THE NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

England & Wales · Charity number 1110483

Details

Other names	THE NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOW MALAWI, THE NICK WEBBER TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2005-07-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	1 Apple Tree Walk Climping Littlehampton BN17 5QN
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Website	www.nickwebbertrust.org.

Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS AND THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS, EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, AMONG PERSONS LIVING IN MALAWI BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES, OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRUSTEES BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS OF MONEY.

Activities: Continued support of Malawian children's charity Tikondane Continued support of NdiMoyo clinic through Nick's Place Continued payment of secondary school fees UsisyaCompleted construction of refuge for Women Lawyers' AssociationDistribution of menstrual health kits, Tikondane, Tidzuke Orphan Care and NdiMoyo clinic, Kochilira CDDS

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MALAWI
- Malawi

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,518	£21,447	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,419	£21,025	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,046	£57,125	-	-
2022-03-31	£47,588	£34,129	-	-
2021-03-31	£42,746	£16,945	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAULINE WEBBER	Chair	2004-12-24
DR Judith Scott		2016-04-23
JANE FRANCES ABOOD		
MARY JOY MARVEL		
TIMOTHY JAMES WEBBER		
Timothy Ingle		2016-04-23

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Nick Webber Trust
Annual Report 2024-2025

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Achievements this year

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Once again, our main fundraising event was the annual Garden Party, which was well-supported by many friends and well-wishers. We ran an online fundraiser at Christmas and sold our Christmas cards as usual. We are extremely grateful for the continued support, loyalty and understanding of our many donors and supporters, which has enabled us to persevere with our projects.

School support

We continued with our project to support homeless children who could not be re-integrated into their families to go to boarding school, through the **Tikondane Centre for the Care of Street Children** in Lilongwe. Through this ongoing scheme, we pay for school fees and other expenses such as uniforms, bedding, transport, daily necessities, classroom equipment, and a small amount of pocket money.

In this year we supported nine children in primary school, six in secondary and one in higher education (University of Malawi). Of the eight in primary, two passed the Primary School Leaving Certificate (taken in Standard Eight), but not well enough to be awarded places in secondary school. Tikondane is supporting one of these within

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Two years ago, we agreed to an extension of our support of the Tikondane Centre, in response to an appeal to support some of the former street children who had been successfully reintegrated into their families but could not attend school because of a lack of school fees and money to pay for school materials, (uniforms, shoes, notebooks, and exams fees etc). At the end of the first year of this scheme, we were asked to support five of them, two girls and three boys, into boarding school, where it was hoped the environment will be more beneficial to their circumstances. We continued to support twelve students under the original scheme.

This year we were asked whether we could consider extending our school support scheme in the next school year to include female students previously supported by a Spanish charity, who are cutting back their involvement. We agreed to this suggestion.

We also continued with our project in partnership with **Temwa** to fund the schooling of twenty-four students from disadvantaged backgrounds who show academic potential in Nkhata Bay North.

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Each kit contains five re-usable sanitary pads, three pairs of pants, soap for washing both the pads and the young people, all in a practical and distinctive bucket. Each kit is estimated to last between 15 and 18 months. Without such kits, adolescent girls very often miss one week in four of school, as they lack any kind of protection, so these vital supplies are proving to have beneficial effects on their education as well as their sense of self-worth.



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We continued our support of the Malawian health care charity **Ndi Moyo** by continuing to make the house known as “Nick’s Place”

available rent-free for use by the Ndi Moyo clinic. It continues to be used extensively to house volunteers and trainees at the clinic, and our land is used for a model vegetable garden and to grow medicinal herbs. A training centre has also been built on our land, for use by the clinic staff.

Access to the Law



Just before the pandemic hit and lockdown ensued, we had accepted a proposal from the Women Lawyers of Malawi Association to fund an ambitious project: the construction of a "safe house" for survivors of domestic abuse who had had recourse to the WLA drop-in clinics and needed a temporary refuge. Construction of a fine four-bedroom house was completed, in 2023, on a plot of land purchased on the outskirts of the capital city. We also purchased beds, and donated bedding, and are pleased that the house is now being used by vulnerable survivors of domestic abuse and their families. The centre is administered by the Women Lawyers Association, with whom we maintain close links. We are pleased to learn that they are linking up with a local psycho-social organisation which can offer counselling support to supplement the legal advice on offer. We are delighted that the ongoing running costs of this centre are being covered by the Clooney Foundation.

How we work

The Trust makes no expenditure for travel, communication, staffing, office overheads, or other running costs. The costs incurred are met by the Trustees personally. This enables us to ensure that every penny donated is spent directly on our projects in Malawi.

Structure, Governance, and Management

Six Trustees continued in post: Pauline Webber (chair), Timothy Webber (vice-chair), Jane Abood, Timothy de Souza-Ingle, Mary Marvel, and Judith Scott.

Trustees are appointed by a resolution of existing Trustees of which there cannot be fewer than three. There is a Board of Advisers, to which appointments are made by the Trustees. There are three active members, all Malawian lawyers who are friends of the Trust, and whose advice is highly valued.

Decisions are made by a majority of Trustees, with the Chair of Trustees having the casting vote in the case of an even split. Decisions are usually made at meetings,

which may also be attended by members of our Board of Advisers. There were two meetings in this financial year. Minutes of all meetings are circulated to all Trustees and Advisers.

