

The Waterloo Partnership

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 30 June 2021



Charity number 1111926

Trustees' Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

The objectives are:

- (i) to relieve poverty and sickness, to preserve good health, and to advance education in Waterloo, Sierra Leone; and
- (ii) (ii) to advance public understanding in Waterloo, England of the social, economic and cultural ways of life of the people in Waterloo, Sierra Leone.

The Waterloo Partnership was established to encourage mutual support and understanding between the communities of Waterloo, Sierra Leone and Waterloo, Merseyside, and the charity aims to forge educational, cultural, faith and civil society links between the “two Waterloos”.

In planning the Waterloo Partnership’s activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit. The charity therefore seeks to:

- Establish links between specific institutions in Waterloo, Merseyside and neighbouring areas, with appropriate opposite partners in Waterloo, Sierra Leone;
- Support the work of the Waterloo, Sierra Leone community with particular reference to supplying resources for basic needs and for building construction, education, employment, farming, health care and sanitation;
- Harness the skills and efforts of voluntary project workers in both communities;
- Communicate the findings of visits to and from Sierra Leone;
- Raise funds to support the aims of the charity.

The Waterloo Partnership UK (WPUK) and its trustees work in close collaboration with the Waterloo Partnership Sierra Leone (WPSL), a partner committee set up to co-ordinate the charity’s work in Waterloo SL. WPSL is uniquely placed both to reflect the opinions of local people and to involve them in decision making, planning and implementation. We believe that the full involvement of WPSL ensures that our projects are chosen by mutual agreement, are appropriate for local needs, and provide benefits for the whole community.

All WPUK Trustees and members are volunteers, and there are no paid staff. Funds raised are therefore used solely to fulfil the charity’s aims and objectives and to support our projects in Waterloo, Sierra Leone.

When funds and conditions allow, WPUK aims to make visits to Sierra Leone in order to meet our partners in Waterloo, strengthen our relationships and review our projects.

Achievements and Performance

This year has seen an increase in requests for funding various projects from 36 to 56. In deciding which projects to support, the trustees have considered the core projects which require long term funding.

Waterloo Partnership has continued to support the core projects of farming (provision of seeds and tools), education and infrastructure. About £2,200 was spent on seeds and tools, and this includes replacement rice seeds lost due to flooding. Some of the equipment available is of inferior quality and requires frequent replacement.

The Uniform Scheme and the Ebola orphans' education are a significant cost. There were 14 pupils in the Uniform Scheme and 43 children in the Ebola orphans scheme. An education supervisor assists in providing information as to the wellbeing of the children.

Grants are made to assist with funding repairs to wells and bridges which were constructed by Waterloo Partnership.

To avoid the spread of Coronavirus Sierra Leone instigated a strict lockdown in some areas. Grants were provided to supply food for those who were restricted in their movements, and also to those suffered from a devastating fire.

Financial Review

A generous donation of £15,000 was received from The Children's Research Fund. This is to fund the financial commitment of supporting the group of Ebola Orphans with food and other costs. There other regular sources of income are the 1000 Hearts scheme and the annual Christmas Gift Scheme, producing £7,800 and £5,000 respectively.

The additional funds have enabled the charity to respond to additional emergency appeals.

There was an increase of over £7,000 in funds held at the year end.

The Trustees are careful to monitor expenditure to enable long term commitments be met, and consider £2,500 should be held as a reserve.

No investments are held.

Structure, Government and Management

The charity has a constitution which was adopted on 1st September 2005 and amended 17th September 2009 and 19th September 2013, and is an association of about 25 members.

Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the end of a three-year term, at the Annual General Meeting.

New trustees are inducted by the Chair and Board of Trustees, using the Charity Commission guidelines. The current trustees come from a variety

of backgrounds: education, management, medicine, social work, engineering and accountancy.

The charity has a robust Safeguarding Policy which has been adopted by its partner organisation WPSL in Sierra Leone.

The charity's data protection policy is in line with the GDPR legislation introduced in the UK in May 2018.

The charity has an agreed Complaints Policy: the current complaints co-ordinator is Dr.Frederick Nye.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: The Waterloo Partnership

Registered charity number: 1111926

Charity's principal address: 23 Bonnington Avenue
Crosby
Liverpool
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Names of charity trustees who manage the charity

Mary Corbett - chair

Roderick Walker - treasurer

Linda Nye

Martin Shackleton (resigned 5th July 2020)

Raymond Bissex

David Lloyd

Anne Magennis

Joan Maguire

Gertrude Mwandumba (resigned 11th November 2020)

Patricia Murphy (appointed 11th February 2021)

David Moorhead (appointed 11th February 2021)

Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations				
The Children's Research Fund		15,000	15,000	10,000
1000 Hearts	7,805		7,805	8,006
Gift aid tax repayment	3,553		3,553	7,225
Other	5,115		5,115	5,660
Fundraising	30		30	121
Christmas gift scheme	4,963		4,963	4,455
	<u>21,466</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>36,466</u>	<u>35,467</u>
Payments				
Charitable activities	27,715	1,197	28,912	29,499
Fundraising and administration	496		496	331
	<u>28,211</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>29,408</u>	<u>29,830</u>
Net receipts for the year	(6,745)	13,803	7,058	5,637
Transfer between funds	(4,000)	4,000	-	-
Cash funds last year end	21,161		21,161	15,524
Cash funds this year end	<u>10,416</u>	<u>17,803</u>	<u>28,219</u>	<u>21,161</u>

30 June 2021 30 June

2020

Bank accounts
£21,161

£28,219

Approved by the trustees on 19 January 2022 and signed on their behalf

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of The Waterloo Partnership, charity registration 1111926.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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Date 22/10/2021