



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/06/2020 To 31/05/2021

Charity name: No Strings

Charity registration number: 1096730

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | To promote awareness and behaviour change around safety, health and wellbeing for the benefit of children and communities in at-risk regions around the world through the use of puppet films and puppet based participatory activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | No Strings International works with masters of the original Muppet Show, making puppet films that introduce vital messages to children and communities at risk because of poverty, conflict or disaster.<br>Our programmes also create a space where those most affected can link messages to their own lives through a range of carefully-developed puppet-based participatory activities.<br>Issues we focus on include WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), Malaria, Nutrition, Environment, Child Protection, Gender, Trauma and Peace-Building, and preparedness and safety in natural disasters. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                        | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38      |  |

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| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38 |  |
| Other                                                            |           |  |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p><b>Note on Coronavirus Pandemic</b></p> <p>Having completed the Bangladesh psychosocial support training side of the programme in March 2020 in partnership with CRS / Caritas Bangladesh, the lockdowns and travel disruptions for the whole of this period necessitated in No Strings working solely from the UK office. Along with the project work outlined below, time was dedicated to strengthening ongoing partnerships with international organisations and developing relationships with additional organisations that will allow us to significantly scale programming into the future.</p> <p><b>June / July / August 2020: Coronavirus Hand Washing Song Video Development</b></p> <p>No Strings worked with a number of organisations to support country-wide level efforts to limit coronavirus infection through hand washing with soap (HWWS). We were able to adapt the existing HWWS song and video with specific messages around Covid 19. The song was dubbed into Shona for use in Zimbabwe, working with Save the Children, and into Creole for use in Haiti through a partnership with Population Media Center. The film and song were aired on prime time TV and numerous local radio stations, and widely circulated through established WhatsApp groups. No Strings was able to donate all services.</p> <p><b>June / July / August 2020: Completion of PSS Training Manuals, Rohingya Project, Bangladesh</b></p> <p>An extensive training document was created to support the ongoing rollout of the Butterfly and Frog psychosocial support programmes in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The document outlines ten 90-minute sessions for each of the film projects, which focus on improving the wellbeing of Rohingya children and teenage boys and girls living in the camp.</p> |

## Achievements and Performance PAGE 2

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p><b>September 2020: Additional Training Proposal Submissions, Rohingya Project, Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Additional proposals were completed with our partners in Bangladesh to continue the training programme once the situation allows.</p> <p><b>Ongoing throughout Period: Handwashing with Soap Programme, Nairobi, Kenya</b></p> <p>While schools in the Kawangware district where much of our previous programming were closed over chunks of time during this year, we were able to keep abreast of progress with the systems and practices we had established with our school partners there while children were in class. From discussions with staff it would appear that both are still going strong with the majority of children handwashing with soap in school before lunch and after latrine use. Soap making practices continued and the equipment we had put in place to support this remained well looked after by children and staff.</p> <p><b>Ongoing throughout Period: Human Elephant Conflict Programme Development, Kenya</b></p> <p>The implementation of this programme was inevitably put on hold during this period but we were able to continue discussions with the Born Free Foundation to further understand the needs of both humans and elephants living in / around the Meru and Amboseli national parks in Kenya, and to create a full training concept involving use of an elephant puppet to help support the rights of people living near the national parks along with elephant populations. Implementation of the project will now take place in May 2022.</p> |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

|                                                                                  |           |  |
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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 |  |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 |  |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 |  |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 |  |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 |  |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 |  |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 |  |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |  |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 |  |
| Other                                                                           |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |                                        |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | <b>Trust Deed dated 24/03/2003</b>     |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | <b>Trust</b>                           |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | <b>Appointed by Trustee Resolution</b> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Charity name                | No Strings               |
| Other name the charity uses | No Strings International |
| Registered charity number   | 1096730                  |

|                             |                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity's principal address | 48 Briarwood Avenue<br>Gosforth<br>Newcastle Upon Tyne<br>NE3 5DB |
|                             |                                                                   |



### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name    | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Ms Jane Pickett | Chair           |                                   |                                                               |
| 2  | Mr Gary Ramsay  |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 3  | Mr Philip Veal  |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name |  |  |
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### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

|                                                                                                                               |  |
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| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               |  |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |  |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |  |

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
|-----------------|------|---------|

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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

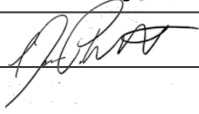
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

|                                                                                   |  |
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Full name(s)

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| JANE PIKETT |  |
|-------------|--|

Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

|       |  |
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| Chair |  |
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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
No Strings International

No (if any)  
1096730

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/06/2020

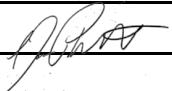
To

Period end date  
31/05/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Donations                                             | 3,948              | -                | -                | 3,948            | 285              |
| Grant Income                                          | -                  | 58,857           | -                | 58,857           | 27,582           |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>3,948</b>       | <b>58,857</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>62,806</b>    | <b>27,867</b>    |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>3,948</b>       | <b>58,857</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>62,806</b>    | <b>27,867</b>    |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Field Costs                                           | -                  | 13,957           | -                | 13,957           | 108,258          |
| Administration                                        | 223                | 1,035            | -                | 1,258            | 26,120           |
| Foreign exchange loss/(gain)                          | 12,720             | -                | -                | 12,720           | - 6,485          |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>12,942</b>      | <b>14,992</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>27,934</b>    | <b>127,893</b>   |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>12,942</b>      | <b>14,992</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>27,934</b>    | <b>127,893</b>   |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>- 8,994</b>     | <b>43,865</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>34,871</b>    | <b>- 100,026</b> |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>7,355</b>       | <b>109,005</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>116,360</b>   | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>- 1,639</b>     | <b>152,870</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>151,231</b>   | <b>- 100,026</b> |

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

| Categories                                                  | Details                                                                             | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                        | Cash at bank                                                                        | - 1,639                            | 152,870                          | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                                             | - 1,639                            | 152,870                          | -                               |
|                                                             | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))                              | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             | Details                                                                             | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 | Details                                                                             | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         | Details                                                                             | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
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|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       | Details                                                                             | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    | -                                |                                 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature                                                                           | Print Name                         | Date of approval                 |                                 |
|                                                             |  | JANE PIKETT                        |                                  |                                 |
|                                                             |                                                                                     |                                    |                                  |                                 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
NO STRINGS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/05/2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1096730

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 05 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*S. Nixon*

Date:

14 / 3 / 22

Name:

SHAUN NIXON

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

ACCA

Address:

1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, 5 CATTLE MARKET, HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND  
NE46 1NJ

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.