

# THE JINJA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1107636

## Details

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Other names	THE BUJAGALI TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2005-01-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PERSONS UP TO THE AGE OF 30 FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR UGANDA IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY OR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP THOSE PRACTICAL, BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC SKILLS WHICH MAY ASSIST THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND WELL-BEING AND THOSE OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS AND OTHERS.

**Activities:** The Trust supports children at a number of schools and orphanages in Jinja, including Mama Jane's, Valley View, Great Hopes, Son Rise and Lake Victoria, through the sponsorship of children to attend school and by implementing projects such as the building of classrooms, installation of new water tanks and new playground equipment.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UGANDA AND UNITED KINGDOM
- Uganda

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£243,138	£189,574	-	-
2023-12-31	£200,908	£146,220	-	-
2022-12-31	£276,882	£272,859	-	-
2021-12-31	£76,017	£93,198	-	-
2020-12-31	£58,591	£103,815	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jon Symonds</b>	Chair	2011-06-01
Jacqueline Onslow		2015-04-12
SUE SYMONDS		
Sally Anne Funnell		2014-03-05
Smita Ganatra		2021-07-01
TESSA JANE DOUCH		2011-06-01
donald featherstone		2025-06-08

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## **The Jinja Educational Trust (Charity Number: 1107636)**

### **Annual Report Ending December 2024**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

JET aims to improve education and child welfare in Jinja, Uganda, through training, infrastructure development, and safeguarding initiatives. Activities are aligned with our charitable objectives to advance education and relieve poverty among children and young people through its network of schools.

#### **Educational Development**

- Delivered teacher training and classroom support across multiple schools.
- Leadership and early years development training provided by UK education professionals.
- Promoted active learning and improved classroom engagement.

#### **Infrastructure Projects**

- Completed and inaugurated a new IT/Library block at Great Hope School.
- Initiated plans for dormitory construction and rebuilding of St Patrick School.

#### **Child Welfare and Safeguarding**

- Supported children's homes with supplies and training in life skills (e.g., tailoring, farming).
- Strengthened safeguarding practices in partnership with local organisations.
- Promoted respectful and supportive child engagement across schools.

#### **Community Engagement**

- Facilitated cultural and educational visits, including Kakira Sugar Factory and the Nile.
- Engaged with local leaders to expand training programmes to additional schools.

#### **Public Benefit**

All activities were undertaken to benefit children and educators in Jinja, Uganda. The charity ensures that its work provides clear public benefit, in line with Charity Commission guidance.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

- Focus on building dormitories and rebuilding St Patrick School.
- Continue expanding training and safeguarding programmes to more schools and homes.

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<b>Receipts &amp; Payments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Committed Funding</b>	<b>41,909</b>	<b>50,804</b>	<b>41,197</b>	<b>35,774</b>
Monthly Donations	10,909	9,804	11,197	10,774
Trustee Donations	31,000	41,000	30,000	25,000
Interest Received	0	0	0	0
<b>Administration Costs</b>	<b>(90,597)</b>	<b>(65,143)</b>	<b>(59,697)</b>	<b>(50,904)</b>
UK Management Salary & Expenses	(26,152)	(25,241)	(23,523)	(22,493)
Uganda Management Salary & Expenses	(56,101)	(32,242)	(29,809)	(26,975)
Other (Website, Bank Charges etc)	(8,344)	(7,660)	(6,364)	(1,436)
<b>Operations and Projects</b>	<b>(140,886)</b>	<b>(81,077)</b>	<b>(120,154)</b>	<b>(42,293)</b>
Logistics, Fuel & Car Purchases	(57,501)	(15,277)	(36,005)	(11,674)
Projects - Education, Health & Construction	(83,385)	(65,799)	(84,148)	(30,619)
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>243,138</b>	<b>150,104</b>	<b>142,677</b>	<b>40,243</b>
Project & one off fundraisers	153,146	160,604	15,273	40,243
Dinner Profit	89,991	(10,500)	127,404	0
Dinner Fundraiser	173,723	0	220,413	0
Dinner Costs	(83,732)	(10,500)	(93,009)	0
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>53,564</b>	<b>54,689</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>(17,180)</b>
<b>Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Opening Bank Balance	114,833	60,144	56,121	73,301
Surplus / (Deficit) in year	53,564	54,689	4,023	(17,180)
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>168,397</b>	<b>114,833</b>	<b>60,144</b>	<b>56,121</b>