No project is adopted without first being thoroughly researched by Trustees and Advisers.

The operation of the Trust is governed by the Trust Deed, (to which two Supplementals have been made), an ethos document, a policy on the selection of partner organisations, and a policy governing the adoption of education projects. These can all be downloaded from the Trust website, along with our annual reports.

Fundraising

Most of the funds this year were raised through personal donations, with one organised event.

We sold our own Christmas cards again, with the initial outlay covered and recouped from sales by one of the Trustees, and all profits going to the Trust.

This year we repeated our "Christmas period" scheme, which was very successful in raising funds for the menstrual health kits.

We postponed our Gift Aid claim until the following year.

Payment of our annual subscription to the Malawian register of charitable organisations was deferred due to organisational changes. Town rates were paid up-to-date on Nick's Place in the clinic in Salima.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of all who have supported it by making donations or by using their time and talents to help us.

Risk Management

The Nick Webber Trust is aware that aid and development projects can have inadvertent negative side effects. To minimise this risk in the area of our education projects, we have adopted a policy on sourcing and assessing such projects, which must derive from the democratic structure of Malawi or have beneficiaries within the government of Malawi's stated priority groups, and will be assessed along our general project selection guidelines of democratic accountability, community contribution, demonstrable impact, and long-term sustainability. This policy operates alongside our existing policy on the selection of partner organisations.

Our strategy of retaining sufficient reserves to ensure that projects can be completed means that we are able to absorb cost increases resulting from currency fluctuation. To protect against any future such alterations in the financial landscape, we cost all of our projects, both new and existing, directly in Malawi Kwacha and make all agreements in that currency. We also ensure that our reserves can cover all

of our commitments for three years into the future before making any new commitments, taking account of our basic income from standing orders on the assumption that this will not decrease by more than 10% per year, and that our other income will not decrease by more than 25% per year.

Representatives of the Trust kept in regular contact with NdiMoyo clinic, Tidzuke Orphan Care, Tikondane Care for Street Children and the Women Lawyers Association of Malawi, as well as other contacts able to keep us up to date with the situation in Malawi. The Chair of the Trustees also regularly met with the Malawian members of the Board of Advisers.

Financial Review (01/04/24-31/03/25)

The Trust started the year with a balance of £31,913

Total income for the year was £25,518, of which:

Raised by supporters and regular donations	**£19588**
Garden Party	**£3915**
Christmas Appeal	**£1470**
Christmas cards	**£275**
Bank interest	**£180**
Easyfundraising	**£90**

Expenditure for the year was £21,447, of which:

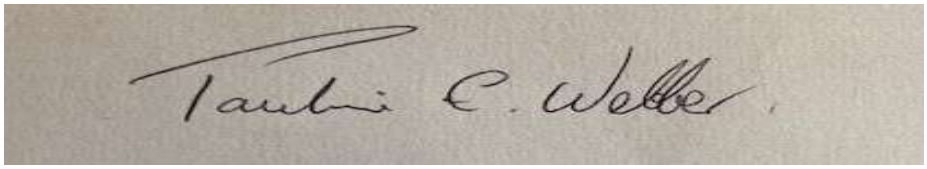
Tikondane Care of Street Children	**£8019**
Temwa School Support	**£7030**
GracePads	**£4969**
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Rates on Nick's Place	**£46**

The Trust ended the year with £35,984 in hand

The currency fluctuations of the Malawi Kwacha make it difficult to know for sure the future cost of our commitments for the next three years, but we currently estimate them to be in the region of £60,000. Assuming a decline year on year of 10% on our regular Standing Order donations and a decline year on year of 25% on our other income, we expect to receive a further £80,000 in the next three years.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report set out above.
Signed on their behalf


Tauhi C. Webber

NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

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Payments and Receipts accounts for the period 1/04/24-31/03/25

ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	**£31,913**
Cash funds this year end	**£35, 984**

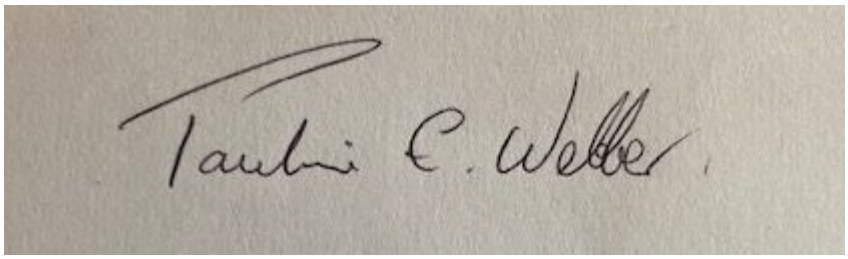
SECTION B Statement of Assets and liabilities at the end of the period

CASH FUNDS

Details of Unrestricted Funds

Charity and Community Bank Account:	**£24,784**
Business Select Account	**£11,200**
Total:	**£35,984**

Signed by chair of Trustees on behalf of all Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees
The Nick Webber Memorial Trust for Malawi

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2025

Charity no (if any)

1110483

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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
[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

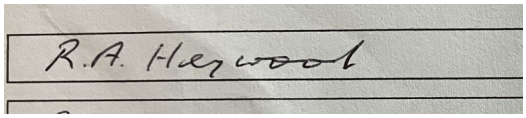
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

3/12/2025

Name:

Ruth Arnold Heywood

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

Address:

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Crockerhill, Chichester

P018 0LG

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.

