

THE FRIENDS OF BYUMBA TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1097326

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-05-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE TRUSTEES SHALL HOLD THE TRUST FUND AND ITS INCOME UPON TRUST TO APPLY THEM FOR THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") IN DIOCESE OF BYUMBA, RWANDA1. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY 2. THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS.3. THE PROVISION OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Activities: The relief of poverty, education and the promotion of the Christian religion in the Diocese of Byumba (EER), Rwanda

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF BYUMBA, RWANDA
- Rwanda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£169,941	£33,453	-	-
2024-01-31	£19,147	£17,807	-	-
2023-01-31	£32,983	£32,721	-	-
2022-01-31	£16,421	£17,381	-	-
2021-01-31	£18,333	£20,861	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bishop Paul Butler	Chair	
Jane Perry		
MR WILL PERRY		
Rosemary Butler		

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TRUSTEES

Mrs Jane Perry

Mr Will Perry

Mrs Rosemary Butler (Treasurer)

Rt Rev Paul Butler (Chair)

OBJECTS OF THE TRUST

The trustees hold the trust fund and its income to apply them for the objects in the Diocese of Byumba, Rwanda.

1. The relief of poverty
2. The provision of education for children, young people and adults.
3. The promotion of the Christian religion

The Trust has continued to support the work of the Diocese of Byumba, Rwanda through the gifts of its small number of donors. During the year support has continued for the work of relieving poverty, education and the promotion of the Christian faith. This has included support for individuals and for work undertaken like that of Hannah Ministries.

During this year the Diocese was hit very hard, along with all churches and other faith communities across Rwanda, by the Government's sudden, and unexpected, implementation of its 2018 law relating to the building standards of places of worship, and the educational level of leaders of churches. When it was passed in 2018 the Government said it would not implement for at least 5 years to allow time for work to be done on church buildings, and upgrading of education to be undertaken to degree level for lead pastors. However, during that 5 year period the Covid pandemic occurred. The Rwandan Government imposed one of the firmest 'lockdowns' anywhere in the world that lasted almost 2 years. During this period no work could be done on the church buildings and access to higher education was also limited. The sudden and unannounced decision by the Government to inspect all buildings with only one month's notice and to enforce the educational requirements led to around 80% of all places of worship being closed across the Diocese (a similar impact to the country as a whole). Since pastors' income comes almost exclusively from the regular giving of those who gather to worship there was a major impact on all pastors and their families. The Diocese began to work quickly on identifying which buildings could be brought up to standard relatively quickly, and those for whom this was very unlikely. They also identified which pastors could proceed to degree level training, and those for whom this would not be possible. However, there were no funds for helping churches with their buildings or for training the number of pastors identified.

In 2023 the Trustees had been notified that Miss Margaret Court, a former Mission Partner in Rwanda, had left one third of the bulk of her estate to the Trust. This news came completely out of the blue. It was also unclear how much this would amount to. The Executors of her estate did explain that the main part of the estate would be from the sale of her house. During this year it became clear that the Trust would be in receipt of something over £100,000. The Trustees recognised that this placed the Trust in a new position in relation to Charity Law requirements. Work was done on developing a range of policies and procedures to ensure that we could handle the increased finances properly. A Safeguarding Policy was also introduced. The Trustees began conversations with Bishop Emmanuel Ngendehayo about the use of this money to support the needs that had emerged around church buildings, clergy training and possible longer term developmental work. In due course other members of the Diocesan leadership worked with the Bishop on these.

In early January 2025 near the close of the financial year the Trust received payment from the estate of £157,845.08. Trustees have agreed that this legacy should be used primarily to help the Diocese through the current crisis and be spent over a 3-5 year period. The initial focus with the first payment made in January 2025 was to support the upgrading of 18 church buildings and to support clergy who were able to do so to raise their education to bachelor degree level, and to enhance the training of some to masters degree level. This would mean commitment to 3 and 2 years funding for the pastors. There would also be help for the families of those undertaking the bachelor's training as they would not be receiving income from a parish during this time.

So the year ended with the largest amount of money the Trust has ever had in the bank. But this has to be seen against the small number of regular donors and the likelihood that once the Court legacy has been used the question of the Trust's long term viability will re-emerge, unless significant new donors are found.

Rt Rev Paul Butler - Chair

Deposits and Payments
01/02/2024 to 31/01/2025

Deposits

Banana Cards	50.00
Education	1,076.59
General Fund	9,435.62
Hannah Ministry	180.00
M Court Legacy	157,844.08
Clergy Training	780.00
Widows Work	575.00

TOTAL INCOME 169,941.29

Balance income over expenditure 136,488.67

Balance at start of year 1810.13

Balance at year end 138,298.80

Payments

Banana Cards	-50.00
Education	-1,500.00
General Fund	-9,745.62
Hannah Ministry	-230.00
M Court Legacy	-20,300.00
Clergy training	-845.00
Widows Work	-575.00
General Admin	-207.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS -33,452.62