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Signed: *Rik Osborne*

Name: Ricky Osborne

Address: 38 Wordsworth Road, TW12 1ER

Date: 20.10.2025

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**Annual Report Ending December 2023**

**2023 was another busy year for the charity and the work done out in Jinja, Uganda with the key highlights below.**

**The charity enters 2024 in good financial health preparing for the next major fundraising dinner to continue the work into 2025 and beyond.**

**Continued support for orphanages**

- **Our long-term commitment to Jinja orphanages remains through continued food and supplies support at Mama Janes and Sonrise**

**Educational programme in full swing**

- **Teacher training continued at our school network with an ongoing training, materials and curriculum implemented, supported by fundraising and the experts at Merchants Taylors**

**Twinkle Nursery has been completely redeveloped**

- **Redevelopment: Twinkle has been completely redeveloped, offering excellent educational day and boarding facilities to nearly 700 children.**
- **New Nursery in Full Use: The long-awaited nursery at Twinkle is now fully operational and looks wonderful.**
- **Teacher Training: Headteacher Elijah has initiated teacher training on phonics, inspired by the positive impact of the JET training. 126 local teachers attended, benefiting thousands of children.**

**Great Hopes with YouBelong**

- **Mental Health Initiative: The YouBelong initiative, aimed at promoting good mental health in schools, is showing positive results.**
- **Community Impact: The program is being extended into the community by parents and teachers, breaking down mental health barriers.**

**School Achievements and Future Plans**

- **Self-Sufficiency: The school is producing much of its own food, allowing for reduced fees post-Covid.**
- **Community Support: The school is continually looking for ways to support the community and parents facing challenges.**
- **New Developments: Plans are underway to build a new IT block, library, and headteacher's office.**

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**Annual Report Ending December 2022**

It has been a busy time in Jinja, with the schools having just completed a full school year for the first time in three years. This year has not been without its challenges but with plenty of support educationally and offering food every day most children have returned to class and are thriving. Offering a simple porridge every morning so parents will send their children to school knowing they will be fed. The planting program set up in all schools and children's homes during lockdown is a great success. Working towards sustainable meals with surplus to help support the school and homes. Continued teacher training and educational monitoring of all children gives the best possible education.

During last visit we were able to see how the new Twinkle nursery is being built, all ready for the new school year in February. Twinkle will then be completely rebuilt, this school was a few corrugated iron huts 4 years ago now offers excellent education to 680 primary school children, with 260 boarders in a safe, comfortable, welcoming environment.

All this was possible as we work together to offer the youngest and most vulnerable children a safer, brighter, and successful future. Life is often very harsh in Uganda but knowing they have our continued support gives hope and aspiration.

Our plans for next year will be to continue to support all communities with food and educational support. At the same time, we need to ensure all schools have ongoing structural improvement to make them safe and welcoming places to learn. We still need to have a sickbay in each school to be able to isolate children and stop the spread of disease. We plan on a small IT room for each school so they can access online learning and the teachers access further training. The dormitories in another of our schools are in urgent need of a rebuild as the current ones are not fit for purpose. We anticipate that things will be very difficult with the recession, with the added challenge of schools once again closed to stop the spread of Ebola. We have faced difficult times before and we can find a way through this time too.

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<b>Receipts &amp; Payments</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Monthly Donations	11,197	10,774
Fundraising including Gift Aid	265,685	65,243
Interest Received	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>276,882</b>	<b>76,017</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Country Operations and Projects	(149,963)	(69,268)
Fundraising Costs	(93,233)	(216)
Administration	(29,663)	(23,713)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(272,859)</b>	<b>(93,198)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>(17,180)</b>
<b>Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>		
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Opening Bank Balance	56,121	73,301
Surplus / (Deficit) in year	4,022	(17,180)
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>60,143</b>	<b>56,121</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Investment Assets	0	0
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Signed: 

Name: Harriet Fan

Relevant professional body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 6D Barnmead Rd, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1LY

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## **Jinja Educational Trust: Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2021**

A huge Thank You for standing by us during these most challenging of times. Despite Uganda having the longest school closures of any nation during the pandemic, we have been able to offer the schools and orphanages continued support. This has only been possible because we have had you beside us all the way.