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This year we repeated a "Give a life-changing gift" scheme, which was very successful in raising funds for the menstrual health kits.

We successfully claimed Gift Aid for two years.

Payment of our annual subscription to the Malawian register of charitable organisations was deferred to the following year for logistical reasons. Town rates were paid up-to-date on Nick's Place in the clinic in Salima.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of all who have supported it by making donations or by using their time and talents to help us.

Risk Management

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Representatives of the Trust kept in regular contact with NdiMoyo clinic, Tidzuke Orphan Care, Tikondane Care for Street Children and the Women Lawyers

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Financial Review (01/04/23-31/03/24)

The Trust started the year with a balance of £17,519

Total income for the year was £35,419, of which:

Raised by supporters and regular donations	**£21,521**
Gift Aid	**£8108**
Garden Party	**£4195**
Christmas Appeal	**£1200**
Christmas cards	**£255**
Bank interest	**£140**

Payments for the year were £21,025, of which:

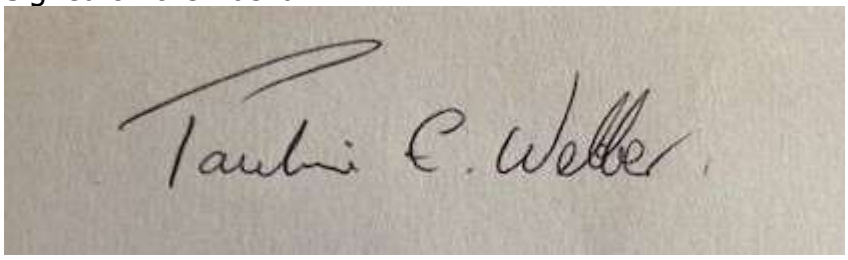
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Temwa School Support	**£5530**
GracePads	**£3438**
Tidzuke Orphan Care	**£2738**
WLA Safe House	**£2219**
Rates on Nick's Place	**£81**

The trust ended the year with £31,913 in hand

The currency fluctuations of the Malawi Kwacha make it difficult to know for sure the future cost of our commitments for the next three years, but we currently estimate them to be in the region of £60,000. Assuming a decline year on year of 10% on our regular Standing Order donations and a decline year on year of 25% on our other income, we expect to receive a further £80,000 in the next three years.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report set out above.
Signed on their behalf



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

On accounts for the year ended 31/03/2024

Charity no (if any) 1110483

Set out on pages 1-2 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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").

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Independent examiner's statement

[The ~~charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]~~]. ~~*Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*~~

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Signed: R.A. Heywood. **Date:** 14/12/2024

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NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

Charity Number 1110483

Payments and Receipts accounts for the period 1/04/23-31/03/24

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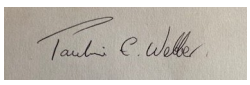
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Total Payments	£21025
CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	£17519
Cash funds this year end	£31913

SECTION B Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

CASH FUNDS	Details of Unrestricted Funds	
	Community Directplus Account	£20894
	Business Select Account	£11019
	Total:	£31913

Signed by chair of Trustees on behalf of all Trustees



THE NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

England & Wales - Charity number 1110483

Accounts

Annual Report 2022-2023

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The Trust was set up in 2004 in memory of Nick Webber, who died tragically in a car accident at the age of 28 while working in Malawi as a volunteer Legal Aid solicitor. Had Nick lived longer, we know that he would have done much more good in the world. Our aim is to do some of that good in his name. Following the spirit of the work he was doing, our aim is to support some of Malawi's poorest and most marginalised people by funding projects in education, healthcare and community support, and access to justice.

The Trust became recognised as a charity in England and Wales on 30 May 2005, which would have been Nick's 29th birthday.

This document contains the Trustees' financial report for the financial year 2022-20223.

Achievements this year

In June 2022, our Chair of Trustees was awarded the British Empire Medal in the honours list marking the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, which she accepted on behalf of all our supporters. The award was for "services to charity, education and justice in Malawi", and our Chair chose to have the medal awarded in Malawi, so that some of our Malawian friends who assist the Trust, including all three Advisers, could attend.



Our chair of Trustees made four visits to Malawi during the year, visiting all our ongoing and some completed projects, and maintaining contact with our Board of Advisers

With Covid restrictions lifted, for the first time in three years, we were able to hold our main fund-raising event, the annual Garden Party, which was well-supported by many friends and well-wishers. We ran an online fund-raiser at Christmas and sold our Christmas cards as usual. We are extremely grateful for the continued support, loyalty and understanding of our many donors, which has enabled us to persevere with our projects.

In response to the devastation caused in southern Malawi by Cyclone Freddie in March 2023, we launched a special appeal which raised £1700, all of which was sent to our partner, GracePads, to provide sanitary protection to women and girls affected by the cyclone and its after-effects.

School support

We continued with our project to support homeless children who could not be re-integrated into their families to go to boarding school, through the **Tikondane Centre for the Care of Street Children** in Lilongwe. Through this ongoing scheme, we pay for school fees and other expenses such as uniforms, bedding, transport, daily necessities, classroom equipment, and a small amount of pocket money.

In this year we supported seven children in primary school, five in secondary and four in tertiary education. All progressed satisfactorily except for two boys in primary school; these have been withdrawn from boarding school and will continue to receive both financial and social support from Tikondane as they attend school from their homes. The young man whose progress through a degree at Mzuzu University we have been supporting has successfully graduated in hospitality relations.

