



The Catherine Bullen Foundation

Annual Report

2023 – 2024



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Chairperson's Report

The contents of this Annual Report relate to the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. However, with regards to Projects, it includes updated information that was available at the time of producing this report.

We have been extremely lucky in that the Foundation's aims and projects continue to inspire individuals and organisations to support us by attending fund raising events, assisting on fundraising activities and donations.

We were able to carry out a full programme of shop collections and also take part in the round the Island Yard Sale. In addition, we manned the car park at Waldegraves Car boot sale. A decision was made at the end of 2023 to no longer do china smashing and that we would attend events with a sales and publicity stall.. For the second year running we attended the Colchester Food and Drink Fair which was held in the Colchester Castle Park in June with our homemade cake stall. The Indian Lunch at Titash took place in January 2024 and it was very successful. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped at all the fundraising activities.

We were able to do two trips to Namibia in the financial year. This was first year that we put into practice the Foundation's change of policy of no longer doing capital projects but concentrating on supporting the two clinics and three schools.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our trustees and all those individuals and organisations that have again made this past year a successful one.

Roger Bullen – Chairperson

May 2025

Funding

The Funding report is split into the following categories. Below are the main items and events that contributed to our total.

Event Stalls

This covers the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024. We attended two events with our Sales and Publicity stall raising a total of **£252**. At the Mersea Island Car Boot Sale we manned the car park – **£200.34 (£140.75)** plus a sales stall raising **£78** which we lower than We had a cake stall at the Colchester Food and Drink Fair which raised **£700 (£638.74)**.

Lorraine Alford put us forward as the recipient of a quiz at the Chequers Pub in Goldhanger and raised **£309**. Finally we had a stall during the Christmas period at Mersea Lights up with **£432.70 (£381.20)** raised. Also at Christmas, Peter Inson and his wife organised a carol evening at the Dog Pheasant at East Mersea raising **£236.51 (£206.50)**

Grants and donations from organisations

We have received a number of grants and donations from the following organisations.

Colin Westgate lectures to camera clubs around the country on Zoom. Instead of charging a fee, he asks for donations to the Foundation which were as follows:

Dingwall Camera Club - **£50**

Hertford and District - **£25**

Halstead and District Camera Club - **£30**

Launceston Camera Club - **£25**

St Lukes Church - **£400**

Fun and Friendship Café Clacton - **£60.30**

Leigh on Sea Church Group - **£156.14**

West Mersea Free Church - **£50**

Christchurch Ladies - **£155**

Felixstowe Rotary Club - **£2,500**

Thorpe Bay Rotary Club - **£60**

Individual donations

Throughout the year the Foundation received individual donations which totalled **£14,651 (£17,004.89)**. Each donation receives an acknowledgement of thanks from the Foundation. In addition there were donations by standing order - **£3,650 (£2,075)**, and donations through the website portals (PayPal, and JustGiving) – **£1,658.05 (£6,969.67)**. Total donations were **£19,959.05 (£26,004.56)**. This is less than in the previous year, no doubt due to the squeeze on people's personal finances. It is encouraging to see that there has been an increase in the number of people committing to a monthly donation through the bank.

Shop Collections

We were able to carry out a full programme of shop collections.

Collections were undertaken at various Co-ops in the locality, Frinton Triangle and Tesco, West Mersea. Total raised - **£2,451.92 (£2,889.70)**

Events

Titash Indian Fundraising Lunch

This is the first one we had since Covid-19 and raised **£1,237**

A Touch of Red Concert

Penny Matthes and her sing group held a concert in East Mersea Church and raised **£1,919**

Gift Aid

Gift Aid was claimed on donations for this financial year and was **£5,896**

Schools

The supporting of charities has been adopted by schools as part of being socially aware to the needs of others. As we are hands on and are willing to go into schools and tell them about the Foundation's work. Donations from schools were as follows:

St Mary's Senior School for Girls

St Mary's are raising funds to provide computers for Good Hope Primary School.

Colchester High School for Girls

This was Catherine's former school and they have made the Foundation, the school charity for the next academic year starting in September 2024

Partnerships

ATI/Audley Travel

Audley Travel is ATI Holidays largest partner in the United Kingdom selling holidays to Namibia. They were looking for a local Namibian charity to support and the Foundation was put forward for consideration. It was chosen by the Audley Travel Namibia destination experts in London, Witney and Boston as the charity which should benefit from the monies collected from guests travelling to Namibia with them by adding N\$100 to each invoice and advising their clients that by travelling with Audley, they were supporting a local charity.

Projects

The Foundation continues to monitor past projects to ensure proper maintenance procedures are carried out and are sustained and to encourage best practice.

Otjimanangombe Primary Healthcare Clinic.

We are pleased to advise that all the maintenance issues have been resolved through a partnership between the Foundation and the Ministry of Health whereby the Foundation buys the materials and the Ministry provide the labour.

