



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st March 2024 **Period start date**
To 29th February 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: Global Challenge Charity

Charity registration number: 1121686

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Global Challenge's Objectives are: We are working in the community of Soroti, Uganda and its districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To alleviate poverty and suffering for persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick. To relieve the distress caused thereby.• To advance education.• To advance the Christian faith of these communities, by provision of support to develop the work and ministries of the churches and their leaders.• To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community.
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	Crossroads Secondary school: GC funds teachers' salaries and pensions as well as school lunches. Special needs project: GC funds operations and equipment to improve or correct disabilities in Soroti and the surrounding districts. These have included walking and mobility aids and prosthetics for young people and adults. We currently fund 5 children to attend a specialist school for the deaf in Ngora and 1 child to attend St Francis School for the blind. We fund initial assessments for language, learning, physical, sensory and medical needs. Any subsequent therapies are provided for if required and if funds allow. Support for transport costs to and from surgeries is also provided if the parents are not able to afford this.

		<p>Our vision is to provide training for church leaders, medical and teaching staff enabling them to consider the needs of the disabled and to provide for them in their own settings. Access to teaching resources are being offered through our website special needs pages too.</p> <p>Livestock and self-sufficiency support: GC funds the purchase of sheep/goats/chickens for very poor families in the Soroti district, to help them become self-sufficient. Some have been successful enough to be able to sell smaller livestock to purchase a cow or just more goats/chickens/pigeons. This enables them to buy medicine for their children with special needs or afford transport to get to a medical centre for medical assessments. Income generated can also enable families to provide supplementary food for malnourished children. Families support one another in the care for the livestock within their villages.</p> <p>Tailoring project: We have enabled some adults and young people to train in tailoring and GC have provided sewing machines, in the hope that they will then train others as part of our self-sufficiency scheme.</p> <p>That's pants: GC provides training for girls about reusable sanitary towels, how to wash them with clean water and soap and how to clean their hands. Body positive lessons have also been taught. GC provides reusable sanitary wear to girls and female staff. All students (boys and girls) receive pants each year and the girls are also bought bras.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>All trustees have read and regard the guidance on public benefit to be relevant to the role of trustee and to Global Challenge.</p> <p>Annual Trustee Visits We review the charity's work during these visits. We provide support and encouragement to the GC coordinator, our Special Needs Coordinator and to the teachers at the school. We attend meetings with interested parties. We talk to the children at Crossroads about their lives and their education. We visit families in outlying areas who have children with Special Needs. We visit families who are recipients of livestock and meet with the few volunteers who support and identify the special needs families in the surrounding villages and districts.</p> <p>Annual face to face visits were resumed in March 2023 after it was safe to travel following covid and outbreaks of Ebola.</p> <p>Publicity and fundraising</p>

		<p>We publicise our work widely, to create awareness about GC. This includes social media, talks to school children and staff, and updates to the congregation at Queen's Rd Baptist Church, (QRBC) (which are available on the QRBC YouTube channel) and church publications. Supporters are given regular email updates too if they do not attend the church or access QRBC websites.</p> <p>We hold a variety of fundraising events throughout the year.</p> <p>Statutory Declaration</p> <p>The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. We have many examples of people that have benefited from our work - children who have had life changing operations, prosthetics or walking and mobility aids, the teachers and students at the schools, those who have been sponsored to continue their education post S4 and also families whose lives have been helped through the livestock project.</p> <p>GC funds are used solely to further the charity's objectives. The Trustees are all volunteers and claim no payment for their work. Expenses are kept to a minimum. GC funds the salaries of the teachers at the school, lunches for staff/pupils, as well as the salaries of a charity coordinator and a special needs coordinator in Uganda. The flight and travel cost for one trustee are funded once a year for accounting and auditing purposes essentially.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Vision of Global Challenge Charity: Enabling better health, education and quality of life through sustainable partnerships with local communities in Soroti, Uganda.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	GC has volunteers to help fundraise and often volunteers will accompany trustees on visits to Soroti, Uganda, to support the projects. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers (including the trustees) have given. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

		The Special Needs Coordinator in Soroti is supported by local volunteers to enable many of the families to receive ongoing support, care and training, as well as to signpost families to clinics, training and events.
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>Crossroads School</p> <p>February 2024:</p> <p>S1 Boys 32 Girls 53 Total 85 S.2 Boys 51 Girls 57 Total 108 S.3 Boys 34 Girls 39 Total 73 S.4 Boys 36 Girls 31 Total 67</p> <p>Feb 2025:</p> <p>S1 Boys 22 Girls 45 Total 67 S2 Boys 29 Girls 40 Total 69 S3 Boys 51 Girls 42 Total 93 S4 Boys 24 Girls 32 Total 55</p> <p>It would appear that this year the levels of students returning are slower than previous years. This can be attributed to parents finding even very minimal fees challenging. It is anticipated that enrolment figures will continue to rise. With other Ugandan schools, if fees are not paid, pupils are sent away. At Crossroads, no pupil is turned away but sometimes parents are slow in providing the most basic needs for students, for example uniforms. The meal provided at school is the only meal a lot of the pupils have that day. The meal has also increased attendance for afternoon school.</p> <p>The new Ugandan Secondary school curriculum is being taught in S1, 2 and 3 and S4 and this year the S4 students took the new style national examinations. 55 students sat the examinations and all passed and obtained UCE LCBC certificates. This was paid for by GCUK</p> <p>This year we have been able to pay for 6 students to continue their education at S5 and S6 level.</p> <p>This year we have again been able to provide 8 lap-tops for use by staff and</p>

