

AMANDLA TRUST
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Legal and Administrative Details

Registered in England as Charity Number 1092874

Principal Address

3 Riversmill Walk, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 5GL

Trustees

Michael G Rodd	Chairman
David S King	Treasurer
Joseph Hussey	
Joy M King	
Marion E Milton	
Josephine M Rado	

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank plc

Independent Examiner

Mr Gareth Davies, 5 Tabernacle Road, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 7EF

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed dated 20th May 2002 and constituted as a Trust.

Trustee selection

The Trustees are selected by invitation on the basis of their knowledge of African issues generally and Zimbabwe in particular, with an emphasis on empathy with the objects of the charity in its support for work amongst physically disabled children and young people, especially at the King George VIth Centre, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Objects of the Charity

To relieve sickness and advance education amongst physically disabled children and young people in Zimbabwe and other areas of Africa, in particular by providing practical and financial support.

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Activities, Achievements and Performance

In planning our giving and activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings and believe this is followed.

King George VIth Centre (KGVl) in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, continued to be the specified beneficiary of donations received during the year, so these are held in the Charity's restricted funds. Total income amounted to £ 53,908 (2022 - £ 63,156), coming from a variety of sources; individuals, church groups and grant-making trusts for special projects. Most came from generous individuals who support King George VIth Centre through the Charity. Some of these are small monthly sums indicating a continuing desire to support the children who are the ultimate beneficiaries. We are very grateful for the generosity of these individuals and all gifts, large and small, are appreciated and necessary to help KGVl's work continue. Further detail of major donations is given in Note 1 to the accounts on page 6.

Payments to or on behalf of KGVl exceeded income by £ 28,428 in the year due to the drawn-down of reserves held at the end on 2022, specifically grants received in December 2022. Funds are held by the charity until requested by KGVl as there is greater security in Britain than in Zimbabwe.

Grants to KGVl in response to requests for funds amounted to £ 81,777 (2022 £ 39,236), and reserves held at the year-end amounted to £ 31,020 (2022 £ 59,448), to be carried forward for use in future years. The normal operations of the Centre have resumed fully post the Covid-19 pandemic but there have been challenges during the year because of hyper-inflation in Zimbabwe leading to greatly increased costs and more parents lacking resources to pay the full fees.

The trustees appreciate the interest of all those who continue to support the charity, including those sponsors who give regularly through the year, and wish once again to record their gratitude and thanks to all supporters. The work done by KGVl continues to be of great importance to the children who benefit from it and could not continue without support from outside Zimbabwe. The impact of each economic crisis in Zimbabwe is felt disproportionately by those who attend schools like KGVl, and local funding becomes harder to arrange. Staff at KGVl continue to work immensely hard to keep providing for the pupils and are being innovative in working towards growing locally generated income by sponsored events and selling produce from the centre gardens. However, they continue to rely on donations from Amandla Trust and many other supporters internationally to allow the centre to continue to function. Amandla Trust could not provide this support without the generous donations it receives.

The trustees and other supporters give their time voluntarily, so all funds raised are used for the benefit of the children at KGVl.

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Reserves Policy

The trustees do not consider that it is necessary to hold reserves at a specific level as the charity has no employees, property or commitments other than to provide support as funds allow. Resources are disbursed only after they have been received in cleared funds and are not committed before receipt. Reserves at 31st December 2023 amounted to £ 31,020 (2022 £ 59,448).

Risk Assessment

As part of their risk assessment process the trustees have obtained a copy of the King George VIth Centre's Child Protection Policy, which is very similar to that which would be required of such an organisation in England, and have received confirmation from the Administrator that the policy is adhered to. There have been visits by trustees (at their own expense) to the centre in recent years and these, together with personal knowledge of the senior management and access to KGVl's audited accounts each year, give confidence that donated funds are being used for the purposes for which they are intended. The Chairman, Dr Mike Rodd, remains a trustee of King George VIth Centre thereby strengthening the Charity's links with KGVl.

The risk of the Charity having insufficient resources to meet its commitments is managed by ensuring that no funds are committed until donations have been received.

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd October 2024
and signed on their behalf by:



Michael G Rodd (Chairman)

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Receipts and Payments Account for Year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2022 £
Incoming Resources:					
Restricted Donations	1		50,728	50,728	60,896
Gift Aid			3,180	3,180	2,260
Other Income		0	0	0	0
		0	53,908	53,908	63,156
Resources Expended					
Donations	2		81,777	81,777	39,236
Other expenditure		559	0	559	99
		559	81,777	82,336	39,335
Net Incoming Resources		-559	-27,869	-28,428	23,822
Brought forward from 2022		1,963	57,485	59,488	35,626
Balance c/forward to 2024		1,404	29,616	31,020	59,448

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

Assets

Bank Balance	1,404	29,616	31,020	35,626
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Liabilities

Current	0	0	0	0
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Michael G Rodd (Chairman)



David S King (Treasurer)

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Notes:

1. Major Donations Received during the year:

	£
Susan Campbell	300.00
HM Riley	720.00
A J Spath	360.00
V Hood	240.00
Debra Porrett	300.00
B & R Main	480.00
M Willcox	300.00
D & J King	700.00
J Handford	900.00
R Oswald	601.00
S Phillips	300.00
Brenda Robinson	1,700.00
M G Rodd	500.00
Stephen Szwejkowski	360.00
Christopher Fincham	1,061.00
E Temple Camp	2,250.00
JM Hobart	500.00
Reading Quakers	200.00
Irish Methodist World Development Fund	10,000.00
Anthony Evans	250.00
Ingrid Palairret	600.00
MP Noble (St Michael's)	500.00
DF Cooke	5,000.00
L Fincham	1,099.00
St Michael's Church, Aldbourne	1,548.00
L A Sewell	400.00
J Spedding	4,000.00
Peter & Elsa Robinson	2,100.00
George Rendell	5,000.00
S Rodd	2,616.00
St Michael's CofE Primary School	257.00
National Boat Owners Assoc, re M Rodd	200.00
Oakdale Trust	1,000.00
M-P Graebener	1,258.00
R Williams	748.00

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2. Resources expended:

Payments from restricted funds amounting to £ 81,777 (2022 - £ 39,236) were made to King George VIth Centre, Zimbabwe for payment of wages, bursaries and bus fares for pupils in particular financial need, examination fees, purchases of medicines and food, and other day-to-day expenses, and to suppliers on its behalf.

Non-restricted funds were used to meet bank charges on donations received and transfers of funds to recipients. No other resources were expended during the year. No expenses or other payments were made to Trustees (2022 - £ 0), who gave their time voluntarily. No attempt has been made to place a monetary value on this.

Accounting Policies:

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure that meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are amounts received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is accounted for in the year in which payment is received from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
AMANDLA TRUST
on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023
set out on pages 2-4 & 5-7

**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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

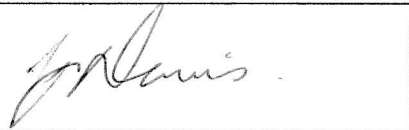
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:		Date:	31-3-24
Name:	G Davies		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACMA		
Address:	5 Tabernacle Road		
	Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 7EF		