This year, we agreed to an extension of our support of the Tikondane Centre, in response to an appeal to support some of the former street children who had been successfully reintegrated into their families, but could not attend school because of a lack of school fees and money to pay for school materials, (uniforms, shoes, notebooks, and exams fees etc). We have agreed to meet the costs of such children, at the discretion of the Tikondane staff. We look forward to continuing our support of this admirable care for some of the most vulnerable young people in Malawi.

We also continued with our project in partnership with **Temwa** to fund the schooling of students from disadvantaged backgrounds who show academic potential in Nkhata Bay North. We were very pleased that, due to the support provided by the bursary scheme, no students dropped out during the year. Temwa also believe that the scheme has helped to prevent further child marriages and teenage pregnancies in the wider community, both of which had increased when the schools were closed due to the pandemic.

In addition to paying the school fees, Nick Webber Trust also provides school uniforms, stationery, and exam fees. From January 2023, waterproof school bags were purchased which ensure that the students can travel to and from school during the rainy season without any damage to their schoolbooks. Water filters were also provided to promote access to clean and safe water among bursary beneficiaries amidst the ongoing cholera outbreak. Sanitary pads were provided for all of the female bursary beneficiaries, ensuring that they do not miss school due to a lack of sanitary products while they have their periods.

This year, the Nick Webber Trust has also provided self-boarding packages for four students and provided funding for meals for 11 bursary students staying at the smaller, free hostels. The hostels offer housing for secondary-school girls who live far away from the school. No longer having to walk long distances each day means these girls now have more time to study and participate in peer study groups. These students also tend to be less tired and

hungry at school as they do not spend their energy walking or working before and after school.

We retained close links with **Kochilira, Kainsa and Kasakanya Primary schools,** all of which we had previously completed to Full Primary status, and in all of which we have now provided desks for the top three classes. We are pleased to see that the retention rate of girl students has risen to equal, and occasionally exceed, that of the boys, which is unusual for Malawi.

We continue to maintain regular contact with **Kochilira Community Day Secondary School**, in Mchinji District, where our hostel for female students makes a significant contribution to the retention of female students. We are delighted that in this school female students now outnumber male students in the final two years, a reversal of the national trend, which senior staff attribute to the safer atmosphere our buildings have created for young women, and that results in national exams continue to improve. We have funded several projects at this school in a relationship that began in 2010 and has included the construction of a science and a computer laboratory, the construction of two more classrooms, and the construction of a teacher's house, to aid staff recruitment and retention at this much improved school.

We agreed to fund the construction costs of a small rural primary school in Chifupa, where the local MP had provided funding for all building materials but did not cover construction costs. We were pleased to be kept informed of the good progress on this building.

Community and Health

When schools were open, full use was made of the hostel for female students under the auspices of **Tidzuke Orphan Care,** in Kochilira village, which we funded in the previous year. The hostel offers accommodation for female students, either those who have won a place at the nearby **Kochilira Community Day Secondary School**, (itself largely constructed by the Nick Webber Trust) but are unable to afford the boarding fees, or those attending the so-called “night school”, run by the teaching staff after the end of the normal school day. Until now, these students have been practising what is known locally as "self-boarding", which involves renting a space in a hut in the local villages in which to live. Fears over the safety and propriety of these arrangements led the local chiefs and counsellors to request our help in providing this new hostel, where the students still pay the same low sum but are safely housed in secure buildings which include washrooms, toilets and a kitchen area. Their "fee" provides a salary for a resident matron and a watchman.

This project is part of our ongoing relationship with this fantastic community organisation. In 2011 we funded the building of a children's centre for the project, from which they run a feeding programme for orphans and vulnerable children, a nursery school, a library, to which we are able to donate more books every year, and which is extensively used by local teachers and secondary school students and provide other facilities for use by the wider community. In 2013 we funded the construction of indoor and outdoor toilets at the centre, and in 2014 we funded the construction of a kitchen to assist with the feeding programme. In 2016, we funded the construction of the Vocational Skills Training Block in which two

courses in carpentry and two in tailoring have taken place. In 2020 we funded the purchase of bunk beds to accommodate the growing demand for places in the hostel for secondary school students. In 2022, in response to anxiety about food shortages, we funded the purchase of fertiliser and seed to extend the area of maize production available to the hostel, as well as the extra labour required.

This year we repeated our **Christmas appeal** for donors to purchase menstrual health kits for female secondary school students. In addition to the one hundred kits previously purchased from the Malawian organisation, Grace Pads, in 2022,and distributed to the young women in Kochilira hostel, Tikondane Care of Street Children, and Ndimoyo Palliative Care clinic, in the current year we were able to distribute a further 400 kits, some to schools we had not reached before, as well as returning to those who had received kits more than 15 months earlier.



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Financial Review (01/04/2022-31/03/2023)

The Trust started the year with £49,598 in hand.

