

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS - ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

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Trustees during the year 2021-22 were: RHJ Hopwood (Managing Trustee), AL Hopwood, CR Hopwood and. MJ StJohn .

2. Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable trust, governed by a Declaration of Trust signed on 15 February 2007. It is managed by a board of trustees. All new grants and investments are approved by the board of trustees as a whole, payments are then made by the managing trustee using electronic banking. General administration, such as keeping records and accounts, dealing with correspondence and drafting reports for approval is the responsibility of the managing trustee.

Due to Covid restrictions, the board did not meet during the year, business was conducted by e-mail and telephone.

3. Financial Review

Income Increased by 10%, grant making reduced by a similar amount as there were fewer emergency appeals, and cash reserves doubled as the trustees prepared for an uncertain future.

Cash reserves are held in a deposit account.

Funds not required for short term use are invested in organisations which support the charity's objectives. These include Oicocredit which supports micro-credit societies in many poor countries, Thrive Renewables which invests in renewable energy schemes in the UK, the Shared Interest Society which provides loan finance to fair trade organisations and Triodos Bank.

Changes to banking rules after Brexit mean that some of these funds, approximately £8000, are not realisable in the short term but they are expected to be released later this year and are still shown at full value in the accounts. The John Cleveland College withdrew

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from the Community JCC Woodheat Cooperative when it became an academy. The Cooperative became Leicestershire Low Carbon Co-operative and is actively looking for appropriate investment opportunities. Our investment is £1569.

4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold funds on behalf of others.

5. Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when approving grants and have managed the charity in accordance with the declaration of trust and approved objectives.

6. Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

1. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society, in particular but not exclusively by supporting the development of self help associations.
2. To relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.
3. To promote the protection and sustainable use of the natural environment for the benefit of the public, through education, training and demonstration projects.

During the year we pursued these objectives by making grants to eight organisations in three countries:

Nicaragua

1. **Los Angelitos**, a youth music group in Esteli, aims to develop young people's skills and self-confidence and counter the spread of gang culture. Members of the first intake are acting as tutors for the new students. Income from public performances helps to pay college fees.
2. **Colibrí Iniciativa Arte Infantil**, also based in Esteli, is a youth theatre group using 'Theatre of the Oppressed' techniques to help young people explore their past and present situation while developing social skills and self-confidence. Following successful fundraising efforts they have refurbished Sustainability Partners, 18 Woodlands Close, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, SO45 4JG, UK
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and redecorated their accommodation and expanded to include handicraft and cooking classes for adults.

3. **Sunshine English School**, aims to develop the self-confidence and employment prospects of children and young people from a poor barrio in Esteli. The school is now firmly established; we support the day to day running costs. Our regular grant helps to compensate for the loss of tourist income due to the Covid pandemic.
4. **Luz Verde Social Projects** continue to support eco-tourism, vegetable gardens and other income generating projects plus a 'Library Bus' in the Miraflor Natural Reserve near Esteli.
5. **Asociación Tierra** is a Nicaraguan NGO associated with the La Mariposa language school and eco-hotel, based in La Concepcion. It works to protect and improve the local environment and provide sustainable employment for local people. Donations and grants reduced after the special appeals in the previous year.

Indonesia

6. **Senang Hati** is a local NGO started and run by disabled people in Gianyar, Bali. Our regular core funding grant covers the bills for electricity, gas, food and domestic supplies.
7. **Ayu Indonesia** is a local NGO based in Ruteng, Flores working with poor rural communities in Manggarai district. We supported a second project training rural health workers to combat stunting. As before our contribution released a larger grant from a bigger funder.

Moldova

8. **Phoenix** runs a day centre for disabled children in Riscani which provides care, company, stimulus and treatment to children who continue to live at home with their families and an old people's home. We contribute to the core funding of the centre.

7. Achievements and performance

All in all this has been a successful year. Our partners have survived despite the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic and continue to do valuable work in their communities. Cash reserves remained high and the overall financial position remains satisfactory.



Annual accounts for the financial year 2021/22

		2020 -21
Opening balance		
☐ Cash at bank	4274.89	4316.11
☐ Investments	14572.46	14890.04
☐ Loans outstanding	2136.00	2136.00
☐ Funds in Nicaragua	464.00	464.00
☐ Total	21447.35	21806.15
Income		
☐ Donations - general	16705.00	9880.00
☐ Donations - restricted	16463.29	20334.48
☐ Interest & dividends	167.31	276.46
☐ Total	33335.60	30490.94
Grants		
☐ General	10882.79	9418.32
☐ Restricted	16702.61	20789.44
☐ Total	27585.40	30207.76
Administration		
☐ Bank charges	121.65	122.80
☐ Web site	201.60	201.60
☐ Travel costs	0	0
☐ Total	323.25	324.40
Asset changes	(2136.00)	(317.58)
Surplus (deficit) for the year	3290.95	(358.80)
Closing balance		
☐ Cash at bank	9685.96	4274.89
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sustainability Partners

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1119345

Set out on pages

This page and page 4 of the Trustees' Annual Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 /03 / 2022**.

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.

Signed:

Date:

03/09/22

Name:

Patrick Michael O'Grady

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

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