



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1/1/2024** To **31/12/2024**

**Charity name: Ifakara Bakery Project**

**Charity registration number:1114531**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The income of the charity is to be used for the preservation and protection of health in Ifakara, Kilombero District, Tanzania and provide relief, where there is financial hardship, for the advancement of education.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Following a yearly plan, we continue to send funds to trusted individuals to enable them to purchase daily bread from the local Bakery which is well managed by the Sisters of St Francis.</p> <p>From time to time, we fund teachers' salaries and students at secondary schools and colleges.</p> <p>Provision is made for pastoral care.</p> <p>As particular needs arise, we help develop innovative work to improve local facilities and utility supplies.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the Trustees regularly receive and consider material provided by the Charity Commission at relevant meetings.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>The Bakery was built by us in 2001 and we trained the <i>Sisters of St Francis</i> in the art of baking and understanding the equipment.</p> <p>We handed the Bakery to the Sisters and receive their yearly reports.</p>
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	The business is in profit, other than from

including program related investment		bread which comes under the category “Free Bread” for which our charity provides social investment grants to various local recipients (Including schools and hospitals).
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We are pleased to report that the social impact, which can be measured in many ways, not only provides positive health care (there continue to be no deaths from starvation despite poor harvests) but also through education and improvement of utilities - water and electricity for example - ensures increasing independence and empowerment.</p> <p>We continue to provide an emergency contingency fund which has proved helpful in times of personal and group need.</p> <p>Friends of the Ifakara Bakery Project provide support, advice and additional fundraising activities from time to time.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Trustees Visit to Ifakara</b></p> <p>The daughter of the founders (and current Director) and her husband visited Ifakara bakery and all the accounts which receive the “Free Bread.” The population is increasing, currently at 250,000, and so is the need.</p> <p>Discussions were held to add the emergency ward at the hospital to the Free Bread fund.</p> <p>An agreement for an annual donation of sugar to the bakery from the local sugar refinery is in process.</p> <p>A sanitation project was completed for the Nazareth Leprosy Centre and also funding of an emergency food provision due to flood damage to their own food supply.</p> <p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>Ifakara was hit by devastating flooding</p>

		<p>in May 2024. The effects of this disaster reached every corner of their lives. Homes were damaged or destroyed, diseases more prevalent, and schools closed, disrupting the education of children who depend on school not just for learning, but also for stability and daily meals from the Free Bread Fund.</p> <p>Businesses struggled to re-open, and workers faced uncertainty. The impact on crops was especially concerning. Floodwater ravaged local farms, leaving fields waterlogged and crops spoiled. For a community that relies on these harvests to feed families and sustain the local economy, this was a major blow. Yet, the full weight of the disaster has only been felt later in the year, with food shortages from spoiled crops and reduced yields. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Franciscan Sisters in the community the Free Bread Fund provided children and adults with even more of a lifeline. We are proud of our emergency appeal: thanks to the wonderful support of our community who rallied around, we raised over £10,000 to support this immediate crisis.</p> <p><b>Supplies of free bread</b></p> <p>Our priority in 2024 was ensuring the adequate provision of bread through The Free Bread Fund to the existing accounts we support. We funded 146,616 loaves of bread during 2024 and over 80% of these reached children below the age of 7 at Kindergartens and Nursery schools. Free bread continues to be supplied to an orphanage, kindergartens and day cares as well hospital in-patients and leprosy centre residents.</p> <p>It is a lifeline for many and has helped continue to maintain improved school attendance despite the impact of Covid.</p> <p>The free bread provided for hospital wards goes specifically to malnourished children, neonates and TB patients and for residents and day patients at the Nazareti Leprosy Centre.</p> <p><b>Bee Keeping Project Expansion</b></p> <p>St Theresa community group is located in the rural parish of Mahutanga, one of the poorest areas in the diocese of Ifakara. The group supports vulnerable local women, in</p>
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		<p>particular those living with HIV/AIDS, widows and young divorced mothers; offering them needed economic opportunities, education and social support. Income generating activities include farming land, pigs and poultry.</p> <p>The honey, beeswax and candle products sold provide an income for the marginalised women who in turn organise and conduct seminars on environmental conservation, HIV/AIDS and gender issues in the community. This year IBP supported them with the purchase of a small piece of land to build a honey processing unit on.</p> <p><b>Communication</b> Improvements continued to keep the many supporters of the charity updated. These included to the website, and via the mass mailing of a Christmas card which included the annual newsletter. Outreach has resulted in a subsequent increase in individual donations.</p> <p><b>Expanding the Fundraising Team</b> A contract with an professional fundraising company continued in 2024. CSR Together has brought a wide range of skills and experience to the charity. These skills have enabled us to develop strategic fundraising projects.</p>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	All commitments were met during the year. Trustee meetings were held in person and on zoom to achieve these commitments.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Income grew due to more outreach, fundraising events and public talks. Fundraising by individual efforts and the set up of new standing orders supported objectives.</p> <p>The importance of holding reserves meant that we were able to continue to honour our commitments through the Free Bread scheme.</p>

