loans provision	(127,000.00)	86.19 closing
Loan repayments	77,000.00	81.32 average
Loans carried forward	58,000.00	86.19 closing
	135,000.00	135,000.00

SALARIES AND STAFF LOANS

Opening debtor - staff loans	3,284.46
Payments - salaries and staff loans	85,247.02
Loan repayments estimate	
Closing debtor - staff loans	672.92
Provision	
Extra on salary paymentts	
Net expenditure	87,858.56
	88,531.48

INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SECURITY - STERLING

Opening creditor	682.83
Payments	7,229.92
Net expenditure	7,097.84
Closing creditor	550.75
	7,780.66

INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SECURITY - DALASI

Closing creditor - Dalasi	47,469.37
Closing Exchange rate	86.19
Closing creditor - Sterling	550.75

GIFT AID

Debtor brought forward 31 July 2023	2,836.75
Receipts during the year	17,809.30
Net cash movement	17,171.48
Debtor carried forward 31 July 2024	2,198.93
	20,008.23

SHOP EXPENSES CREDITOR

Opening Creditor	5,000.00
Payments	15,065.57
Net expenditure	15,065.57
Closing Creditor	5,000.00
	20,065.57

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of New Life Children's Centres
(Registered Charity 1065802)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the New Life Children's Centres (the Trust) for the year ended 31st July 2024.

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.

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:

Name: Jon Broughton

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): None

Address: 99 Farndon Road, Newark, Notts, NG24 4SQ

Date: 22nd May 2025