Total income for the year was £25046,
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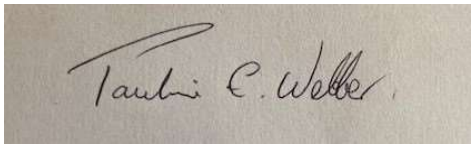
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Cyclone Freddie Appeal	£1738
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Easyfundraising	£87
Bank interest	£13

Total Expenditure for the year was	£57,125
Of which:	
Purchase of menstrual health kits	£4142
Construction of “safe house”	£28,095
Construction of Chifupa Primary School	£726
Temwa School Support	£6890
Tikondane Care of Street Children	£12538
Tidzuke Orphan Care	£4019
Purchase of beds and mattresses for safe house	£500
Congoma Subscription	£193
Rates on “Nick’s Place”	£22
The Trust ended the year with a balance of	£17519

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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report set out above.
Signed on their behalf



on 28th December 2023

NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

Charity number 1110483

Payments and Receipts accounts for the period 1/04/22-31/03/2023

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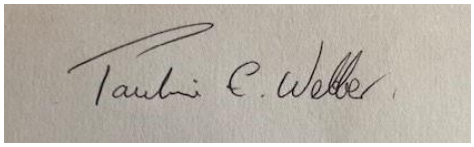
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CASH FUNDS

Details of Unrestricted Funds

Community Directplus Account: £6626
Business Select Account: £10893
Total: £17519

Signed by chair of Trustees on behalf of all Trustees



on 19th December 2023

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: NOR WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

On accounts for the year ended: 31st MARCH 2013 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1110483

Set out on pages: ~~1110483~~ 1-2

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Signed: R M Heywood **Date**: 20/12/2013

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Total receipts	**£25046**

PAYMENTS

Construction of "safe house"	**£28095**
Purchase of menstrual health kits	**£4142**
Construction of Chifupa Primary School	**£726**
Temwa School Support	**£6890**
Tikondane Care of Street Children	**£12538**
Tidzuke Orphan Care	**£4019**
Purchase of beds and mattresses for safe house	**£500**
Congoma Subscription	**£193**
Rates on "Nick's Place"	**£22**

Total payments	**£57,125**

CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	**£49598**
Cash funds this year end	**£17519**

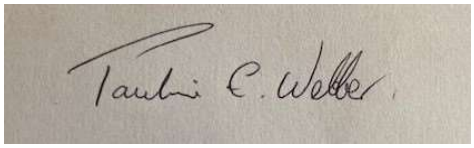
SECTION B Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

CASH FUNDS

Details of Unrestricted Funds

Community Directplus Account: £6626
Business Select Account: £10893
Total: £17519

Signed by chair of Trustees on behalf of all Trustees



on 19th December 2023

THE NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

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Achievements this year

The Covid pandemic continued to cast a long shadow over events in the financial year 2021-2022. However, the Chair of Trustees was able to make two visits to Malawi, in November/December 2021 and in March 2022, and was able to meet in person with all members of our Malawian Board of Advisers. We were able to hold one fund-raising event, an online concert of music and songs. We ran another Christmas fund-raising event online, and were able to sell our Christmas cards. As in UK, Malawi schools were shut for long periods, which affected payment of fees as well as progress of students. Under these circumstances, we are more grateful than ever for the continued support, loyalty and understanding of our many donors, which has enabled us to persevere with our projects and feel able to plan hopefully for the future.

School support

We continued with our project to support homeless children who could not be re-integrated into their families to go to boarding school, through the **Tikondane Centre for the Care of Street Children** in Lilongwe. Normally, we pay for school fees and other expenses such as uniforms, bedding, transport, daily necessities, classroom equipment, and a small amount of pocket money. The schools were shut for part of the year, and academic terms rescheduled to fit in the available time, with shorter school holidays. We paid school fees for the time the schools were open, and because we built up a surplus through the closures, paid less in total than in previous years.

We were very impressed by the way our partner, the **Tikondane Centre, handled** the situation, continuing its work when all other similar organisations had closed down, engaging in extensive outreach to those children who had drifted back to the streets, and running re-orientation courses before the young people returned to school. As a result, all but five primary school boys were able to be re-integrated into their various schools, despite all the disruption to their already challenging lives.

We resolved that where students had been adversely affected by the school closures, we would fund retakes where the scheme organisers thought it appropriate. Three pupils had passed their Primary Leaving Exam but not been awarded secondary school places, so we agreed to fund them to repeat Standard Eight and take the exam again. As a result two of them did well enough to be awarded secondary school places. The third boy again passed but was not awarded a secondary place; he was sick during the school year, and bereaved of an aunt who had been his supporter, so is being considered for a further repeat if he wishes to try again. Following the disruption to one Further Education course on which we were supporting a young woman (whose secondary education we had previously supported), we funded her to repeat her examinations, and she passed them all. We continued to support the young man at Mzuzu University and he has successfully completed his course and is about to start the industrial attachment which is a course requirement. We look forward to continuing our support of this admirable care for some of the most vulnerable young people in Malawi.

We also continued with our project in partnership with **Temwa** to fund the schooling of students from disadvantaged backgrounds who show academic potential in Nkhata Bay North. The school year started later than usual as a consequence of the Covid pandemic and ran from January to November 2021. A new school year started in January 2022. During the 2021 school year we supported 24 students (68% of whom are girls) to attend Community Day Secondary Schools. We were very pleased that, due to the support provided by the bursary scheme, no students dropped out during the year. Temwa also believe that the scheme has helped to prevent further child marriages and teenage pregnancies in the wider community, both of which had increased when the schools were closed due to the pandemic. We will report on the 2022 academic year in the 2022-2023 annual report.

