

The Streetlight Trust

Charity Name and Number

The Streetlight Trust: registered charity number 1117789

Principal Address

1 Warners Close, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9BJ

Trustees

Revd M Adams

Mr A J Barton (Treasurer)

Mr M J Gale

Revd I C Herbert (Chairman)

Ms M M Lane

Ms L Lynch

Revd C McAllister

Revd N J Taylor

Professional Advisors

Bankers : Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

Independent Examiner : Mr O H Hermes

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Streetlight Trust was established on 4 February 2006 under a trust deed. The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The trust is managed by the trustees. There are no staff employed by the Trust. The trust deed provides for a minimum of three trustees. There were eight Trustees at the end of the year.

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. All new Trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years. During the year, Mary Lane, Rev Crystal McAllister and Rev Jim Taylor were reappointed as Trustees. We were also delighted to appoint Lian Lynch to join the Trustees in November 2024.

At trustees' meetings, the strategy for Streetlight is agreed, finances and fundraising are reviewed, along with the achievements being made with the funds provided to Kanlungan.

During 2024, three Trustee meeting were held including a strategy day. The Trustees dealt with other matters via e-mail. In future the Trustees expect to continue holding some of its meetings via Zoom in order to reduce carbon footprint.

Objectives and activities for the Public Benefit

The objects of the Streetlight Trust as set out in its trust deed are "to improve the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable children and their families in the Philippines by making grants of money available to non-governmental organisations (NGO's) operating with a Christian ethos."

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Street families in Metro Manila continued to find life very tough as the Philippines. Kanlungan Sa ERMA, the NGO that Streetlight supports, experienced significant demands upon it.

One of the sad realities of the pandemic has been the explosive growth of online sexual exploitation in the Philippines. Kanlungan estimate that over 90% of the children in their care have experienced some kind of online sexual exploitation.

Kanlungan operates in the metro-Manila area in the Philippines, and runs projects covering:

- street education and child protection for street children;
- day centres for street children living in urban slums, where children can get an education and a meal;
- a temporary shelter and short-term residential care centre for street children who need counselling and support;
- long term residential care and training centres, one for girls and one for boys;
- after care to reunite children with their families, provide educational assistance and help the parents take care of the children;
- social enterprises (a farm growing coffee in Cavite province, south of Manila) to provide employment opportunities for older boys.

The grants made to Kanlungan are largely unrestricted to cover the core staffing costs of the organisation, as well as utilities and food for the children.

The trustees ensure that the public benefit stated in the Trust's objects are being achieved in several ways. Normally, the prime means is from visits to see Kanlungan's projects in action.

In April 2024 several Trustees were able to visit taking a group from the UK. The Trustees also kept in contact with Kanlungan via online attendance at staff devotions, and regular online and telephone communication. The Chair of Streetlight, Ian Herbert, remains a member of the Board of Trustees at Kanlungan.

The trustees are very conscious of the impact of climate change, especially on the world's poorest people, and now has a policy to carbon offset air travel. This will be done by any travellers to the Philippines on Streetlight business.

The trustees are extremely grateful to all Streetlight's supporters. Thanks to modern technology we are able to bring our supporters into contact with the staff team at Kanlungan. In January 2024, we ran a "virtual tea" event with Sol Balbero the Executive Director of Kanlungan. This event was appreciated by all who attended.

Reserves Policy

The Trust regularly reviews its reserves policy. During the year, the reserves level was maintained at £18,400 equal to two of the regular payments that are made every two months.

The unrestricted cash balance at year end was £30,584 which is above the minimum reserve. The charity's cashflow is always at its highest in December, During 2024, the reserves did go below the minimum, but with a clear cashflow plan the charity was able to restore balances by the year end.

Financial Review Details

The fundraising environment was challenging across the sector in 2024. The diverse range of Streetlight's fundraising income streams helped the charity withstand these challenges better than many.

Financial performance: income

During the year, cash receipts totalled £72,773 (up 7% on 2023) and cash expenditure £67,708 (down 11% on 2023).

As trustees, we have yet again been greatly encouraged by the remarkable generosity and commitment of our supporters. Thank you.