Otjimanangombe Primary Healthcare Clinic ambulance

In May 2024, we reported that the differential has cracked again and was back in Gobabis to assess repairs. After consultation with the Toyota garage it was decided to re-inforce the differential undertaking the work in-house and not sub-contracting the work.

During our last in Spring 2025, we became aware that it was in desperate need of a service. Due to government red tape because a budget to be set and approved the Foundation agreed to fund the service. Unfortunately, there is a lack of vehicles due to maintenance issues and once again the ambulance has to travel to Eiseb. We have expressed our concern to the Ministry and they have advised that they hope to repair a vehicle for Eiseb.

Omuhaturaa Primary School Hostel and hostel

The Foundation replaced all the worn valves on the borehole pipeline to the school, hostel and clinic which are used to direct the water to the required location

Goeie Hoop Primary School - Post 10

St Mary's Senior School for Girls raised funds for an irrigation system for the large school garden which has been installed. They are now raising funds for a computer system.

During our visit to the school in Autumn 2024, we were made aware that there was an end of term school trip to the coast. Unfortunately, 15 San pupils were unable to go as their parents could not afford the trip. It was agreed that the Foundation would provide funds to enable them to go.

Donkerbos Primary School and Hostel

In early February 2024, 120 mattresses funded by the Foundation were delivered to the hostel.

When we visited in April 2024, we were pleased to see that everything was working. We agreed to fund the purchase of uniforms for the San children and in October 2024 these were being worn by the children when we visited. The Foundation also provided spoons for the children to eat their meals with

Eiseb Primary Primary School and Hostel

As mentioned in last year's report, the Foundation funded the installation of an irrigation system which we saw during our visit in Spring 2024. However, this has since been put in store as the school borehole is not functioning due to it being polluted by sand. During our visit in March 2025, a new borehole was being drilled but the drill broke down and is still awaiting repair.

The Catherine Bullen Primary Healthcare Clinic, Oshivelo

During our visit in September 2023, we met with the District Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Works and agreed a programme of renovation for the clinic. The Ministry of Works then asked for tenders for the work which were available for our inspection in March 2024. We agreed which contractor to use and work commenced at the end of April 2024. This included the following:

The replacement of three rotten wooden doors

The de-calsification of the hot water system. There had been not hot water in the clinic for a couple of years.

Painting the outside of the clinic.

Repairing showers and toilets.

We also arranged for a security gate to be repaired separating the nurse's accommodation from the clinic.

The above work was completed by our next visit in November 2024 and we commissioned the contractor to carry out renovation work on the nurse's accommodation which was completed

by March 2025. During this visit we identified a number of additional items which were minor repairs and these are now complete.

In April 2024, we were at the clinic we observed that there was a huge problem with transport with a lack of suitable vehicles to take patients to hospital. Therefore, we have asked for a quotation to refurbish an existing ambulance that is currently off the road. This was acceptable and the ambulance was refurbished and equipped with emergency medical equipment. It was handed over to the Ministry of Health and it was agreed that it would be based at the clinic. It was also agreed that in an emergency the ambulance could take patients from Tsumeb to the referral hospitals in the north. However, recently due to lack of serviceable vehicles in Tsumeb this has become the norm with the ambulance traveling to the north most days of the week. During our last visit in April 2025, we noticed that the ambulance was in desperate need of a service and the Foundation has agreed to pay for this.

Vasadrail Agricultural and Horticultural Vocational Training Centre

The centre belongs to our ngo partner, Komeho Namibia Development Agency. One of the conditions for getting a grant from the government's National Training Authority is that the Centre has a tractor. During our visit in Autumn 2024, Komeho requested if the Foundation could assist them in purchasing a tractor. After consulting the trustees it was agreed to proceed with Komeho providing N\$50,000, ATI charity providing N\$50,000 and the Foundation providing the balance of N\$136,359.50.

The Foundations Projects identified for 2025 – progress so far.

Omuhatutura Primary School and hostel

A possible contribution toward the repair of the solar powered school borehole which was recently struck by lightning. It serves the school, the hostel and the clinic – *Contribution made and the borehole has been repaired*

Donkerbos Primary School and Hostel

The purchase of an industrial electrical cooking pot – *the order has been placed, and delivery is awaited*

The purchase of four tables and benches for the dining hall – *awaiting delivery*

The provision of computers, a printer and wifi to teach pupils computer skills - *delivered*

School uniforms for the San children who have joined the school for the first time – *awaiting quotation*

Donkerbos San Community Office

The purchase of paint for internal decoration. – *Work in hand*

The purchase of a table and chairs to accommodate the ladies making jewellery. – *Work in hand*

Eiseb Primary School and Hostel

The purchase of 350 spoons and 130 plates for the dining hall – *still to be purchased*

The purchase of washable paint, to paint the interior of the kitchen – *still to be purchased*

The purchase of tiles for the kitchen behind the gas ranges – *still to be purchased*

Funding the repair of the Cold room subject to price. – *Repair is complete*

School uniforms for the San children who have joined the school for the first time – *awaiting quotation*

Otjimanangombe Primary Healthcare Clinic

The provision of a specialist bed and mattress for the Delivery room for the ladies to give birth on. *Awaiting quotation*

The Catherine Bullen Primary Healthcare Clinic

Nurses' accommodation: Resolving maintenance issues – *completed*.