We retained close links with **Kochilira, Kainsa and Kasakanya Primary schools,** all of which we had previously completed to Full Primary status, and in all of which we have now provided desks for the top three classes. We are pleased to see that the retention rate of girl students has risen to equal, and occasionally exceed, that of the boys, which is unusual for Malawi.

We continue to maintain regular contact with **Kochilira Community Day Secondary School**, in Mchinji District, where our hostel for female students makes a significant contribution to the retention of female students. We are delighted that in this school female students now outnumber male students in the final two years, a reversal of the national trend, which senior staff attribute to the safer atmosphere our buildings have created for young women, and that results in national exams continue to improve. We have funded several projects at this school in a relationship that began in 2010, and has included the construction of a science and a computer laboratory, the construction of two more classrooms, and the construction of a teacher's house, to aid staff recruitment and retention at this much improved school. We were able to continue to link the school with a charity promoting female hygiene and sanitary protection, thus further enabling young women to remain in the classroom.

Community and Health

When schools were open, full use was made of the hostel for female students under the auspices of **Tidzuke Orphan Care,** in Kochilira village, which we funded in the previous year. The hostel offers accommodation for female students who have won a place at the nearby **Kochilira Community Day Secondary School**, (itself largely constructed by the Nick Webber Trust) but are unable to afford the boarding fees. Until now, these students have been practising what is known locally as "self-boarding", which involves renting a space in a hut in the local villages in which to live. Fears over the safety and propriety of these arrangements led the local chiefs and counsellors to request our help in providing this new hostel, where the students still pay the same low sum but are safely housed in secure buildings which include washrooms, toilets and a kitchen area. Their "fee" provides a salary for a resident matron and a watchman.



As the hostel is over-subscribed, we agreed to fund the purchase of bunk beds, with mattresses, to enable more young women to be accommodated, up to a total of 60. In addition the organisers, acceding to pressure from the young women themselves and their parents, requested funding to "kick-start" a programme of providing three meals a day for the students, who were finding cooking for themselves as well as completing their studies difficult to accomplish. We funded the purchase of the food for one term, after which it should be self-funding from the fees paid.

This project is part of our ongoing relationship with this fantastic community organisation. In 2011 we funded the building of a children's centre for the project, from which they run a feeding programme for orphans and vulnerable children, a nursery school, a library, to which we are able to donate more books every year, and which is extensively used by local teachers and secondary school students, and provide other facilities for use by the wider community. In 2013 we funded the construction of indoor and outdoor toilets at the centre, and in 2014 we funded the construction of a kitchen to assist with the feeding programme. In 2016, we funded the construction of the Vocational Skills Training Block in which two

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Our Christmas appeal this year invited supporters to purchase menstrual health kits for those young women whose secondary education we were already supporting in some way. The response was enthusiastic and overwhelming. So far one hundred kits have been purchased from the Malawian organisation, Grace Pads, and distributed to the young women in Kochilira hostel, Tikondane Care of Street Children, and Ndimoyo Palliative Care clinic. Each kit contains five re-usable sanitary pads, three pairs of pants, soap for washing both the pads and the young people, all in a practical and distinctive bucket. Without such kits, adolescent girls very often miss one week in four of school, as they lack any kind of protection, so these vital supplies will have beneficial effect on their education as well as their sense of self-worth. We plan to extend the scheme to the female students we support through Temwa, and possibly other organisations. They are received very enthusiastically!



We continued our support of the Malawian health care charity **Ndi Moyo** by continuing to make the house known as "Nick's Place" available rent-free for use by the Ndi Moyo clinic. It continues to be used extensively to house volunteers and trainees at the clinic, and our land is used for a model vegetable garden and to grow medicinal herbs. A training centre has also been built on our land, for use by the clinic staff. As the clinic has new management, we signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the management.

Access to the Law

Just before the pandemic hit and lockdown ensued, we had accepted a proposal from the Women Lawyers of Malawi Association to fund an ambitious project: the construction of a law centre offering pro bono advice to women and children survivors of domestic abuse, to include a basic refuge offering temporary shelter should it be needed. During this financial year, we funded the purchase of a plot of land in a newly developing area of the capital city, Lilongwe, and our Board



President was delighted to attend a "ground-breaking" ceremony as construction commenced in December.
Since then construction has proceeded at a fast pace, and we look forward to the project being completed and opened in the next financial year.



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We were very disappointed to learn that approximately £1000 in cash was stolen from the offices of the lawyer overseeing the construction of the refuge referred to above. Despite the prompt referral to the police, and their extensive enquiries, the money was not recovered. We withheld all further funding until the **Women Lawyers' Association,** with whom we are working on this project, had put in place a robust policy for the safe storage of cash during the purchase of building materials.

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Structure, Governance, and Management

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Trustees are appointed by a resolution of existing Trustees of which there cannot be fewer than three. There is a Board of Advisers, to which appointments are made by the Trustees. There are four active members, all Malawian lawyers who are friends of the Trust, and whose advice is highly valued.

Decisions are made by a majority of Trustees, with the Chair of Trustees having the casting vote in the case of an even split. Decisions are usually made at meetings, which may also be attended by members of our Board of Advisers. There were two meetings in this financial year. Minutes of all meetings are circulated to all Trustees and Advisers.

No project is adopted without first being thoroughly researched by Trustees and Advisers. The operation of the Trust is governed by the Trust deed, (to which two Supplementals have been made), an Ethos document, a policy on the selection of partner organisations, and a policy governing the adoption of education projects. These can all be downloaded from the Trust website, along with our annual reports.

