

Charity Registration No. 1117679

**UNDER TREE SCHOOLS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The Trustees: Geoffrey Barnett, Chair
 Peter Boyling, Treasurer
 Helen Chauncy
 Ron Sullam

The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Charities Act 2011.

Legal Status

The charity is a CIO, governed by its Constitution. Its registered office is at 2 Meredyth Road London SW13 0DY. The registered charity number is 1117679.

Objective

The main objective of the CIO is to restore and develop formal education for children, for the benefit of residents of Aweil South County, South Sudan.

Activities

The charity's mission is to provide education for children, primarily girls, in a Christian context, in partnership with the local community of Malek, through construction and management of a school and to provide vocational and Christian teaching for adults.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in S 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when reviewing the charity's objectives and in planning future activities.

At the end of a long civil war the charity built a school for girls in Malek-Alel, Aweil South county, South Sudan. It was opened in 2009. It has provided an opportunity for education for girls, whose parents were reluctant to allow them to attend mixed sex schools. Normally 300-400 girls per year have attended, in the age range 6-15.

As well as academic teaching there is provision for older girls to receive training in sewing, in IT and in agronomy. Many girls leave school before the upper years, at the behest of their parents, but of those staying at school, a number have gone on to secondary school, and thereafter for training in careers.

Payments to the school have provided income for the 38 teaching and nonteaching staff, and funds to meet running costs, through the year.

550 girls registered to come to the school for April 2022. Unfortunately during the year severe floods restricted access to the school for many girls for a number of months. 315 girls took the year end exams. The school also provides pre-school teaching for their little brothers and sisters up to the age of 6, and 48 of them completed the year.

In addition to regular payments to the school to pay staff and to cover basic running costs, funds have also been provided during the year to buy replacement desks and chairs for the 8 classrooms, and to replace two printers that were damaged in a robbery from the school. Funds were also sent to buy hygiene kits for the older girls as an incentive not to miss classes. The school was also given money to acquire a second motorbike, to reduce costs of hiring vehicles. The charity encourages girls to go to secondary school after they complete year 8, by paying their secondary school fees. In the year funds were sent for the fees for 43 girls attending secondary school.

Finances

The charity is funded by donations from supporters, mainly resident in England and Switzerland. During the year there was no concerted campaign to raise funds.

Total unrestricted incoming resources for the year amounted to £66,650 (2022: £51,899). Unrestricted resources expended amounted to £45,603 (2022: £39,635) comprising mainly funds sent to the school to pay their staff and running costs.

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Net unrestricted income for the year was £21,047 (2022: £12,264). Total unrestricted cash reserves at 31 March 2023 were £94,419 (2021: £73,372).

The charity has a fund restricted to funding the fees for girls attending secondary school after their education at the school in Malek-Alel. There was no income to the restricted bursary fund in the year (2022: £2,121). Restricted resources expended amounted to £2,838 (2022: £5,200). The balance of the restricted bursary fund at 31 March 2023 was £9,159 (2022: £11,997).

At 31 March 2023 the total bank balance stood at £103,578 (2022: £85,369).

Reserves

The trustees' policy is to maintain an unrestricted reserve of £25,000 to enable operations to continue temporarily if income unexpectedly drops, until new sources of income can be found. The charity was acting in line with the reserves policy at the year end.

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern.

Policies

The trustees have policies for financial control, due diligence, conflicts of interest, safeguarding, and social media. These were reviewed and where appropriate adjusted during the year.

Staff

The CIO has no employees. However a proportion of the periodic payments to meet school expenses is spent in support of the 38 school staff. Eight of the twenty teachers are state-employed. The remaining 18 non-teaching staff are responsible for running everything outside the classroom. The head teacher, who has been in post since the school was set up formally and is himself employed by the state, is responsible for all school activities. Owing to high rates of inflation in South Sudan the purchasing power of the teachers' state salaries is small, and they are not always paid

Independent Examination

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, which are not required to be audited. Accordingly they have been the subject of a report by an independent examiner, whose report is set out on page 4 of this document.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The Trustees of Under Tree Schools are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

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In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Geoffrey Barnett, Chair

23 Sep 2023
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Date

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDER TREE SCHOOLS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Under Tree Schools

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out below.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting of charities.

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.

TC Group

Mark Cummins FCCA
for and on behalf of TC Group
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Dated: 18 October 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

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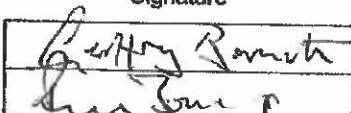
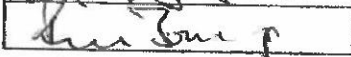
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations (incl Gift Aid)	66,650	-	-	66,650	59,600
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,650	-	-	66,650	54,020
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,650	-	-	66,650	54,020
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities - S.Sudan	44,014	2,838	-	46,852	38,521
Charitable activities - UK	1,589	-	-	1,589	3,409
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,603	2,838	-	48,441	44,835
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,603	2,838	-	48,441	44,835
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,047	(2,838)	-	18,209	9,185
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73,372	11,997	-	85,369	76,184
Cash funds this year end	94,419	9,159	-	103,578	85,369

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	Cash at bank	94,419	9,159	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	94,419	9,159	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent Examination fee for 22/23 accounts	Unrestricted fund	1,440	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		GEORGEY BARNETT	23 Sep '23
		PETER BOYLING	23/9/23

Note 1: During the year the charity received £1,460 donated by two trustees (2022: £2,225 donated by a charity of which a trustee of UTS is also a trustee).
No conditions were attached to these donations. There were no other related party transactions during the year (2022: none).