FRIENDS OF BYUMBA TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025****PAYMENTS PER BANK STATEMENTS****PAYMENTS PER FUND ACCOUNTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>BANANA</u>			<u>HANNAH</u>			<u>LEGACY</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>WIDOWS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>COMM</u>	<u>BNK CHGS</u>	<u>CARDS</u>	<u>EDUC</u>	<u>GEN FUND</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>				
12.03.24	1316.91	30.00	8.50		543.41	450.00	90.00		195.00		1316.91
19.08.24	1623.50	30.00	8.50		540.00	630.00	90.00		325.00		1623.50
24.10.24	3322.71	22.00	8.50		116.59	3025.62	20.00		130.00		3322.71
18.11.24	2465.50	22.00	8.50			2360.00	10.00		65.00		2465.50
08.01.25	4295.50	22.00	8.50	50.00	300.00	3190.00	20.00		130.00	575.00	4295.50
22.01.25	20428.50	30.00	8.50			90.00		20300.00			20428.50
	<u>£ 33452.62</u>	<u>156.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1500.00</u>	<u>9745.62</u>	<u>230.00</u>	<u>20300.00</u>	<u>845.00</u>	<u>575.00</u>	<u>33452.62</u>

BANK RECEIPTS PER FUND

Banana Cards	50.00
Education	1076.59
General Admin	-
General Fund	9435.62
Hannah Ministry	180.00
Margaret Court Legacy	157844.08
Ordinands Training	780.00
Widows Work	575.00
Per Bank Receipts	<u>£ 169941.29</u>

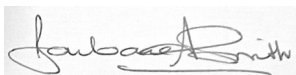
BANK ACCOUNT

Balance per statement 1 February 2024	1745.13
Adjustment receipt not cleared	65.00
	<u>1810.13</u>
Add: Receipts	169941.29
	<u>171751.42</u>
Less: Payments	(33452.62)
Closing balance	<u>£ 138298.80</u>

I have examined all the records supplied to me by the Trustees. From those records, and further information provided, I confirm that the records show a true accounts of transactions for the year ended 31 January 2025.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per statement 31 January 2025	138233.80
Add: receipt not cleared	65.00
Per closing funds balance	<u>£ 138298.80</u>



Barbara-A Smith A.T.T.
Honorary Examiner.

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Objects

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The year in review

The Trust works solely in and with the Diocese of Byumba in Rwanda (Anglican Church of Rwanda).

The Diocese has continued its work, under the leadership of Bishop Emmanuel Ngendehayo, to engage in the making known of the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed. This includes regular engagement in education through local schools, both primary and secondary. It also runs a number of vocational training centres. It works to relieve poverty. In Byumba Town this is primarily through Hannah Ministries. This work provides support through the provision of meals, and supporting craft work to a range of families headed by the eldest child (now often an adult themselves). 16 families are helped on a regular basis.

There continues to be work undertaken to support widows, through their craft work being sold locally.

The Diocese is committed to training new catechists and clergy. It also seeks to undertake ongoing training and development of both catechists (some becoming clergy through the further training) and clergy. This is undertaken through the Diocesan Bible School.

The general funds are used for these purposes around the Diocese.

During this year there was a particular project led by Rob Hoys (a water engineer based in Sussex) to help build and maintain some new water

tanks in a number of parishes. Rob went to Byumba at his own expense to supervise the building and installation of these tanks. Access to water remains a major challenge for many in rural areas so this project is a significant help to the communities supplied. Rob also taught local people so that further tanks could be provided locally. This project amounted to just over 50% of the Trusts support for the Diocese during the year.

Hence for the first time in many years the Trust found itself with a turnover of more than £25,000 requiring an independent examination of its accounts after many years of smaller turn over.

Throughout the year the Diocese has been efficient in informing the Trust of safe receipt of funds (always done through international bank transfer), and of committing to use the funds for the stated purposes. Rob Hoys was also able to confirm the continued work of Hannah Ministries

Looking ahead

It is anticipated that the regular gifts from a small number of individuals will continue. It is anticipated that in the year 2023-4 the Trust will return to a turnover under £25,000. Although a further water project or other matter would potentially alter this anticipation.

It is also expected that the Chair and Treasurer will be able to visit Byumba having been unable to do so since 2019 due to the Covid pandemic.

Paul Butler

Chair

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Balance Sheet
31 January 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31-Jan-23	31-Jan-22
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	501	-	501	239
Net Assets			<u>501</u>	<u>239</u>
Represented by				
Unrestricted Funds			501	239
Restricted Funds			-	-
Total Funds			<u>501</u>	<u>239</u>

There are no long term assets or liabilities

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 January 2023

	General Fund 2023	Restricted Fund 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Income and endowments from				
Grants, Donations and gifts	26,077	6,906	32,983	16421
Expenditure on				
Charitable Activities	25,815	6,906	32,721	17381
Net income	<u>262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>- 960</u>
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds at 1 February 2022	<u>239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>1,199</u>
Total funds at 31 January 2023	<u>501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>239</u>

Education (2760), Hannah (1922), Ordinands (1758), Widows (406), Banana (60)

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 January 2023

	2023		2022
Cash flow from operating activity			
Cash generated from operations	262	-	960
Net cash provided by operating activities	262	-	960
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	262	-	960
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	239		1,199
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	501		239

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Friends of Byumba Trust for the year ended 31 January 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of the 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



James Morgan FCA
Independent examiner
13 November 2023