Fundraising

Most of the funds this year were raised through personal donations, with only one organised event.

We sold our own Christmas cards again, with the initial outlay covered and recouped from sales by one of the Trustees, and all profits going to the Trust.

This year we trialled a "Give a life-changing (bloody good) gift" scheme, which was very successful in raising funds for the menstrual health kits.

We made a Gift Aid claim for the previous tax year.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of all who have supported it by making donations or by using their time and talents to help us.

Risk Management

The Nick Webber Trust is aware that aid and development projects can have inadvertent negative side effects. To minimise this risk in the area of our education projects, we have adopted a policy on sourcing and assessing such projects, which must derive from the democratic structure of Malawi or have beneficiaries within the government of Malawi's stated priority groups, and will be assessed along our general project selection guidelines of democratic accountability, community contribution, demonstrable impact, and long-term sustainability. This policy operates alongside our existing policy on the selection of partner organisations.

Our strategy of retaining sufficient reserves to ensure that projects can be completed means that we are able to absorb cost increases resulting from currency fluctuation. To protect against any future such alterations in the financial landscape, we cost all of our projects,

both new and existing, directly in Malawi Kwacha and make all agreements in that currency. We also ensure that our reserves can cover all of our commitments for three years into the future before making any new commitments, taking account of our basic income from standing orders on the assumption that this will not decrease by more than 10% per year, and that our other income will not decrease by more than 25% per year.

Representatives of the Trust kept in regular "virtual" and real contact with NdiMoyo clinic, Tidzuke Orphan Care, Tikondane Care for Street Children and the Women Lawyers Association of Malawi, as well as other contacts able to keep us up to date with the situation in Malawi. The Chair of the Trustees also regularly met with the Malawian members of the Board of Advisers via Zoom, and in person.

Financial Review (01/04/2021-31/03/2022)

The Trust started the year with £36,139 in hand.

Total income for the year was: £47,588

of which:

Raised by supporters and regular donations	£38,140
Gift Aid	£ 5717
Online Concert	£1650
"Buy menstrual health kits for Christmas"	£1521
Sale of Christmas Cards	£396
Easy Fundraising	£164

Total Expenditure for the year was: £34,129

of which:

Construction of law centre "safe house"	£20,076
Purchase of menstrual health kits	£1019
Congoma subscriptions (2)	£538
Rates on Nick's Place	£140
Tikondane Care of Street Children	£5519
Tidzuke food for hostel:	£2319
Tidzuke, purchase of bunk beds:	£2419
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Transport of beds	£160
Bank commission	£20

The Trust ended the year with a balance of £49,598

The currency fluctuations of the Malawi Kwacha make it difficult to know for sure the future cost of our commitments for the next three years, but we currently estimate them to be in the region of £60,000. Assuming a decline year on year of 10% on our regular Standing Order donations and a decline year on year of 25% on our other income, we expect to

receive a further £80,000 in the next three years. This is a conservative assessment, as our annual income has actually never experienced such a decline.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report set out above.
Signed on their behalf

Pauline E. Webber

Pauline Webber (Chair of Trustees)

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Payments and Receipts accounts for the period 1/04/221 -31/03/2022

ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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SECTION B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

CASH FUNDS — **Details of Unrestricted Funds**

Community Directplus Account	**£38,719**
Business Select Account	**£10,879**
Total:	**£49,598**

Signed by Chair of Trustees on behalf of all Trustees

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	THE NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1110483
Set out on pages	1-2		

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

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]].~~ *~~Delete~~ [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	M. Heywood	**Date:**	12th DEC 2022
Name:	MICHAEL HEYWOOD		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	DIRECTOR (RETIRED)		

(if any):	
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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.	

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Achievements this year

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We were very impressed by the way our partner, the **Tikondane Centre**, handled the situation, continuing its work when all other similar organisations had closed down, engaging in extensive outreach to those children who had drifted back to the streets, and running re-orientation courses before the young people returned to school. As a result, all but five primary school boys were able to be re-integrated into their various schools, despite all the disruption to their already challenging lives.

In the now completed academic year 2019/2020, four students completed their final MSCE exams. Not surprisingly, the national pass rate was low at only 41% so the fact that three of our four candidates did pass is encouraging, though they are unlikely to have done well enough to win a place in Higher Education. Two boys passed their Primary Leaving Exams well, but were not awarded secondary places so will probably repeat their final primary year and try again. Following the disruption to one Further Education course on which we were supporting a young woman (whose secondary education we had previously supported), she passed only two out of the five final papers; we are exploring the possibility of her re-writing the rest. We are continuing to support the young man at Mzuzu University as his course resumes. At the start of the new academic year in February, three new primary school pupils were admitted to the support programme. We look forward to continuing our support of this admirable care for some of the most vulnerable young people in Malawi.

The same lockdown situation affected our support of the secondary school students in the Nkhata Bay North district, administered on the ground by the UK charity **Temwa**. In the academic year which finally finished in December 2020, we funded 25 students, four of them in boarding schools, the remainder in Community Day Secondary Schools, with two-thirds of them female students. This year saw the full implementation of our earlier decision to phase out funding boarding school places in favour of CDSS places. Eight students sat their delayed MSCE final exams in February 2021 and we are awaiting results. Two students dropped out of school. Ten new students joined the scheme in Form One for the current Feb-Sept 2021 academic year.