We provided fruit and vegetable seeds and saplings, teaching the children and staff good agricultural practices.

Fresh produce was given for lunches and will be available at the reopening of schools in January.

Regular meetings, staff training for all schools with our Jinja team, supported by the UK teachers, has ensured we are well prepared, motivated and ready to welcome the children back in 2022.

Despite the schools being closed for over 18 months we have been very busy making sure the schools are improved, well maintained and offering inviting safe learning spaces for all.

With generous support we were able to install solar power in Twinkle school and get the resource centre online. This will enable the schools to access online learning and ensure the children are not reliant on daylight to learn.

The future of JET is exciting we have plans ready to rebuild the Twinkle nursery. The children,

**The Jinja Educational Trust (charity number: 1107636)**  
**Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2021**

	Notes	2021 12 months to Dec-21 £	2020 12 months to Dec-20 £
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments</b>	1		
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations and fundraising		69,207	58,590
Interest / Currency Gain		6,811	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>76,017</b>	<b>58,591</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Sponsorship, projects and other payments	2	91,762	102,412
Event Hire and Expenses	3	-	-
Bank charges and third party payments	4	1,436	1,403
<b>Total</b>		<b>93,198</b>	<b>103,815</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(17,180)</b>	<b>(45,224)</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Opening bank balance		73,301	118,525
Surplus / (Deficit) in year		(17,180)	(45,224)
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>		<b>56,120</b>	<b>73,301</b>

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Ben Loxton  
Treasurer  
28/02/2022

# Jinja Educational Trust: Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2021

## Notes to the Accounts

1 The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as allowed for charities with an income of less than £250,000 per annum

2 Sponsorship, projects and other payments comprise:

	£
Ugandan Operations Transfers	69,268
Country Manager Salary	22,493
Management Expenses	0
	<b>91,762</b>

3 Event Hire and Expenses refer to the costs of hosting and providing for the JET fundraising dinner at the Landmark

	£
Event Hire & Expenses	-

4 Costs include bank transfer fees from UK to foreign accounts, just giving fundraising costs and website maintenance hosting costs

	£
Website	1,014
Bank Charges	206
Fundraising Costs	216
	<b>1,436</b>

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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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Our activities continued to focus on the school network in Jinja Uganda. This year was unlike any other due to the challenges brought on by the pandemic in terms of uncertainty of operations and difficulties in fundraising through a large scale event. As such we ensured a strong balance sheet reserve and kept expenses to a core minimum with a change of approach to projects. Previous focus on larger development and building infrastructure works were paused and funding went into basic subsistence for pupils and teachers with quarterly food drops and a focus on health and safety.

It continued to be important to deliver educational supplies when schools were open and equip our teachers and pupils with the basic necessities to get through the regular lockdowns.

Key expenses included food for teachers and support staff, cleaning, regular orphanage food and back to school packs. As well as ongoing improvements at Great Hope (kitchen) and Twinkle (drainage).

Incredibly the charity ticked over £1m pounds in fundraising since inception in 2020 with £0.7m sent out Uganda.

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	2020 12 months to Dec-20 £	Notes
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments</b>		1
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations and fundraising	58,590	
Interest	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,591</b>	
<b>Payments</b>		
Sponsorship, projects and other payments	102,412	2
Event Hire and Expenses	-	3
Bank charges and third party payments	1,403	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,815</b>	
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(45,224)</b>	

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

<b>Cash Funds</b>	
Opening bank balance	118,525
Surplus / (Deficit) in year	(45,224)
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>73,301</b>

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Country Manager Salary	21,572
Management Expenses	1,800
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Event Hire & Expenses	-

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