Conclusion

The decision by the Foundation Trustees to concentrate on supporting Omuhaturua Primary School and Hostel, Eiseb Primary School and Hostel and Donkerbos Primary School and Hostel together with both clinics has proved to be the right one. We have seen how small projects make a big difference.

The Catherine Bullen Foundation

Annual Accounts

1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024

The Catherine Bullen Foundation Annual Accounts 2023 - 2024

Notes: The accounts are in two parts, a number of sterling accounts and a South African Rand Account. The majority of fundraising and grant donations are facilitated in the UK and monies are paid into the sterling accounts.

When the exchange rate is favourable, monies are transferred from the Sterling accounts to the Rand account

Our projects in Namibia are priced in Namibian Dollars and are on parity with the Rand, which is also accepted in Namibia. All payments for our projects are made in Rands.



Charity Name Catherine Bullen Foundation		No (if any) 1110516	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts For the period from 01-Sep-23 To Period end 31-Aug-24			

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received	43,123.00	-	-	43,123.00	59,664.00
Tax Refunds & Charities Aid Income	5,896	-	-	5,896	
Bank interest	16	-	-	5	5
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,035	-	-	49,035	59,669
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,035	-	-	49,035	59,669
A3 Payments					
Calendars and postage	276	-	-	276	228
Bank Charges Etc Inc O/Seas	352	-	-	352	337
Seeds and valves	140	-	-	140	
Stock for cake stall	81	-	-	81	140
Public Liability Ins	322	-	-	322	298
Travel		-	-		1,617
Transfer to Rand Acc no 68000922	37,000	-	-	78,278	78,278
Ambulance suspension	1,958	-	-	1,958	
Indian lunch expenses	850	-	-	850	
Micellaneous projects	473	-	-	473	
Barclays correction error	276	-	-	276	
Sub total	41,728	-	-	41,728	80,898
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,728	-	-	41,728	80,898
Net of receipts/(payments)	49,035	-	-	49,035	59,669
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,351	-	-	2,351	23,715
Cash funds this year end	9,658	-	-	9,658	2,351

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank plc	9,029	-	-
	PayPal	561	-	-
	Cash	68	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,658	-	-
	account(s)	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

L S Bullen

Print Name

L S Bullen

Date of approval

10-Jun-25



Charity Name Catherine Bullen Foundation		No (if any) 1110516	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start 01-Sep-23	To	Period end 31-Aug-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest Rand	Restricted funds to the nearest Rand	Endowment funds to the nearest Rand	Total funds to the nearest Rand	Last year to the nearest Rand
A1 Receipts					
Transfer from Sterling acc 53717690 £37,000	864,845.00	-	-	864,845.00	1,629,538.00
		-	-		
		-	-		
	-	-	-	-	
		-	-		
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	864,845	-	-	864,845	1,629,538
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	864,845	-	-	864,845	1,629,538
A3 Payments					
Construction Projects in Namibia	-	-	-	-	1,569,607
Eiseb irrigation and tank stand	93,274	-	-	134,504	
Donkerbos School - mattresses	54,900	-	-	54,900	
CBPHC renovations	282,219	-	-	282,219	
Good Hope irrigation	46,870	-	-	46,870	
Donkerbos School - uniforms	80,178	-	-	80,178	
CBPHC ambulance	297,965	-	-	256,735	
Omaheke Gospel Trust - wheelchair	4,000	-	-	4,000	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	859,406	-	-	859,406	1,569,607
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	859,406	-	-	859,406	2,858,416
Net of receipts/(payments)	864,845	-	-	864,845	698,802
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	615,166	-	-	615,166	2,714,850
Cash funds this year end	620,607	-	-	620,607	555,236

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest Rand	Restricted funds to nearest Rand	Endowment funds to nearest Rand
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank plc	620,607	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	620,607	-	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

L S Bullen

Print Name

L S Bullen

Date of approval

10 JUNE 2025

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE AUDITED FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS OF THE CATHERINE BULLEN FOUNDATION

I report on the financial statements of The Catherine Bullen Foundation for the year ended 31 August 2024 as set out in the receipts and payments accounts as submitted to the Charity Commission. The accounts comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and liabilities as at August 2024.

This report is made solely to the Foundation's Trustees, as a body.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and reporting accountants

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts showing a true and fair view.

Report

I report that, in accordance with your instruction and in order to assist you to fulfil your responsibilities to the Charity Commission, I have examined, the accounts of the charity and from such examination and information and explanations supplied to me, I consider the accounts to be accurate in every respect.

Alan Irvine

Retired Accountant

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10th June 2024