Other School projects

We were able to fulfil our earlier promise to **Kasakanya Primary School,** to fund the building of a school office and staffroom. Our trusted friend, Theresa Moyo, founder and Chief Executive of nearby Tidzuke Orphan Care, offered to oversee the process on our behalf, given that our own Chair could not exercise her usual due diligence over the project. We are



delighted that the project was completed within budget and on time. It should greatly assist the efficiency of this improving school.

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Challenges

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Decisions are made by a majority of Trustees, with the Chair of Trustees having the casting vote in the case of an even split. Decisions are usually made at meetings, which may also be attended by members of our Board of Advisers. There were two meetings in this financial year. Minutes of all meetings are circulated to all Trustees and Advisers.

No project is adopted without first being thoroughly researched by Trustees and Advisers.

The operation of the Trust is governed by the Trust deed, (to which two Supplementals have been made), an Ethos document, a policy on the selection of partner organisations, and a policy governing the adoption of education projects. These can all be downloaded from the Trust website, along with our annual reports.

Fundraising

Most of the funds this year were raised through personal donations, as no organised events were possible.

We sold our own Christmas cards again, with the initial outlay covered and recouped from sales by one of the Trustees, and all profits going to the Trust.

This year we trialled a "Buy some Cement for Christmas" scheme, which was very successful in raising funds for the proposed Law Centre and Women's Refuge.

We made a Gift Aid claim for the previous tax year.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of all who have supported it by making donations or by using their time and talents to help us.

Risk Management

The Nick Webber Trust is aware that aid and development projects can have inadvertent negative side effects. To minimise this risk in the area of our education projects, we have adopted a policy on sourcing and assessing such projects, which must derive from the democratic structure of Malawi or have beneficiaries within the government of Malawi's stated priority groups, and will be assessed along our general project selection guidelines of democratic accountability, community contribution, demonstrable impact, and long-term

sustainability. This policy operates alongside our existing policy on the selection of partner organisations.

Our strategy of retaining sufficient reserves to ensure that projects can be completed means that we are able to absorb cost increases resulting from currency fluctuation. To protect against any future such alterations in the financial landscape, we cost all of our projects, both new and existing, directly in Malawi Kwacha and make all agreements in that currency. We also ensure that our reserves can cover all of our commitments for three years into the future before making any new commitments, taking account of our basic income from standing orders on the assumption that this will not decrease by more than 10% per year, and that our other income will not decrease by more than 25% per year.

Representatives of the Trust kept in regular "virtual" contact with NdiMoyo clinic, Temwa, Tidzuke Orphan Care, Tikondane Care for Street and the Women Lawyers Association of Malawi, as well as other contacts able to keep us up to date with the situation in Malawi. The Chair of the Trustees also regularly met with the Malawian members of the Board of Advisers via Zoom.

Financial Review (1/04/2020-31/03/2021)

The Trust started the year with £10,338 in hand.

Total income for the year was:	**£42,746**
Of which:	
Raised by supporters and regular donations:	£33,409
Sale of Christmas Cards:	£525
Gift Aid:	£4954
"Buy Cement for Christmas"	£3855
Bank Interest:	£3
Total expenditure for the year was:	**£16945**
Of which:	
Girls' Hostel, Tidzuke (Covid expenses)	£210
Tikondane Care of Street Children	£5619
Temwa School Fees	£3074

Kasakanya School Office and staffroom	£8042

The Town Rates for Nick's Place and the Congoma Subscription will be paid when visits are possible.

The Trust ended the year with £36,139 in hand.

The currency fluctuations of the Malawi Kwacha make it difficult to know for sure the future cost of our commitments for the next three years, but we currently estimate them to be in the region of £60,000. Assuming a decline year on year of 10% on our regular Standing Order donations and a decline year on year of 25% on our other income, we expect to receive a further £80,000 in the next three years. This is a conservative assessment, as our annual income has actually never experienced such a decline.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report set out above.

Signed on their behalf



Pauline Webber (Chair of Trustees)

CHARITY COMMISSION

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A — Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name: NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

On accounts for the year ended: 31/03/21

Charity no (if any): 1110483

Set out on pages: 1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 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 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below*~~):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
   - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
   - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, 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: M Heywood Date: 24 June 2021

Name: MICHAEL HEYWOOD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Director (retired) Addingbourne Management Co Ltd.

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NICK WEBBER MEMORIAL TRUST FOR MALAWI

Charity Number: 1110483

Receipts and Payment Accounts for the period 01/04/20 - 31/03/21

ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

RECEIPTS

Raised by supporters and regular donations	£33,409
Sale of Christmas cards	£525
Gift Aid	£4954
"Buy cement for Christmas"	£3855
Bank Interest	£3
Total receipts	*£42,746*

PAYMENTS

Girls'Hostel, Tidzuke (Covid expenses)	£210
Tikondane Care of Street Children	£5619
Temwa School Fees	£3074
Kasakanya School office and staffroom	£8042
Total payments	£16945

CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	£10338
Cash funds this year end	£36139

SECTION B Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

CASH FUNDS **Details of unrestricted funds**

Community Direct Plus Account	£35,241
Business Select Account	£878
Cash equivalent in MalawiKwacha	£20
Total Cash funds	£36139

Signed by Chair of Trustees on behalf of all Trustees

Pauline E. Webber