

FRIENDS OF DOUBLE JOY

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Friends of Double Joy (FODJ) is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, no.1087172. Its address is 185 Graham Road, Sheffield S10 3GR for official correspondence and 24 Knowe Hill Crescent, Lancaster LA1 4JY for general enquires from the public, friends and supporters. Our Trust Deed was executed on 5th May 2001, and we received charity status on 26th June 2001.

The charity trustees are as follows:

Mary Alston (Chair)
Di Gibbon (Secretary)
Susan Hilliard (Treasurer)
Christine (Chrissie) Hinde (Assistant Treasurer)
Alan Nowell
Francis Rachier
Stephen Dealler

The object of the charity is the relief of poverty, need, hardship, distress and sickness and the advancement of education and protection of children in Nyanza Province, South Western Kenya (the area of benefit) particularly those children at 'Double Joy Children's Farm' (DJCF).

We held 2 trustees' meetings this year on 13th May 2023 and 28th October 2023. Susan Hilliard and Chrissie Hinde visited Double Joy in February 2023 and submitted reports to the trustees and the newsletter.

DJCF has 63 children of which 59 are of the age of primary level attending local Primary Schools and 4 Early Child Development Education a DJCF. 15 are in Grade 8 and are going to do their National Exams which enables them to move to the next stage in Education. Three children are learning in special Schools and come back to DJCF in holidays. .

DJCF is also supporting 55 students who are no longer resident at DJCF. These include 8 students at Vitech Training Institute as boarders studying metal work, building, plumbing and beauty therapy, 20 students learning at Day Secondary Schools near their relative's homes and 27 students learning in boarding secondary schools. DJCF's new role as a designated referral 'Place of Safety' for children needing emergency placement is increasing.

This year we sent extra funds to improve the condition of the children's houses which covered repair to roofs and door frames and decorating of internal walls. The solar lighting was upgraded.

DJCF continues to struggle with water shortages. When our harvested rainwater runs out they buy tanker loads of water, which is very expensive. ShareAfrica, a US not-for-profit agency which runs several programmes in Kenya, funded construction of a borehole at DJCF this year which pumps potable water up from 150 m below ground, and which is then lifted up to a 5 m high water tank by a solar panel powered pump. The water started flowing on 6 August. There will be a second phase which will then provide water for the whole neighbourhood.

FODJ has a large number of friends/supporters who make regular donations and inform others about DJCF. We currently have a mailing list of approximately 400 friends/supporters. We produced a summer and winter newsletter that was circulated to all on our mailing list. Hilary Blythe and Eric Roseden co-edit our summer and winter newsletter.

We continue to assist with salaries of the 30 staff at DJCF who are staff required to care for the children, and manage the site. We also assist with medical care for the children, food, clothing and materials for the school and provisions for farming. We contribute to administration and

communication overheads and assist with transport costs that are high due to DJCF's remote location.

Trustees and friends of DJCF are active in increasing awareness of the work of FODJ and DJCF and have a web site (www.double-joy.org.uk). Our web site continues to provide extensive information about DJCF and current FODJ reports and events.

We continue to link UK pen pals with children at DJCF. Ruth Adhiambo coordinates letter writing at DJCF, leading to a flow of correspondence between friends in UK and children at DJCF. This scheme provides a vibrant link between the donor community and DJCF and is an important source of communication and relationship building that enhances the work of FODJ.

We have a FODJ Child Protection Policy which has been agreed at our FODJ trustees meeting in October 2015 and by the Board of Management at Double Joy. It states that all visitors to DJCF from UK who are staying for more than 1 week are required to have an up to date DBS check. We have been linking up more closely with DJCF to enhance and synchronise our safeguarding policy and practice risk assessment and have set up a small team in FODJ and at DJCF to address Safeguarding and Risk prevention.

New Government legislation on Data Protection came into effect on the 25th May 2018. We registered with the Information Commissioner (ICO) in October 2017 in accordance with the requirements for Data Protection. In May 2018 we began implementing our Data Protection Policy which has included deleting and shredding data that is no longer needed and seeking consent from all on our contact list, to remain on our data base. We ensure all information covered by Data Protection regulations is stored in secure locked cabinets and electronic devices which are password protected.

Our accounts have been verified by our Independent Examiner. They show total receipts this year of £139761 (a increase of £12603 on last year) with £20373 carried over from 2022. We made grants totaling £126797 to DJCF in 2023 (an increase of £6316 on last year). Our total costs including bank charges were £893. We claimed £20927 in Gift aid (a decrease of £158 on last year). We have supporters who donate by standing order, making a combined sum of £47962 this year (an decrease of £2181 from last year). Cash funds at this year-end totalled £32444

Susan Hilliard
Christine Hinde
22nd July 2024
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Signed:Susan Hilliard.....Susan Hilliard (Treasurer and Trustee)

Signed:Christine Hinde..... Christine Hinde (Assistant Treasurer & Trustee)



Charity Name FRIENDS OF DOUBLE JOY	No (if any) 1087172
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	105157	13290		118447	105918
Tax reclaimed	19217	1710		20927	21085
Fundraising events by Trustees	387			387	155
Bank Interest					
Sub total	124761	13290		139761	127158
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.					
Total receipts	124761	13290		139761	127158
A3 Payments					
Grants to Double Joy	90000	36797		126797	120481
Newsletter costs	230			230	230
Office & communication	274			274	221
Bank charges	389			389	515
Returned funds and cheques					
Sub total	90893	36797		127690	126673
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
Total payments				127690	126673
Net of receipts/(payments)	124761	13290		12071	485
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end				20373	14341
Cash funds this year end				32444	20373

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at year end	32444		
	Total cash funds	32444		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets				
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Christine Hinde	CHRISTINE HINDE	15/07/2024	
	Susan Hilliard	SUSAN HILLIARD	15/07/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
FRIENDS OF DOUBLE JOY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1087172

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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 May 2024

Name:

Georgia Cragg

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW, Affiliate Member of ACIE

Address:

Loughrigg, Sunnyside Close, Lancaster, LA1 5NH

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

- The Gift Aid payment received from HMRC is based on both general and earmarked donations, however the Gift Aid receipt has been recognised as "general" on the CC16a ; 12% of funds were restricted and on the assumption gift aided donations were in same proportion, this is a potential missclassification of £2.5k.

- Due to a timing difference, there was an overclaim on the Gift Aid form for 22/23 of c.£600 within the sample tested. These donations are valid donations; they have just been captured in the wrong tax year so will be adjusted for in the 23/24 Gift Aid claim.

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