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity continues to enjoy a healthy financial position and the Trustees are satisfied with the meeting of planned commitments through the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to ensure at least one further year's funding to allow (should the need arise) sufficient time to make any necessary adjustments in activity and fundraising.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Dec 31 2023: £59,813
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Following the death of the co-founder Margaret Schellenberg in January 2024 the board of trustees chose to continue to focus primarily on the provision of bread ensuring that all commitments would be met, which they were. The board of trustees is committed to continue its expansion of skilled support as needed to ensure the continuity of the charity as a going concern.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Fundraising has been through the provision of events, public talks and social marketing. Additionally, the many friends of the Ifakara Bakery Project provide freewill gifts, often via regular standing orders, which enable us to receive additional funds through Gift Aid.</p> <p>Individuals have also kindly undertaken "one off" fundraising activities.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We continue to believe that our work is not simply the relief of poverty but to empower beneficiaries to achieve independence and personal successes.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The principal risk is related to the ability to raise the required funds annually to maintain the 'Free Bread Fund'.</p> <p>However, thanks to the highly qualified support of the Trustees and a professional fundraiser the charity hopes to be able to continue its work and continues to develop new methods to maintain the legacy left by its founder which has brought confidence for the future.</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Company
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Selection is by invitation issued by existing Trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ifakara Bakery Project
Other name the charity uses	Free Bread Funds
Registered charity number	1114531
Charity's principal address	18 Grange Hill Road Kings Norton Birmingham B38 8RG



## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Siôr Coleman	Chair		
2	Moore, Ina	Treasurer	March 2021	
3	Georgina Arnold	Secretary		
4	Schellenberg, Annabelle	Administrator		
5	Johnson, Dee			
6	Johnson, Robin			
7				
8				
9				

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Nil		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Nil		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Lady president	Margaret Schellenberg	18 Grange Hill road, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8RG

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

n/a

### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

### Other optional information

### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Siôr Coleman

A Schellenberg

Full name(s)

Revd Siôr Coleman

Annabelle Elizabeth Schellenberg

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Director/Administrator

Date

18 October 2024



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/1/2024	To	12/31/2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Trust Funds	6,800	-	-	6,800
Churches	1,407	-	-	1,407
Organisations	10,668	-	-	10,668
Individuals	30,592	-	-	30,592
Interest	149	-	-	149
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Standing Orders	6,167	-	-	6,167
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>55,783</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,783</b>
(see table).	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,783</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,783</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Free Bread Funds	36,654	-	-	36,654
Emergency Fund	10,844	-	-	10,844
Education	1,150	-	-	1,150
Special Projects	32,496	-	-	32,496
Pastoral Care	1,386	-	-	1,386
Innovative projects		-	-	-
Fundraising events		-	-	
Fundraising consultant	12,600	-	-	12,600
Online donation fees	226			226
Travel expenses	500			500
		-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>95,856</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,856</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>95,856</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,856</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 40,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 40,073</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,034</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,034</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Nat West Current a/c	29,748	-
	Nat West Reserve a/c	10,390	-
	Nat West Reserve a/c #2	1	
	PayPal	895	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>41,034</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		
	NIL	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	NIL		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	NIL		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due
	NIL		-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on

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Signature	Print Name	
<i><b>ES Coleman</b></i>	ES COLEMAN	
<i><b>A Schellenberg</b></i>	A SCHELLENBERG	

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Last year  
to the nearest £

469
1,720
9,367
115
12,363
6,005
30,039

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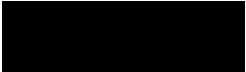
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**Endowment  
to nearest £**

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**Endowment  
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value  
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Date of  
approval






## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Ifakara Bakery Project

31/12/24

1114531

On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2024.

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

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.

Sylvia Fox

31/10/2025

IER

Signed:

Date:

**Name:**

Sylvia Fox

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

**Address:**

9 Kingshill Drive, King's Norton,

Birmingham

B38 8SA

**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.**