Individual Regular giving totalled £18,457 (down 5% on 2023). The number of regular givers fell by 2 to 45 during the year.

Individual Single Giving totalled £16,337 (up 59% on 2023). This stream of giving does vary year on year because it is highly dependent on a small number of individuals who have been long-standing supporters of Streetlight. We are so grateful to you.

Gift aid of £6,485 was claimed during the year, a 16% decrease on 2023.

Fundraising events and activities grew substantially as the impact of Coronavirus lifted. Income was £14,605 (up 2% on 2023). Events ranged from the Christmas Ball in Bletchley, to a golf day, and brass band concerts.

We were delighted that Kwon Sale partnered with Streetlight contributing £2,750 from their sales of good quality children's clothing, equipment and toys.

Direct financial support from churches amounted to £11,514 (down 11% on 2023). During the year, six churches provided direct financial support. We are grateful to all the churches for their financial and prayer support.

We did not receive any **legacy gifts in 2024**.

Other giving remains unpredictable. In 2024, the total was boosted by two gifts from the Vera Outhwaite Charitable Trust. We are very grateful for their trust in Streetlight.

Financial performance: expenditure

During the year, **remittances to Kanlungan sa ERMA** totalled £60,480 (down 8% on 2023). Of the total in 2024, £58,900 was from unrestricted funds and £1,580 from restricted funds.

Streetlight maintained its regular giving of £55,200 to Kanlungan which is provided on an unrestricted basis to support staff salaries, rents, food and utilities. This funding is of great strategic value to Kanlungan as many grant funder will not fund general costs. Additional gifts were made, mainly to support Kanlungan staff costs.

The **costs of fundraising events and activities** totalled £5,622 (down 24 % on 2023) This was partly a timing issue as the 2023 expenditure included some payments relating to the 2022 Ball. We are grateful to the team at Wilton Hall for their strong partnership with Streetlight and all their hard work.

Administration costs of £361 covered costs of child protection, and charges from managing online payments. All of the remittances to the Philippines are now managed without bank charges thanks to the switch to Equals Money. All administration costs are covered by the Trustees' financial contributions.

Travel costs of £1,246 were incurred by the Trust to partly offset Trustee costs in visiting Kanlungan.

The Trustees' policy that any travel costs must be more than funded by the Trustees' pooled financial contributions to Streetlight remains in place.

Looking forward

2025 will be a challenging year for Kanlungan. Our prayer is that Kanlungan staff will continue to be able to help children heal from trauma and unlock their inner, God-given, potential.

The challenge for Streetlight will be to sustain and grow income against the continued backdrop of the cost-of-living challenge and the fragility of church finances. Streetlight has been blessed with very committed supporters and so we look forward to 2025 in faith.

Ian Herbert, Chair of Trustees,
March 2025





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Streetlight Trust

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-24



To

31-Dec-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					
Individual Regular Giving	18,097	360	-	18,457	19,457
Individual Single Giving	15,177	1,160	-	16,337	10,295
Fundraising Events and Activities	14,605	-	-	14,605	14,305
Church Giving	11,514	-	-	11,514	12,931
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Other Giving	5,375	-	-	5,375	3,119
Other	-	-	-	-	88
Gift Aid	6,395	90	-	6,485	7,751
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	71,163	1,610	-	72,773	67,947
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of 208 Barclays shares	-	-	-	-	242
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	242
Total receipts	71,163	1,610	-	72,773	68,189
A3 Payments					
Remittances to Kanlungan	58,900	1,580	-	60,480	65,620
Cost of Fundraising Events & Activities	5,622	-	-	5,622	7,400
Admin Costs	361	-	-	361	447
Travel Costs	1,246	-	-	1,246	2,718
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	66,128	1,580	-	67,708	76,185
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,128	1,580	-	67,708	76,185
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,035	30	-	5,065	- 7,997
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,549	289	-	25,838	33,835
Cash funds this year end	30,584	319	-	30,903	25,838

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	30,584	319	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	30,584	319	-
		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Andrew James Barton	10/3/25	
		Ian Charles Herbert	10/03/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Streetlight Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1117789

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

I 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.

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

Signed:

Oliver H. Hermes

Date:

10 March 2025

Name:

Oliver Hermes

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.