		<p>students. Together with sanitary products for the girls. In addition textbooks relating to the new curriculum have been purchased.</p> <p>Special Needs Project: During this reporting year there have been 10 surgeries completed ranging from gluteal fibrosis, to correcting bone infections and fractures as well as a serious accident at work.</p> <p>In March 24 we had 4 children return to Ngora school for the deaf after the holidays for the new academic year.</p> <p>The one child sponsored by GC so that she can attend St Francis school for the blind is progressing well with learning braille at the special school, thanks to a sponsor who is paying for her primary education.</p> <p>In October 2024 trustees returned for a visit to Soroti to ensure that support remains in place for the families and children requiring help. It was great to return and see so many familiar faces and to see how they have gained more independence through the livestock project. We met the young man who made shoes that we purchased and the shop where is learning his trade. We held 2 clinics while we were there to meet potential beneficiaries and to hand out a wheelchair. Training for local volunteers and teaching staff as well as church leaders was held in 3 of the subcounties and the work was well received. The workshops were to help us all to understand how frustrating it can be to do things where there is a physical difficulty as well as how exhausting it can be. Also we were able to discuss the unseen disabilities and provide some examples of how to support.</p> <p>Livestock The livestock has continued to provide at least 6 families with goats. Many families are now only requiring one goat as they are able to mate with another goat in the village. So we can provide for more families each time.</p> <p>Self-sufficiency for the volunteers – where necessary GC has provided some livestock to support the Special Needs Project volunteers to help them pay for medical bills or housing requirements. 2 new mobile phones were also purchased for 2 of the 4 volunteers to support with efficient communication with our special needs coordinator.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>To alleviate poverty and suffering to persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in Soroti and its districts, in Uganda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued provision of livestock for families and also for volunteers in Uganda who are continuing to experience poor health and loss of crops • Continued support for further education and skills training e.g. tailoring, shoe making, mechanic and carpentry courses • Christmas bonuses provided for school staff and our 2 coordinators <p>To advance education in Soroti and its districts, in Uganda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees updated the internet facilities and access to on-line messaging systems. • Maintenance of school photocopier and printer • To advance the Christian faith of the communities in Soroti and its districts in Uganda, by the provision of support to develop the work and ministries of the churches and their leaders. • The provision of Bibles annually to all new students at Crossroads School • Trustees were able to visit to give spiritual encouragement and support to those at Crossroads School as well as the Special Needs project. <p>To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Soroti and its districts, in Uganda -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossroads students are now involved in recycling projects as an extension of their curriculum and to support the local environment in and around Soroti • Social media is the main source of publicity and for advertising our fundraising events. Monthly
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		<p>updates on QRBC YouTube broadcasts are helping to share our events further afield. Along with the regular GC update articles in the QRBC church magazine and monthly updates at Sunday morning services at QRBC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local schools in Broadstairs and Thanet receive updates and newsletters together with our regular supporters who have signed up to our mailing list. • Donations have been received in memory of some regular supporters who have passed on. We continue to provide a summer and a Christmas newsletter to our supporters
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>To alleviate poverty in Soroti and its Districts, in Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special school in Ramsgate raised funds at their Christmas Market making a variety of items to sell and serving at stalls or spending their money on the games provided <p>To advance education in Soroti and its districts, in Uganda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Craft fair • Take away Indian meal • Information afternoon and Ugandan food sampling <p>All raised funds for teachers salaries Writing letters from one school in UK to students at Crossroads school developed increase in literacy levels in both UK and UG schools</p> <p>To advance the Christian faith of the communities in Soroti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of Bibles for pupils at Crossroads School • UK trustees lead worship sessions at Crossroads school assembly and within the local churches during the annual monitoring visits <p>To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Soroti and its districts, in Uganda</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift cards for supporters in the UK to buy as presents for family and friends. The donor may specify which GC project to support
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	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We currently have sufficient funds to keep the project running for approximately 3 months should we stop receiving donations. As this is a project being run through Queens Road Baptist Church, this is unlikely and should we have cash flow issues, the church would not let this project fail.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9000
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	N/A

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Increase in financial and medical needs (especially due to poor or malnutrition) of our beneficiaries due to drought, as well as a sharp rise in cost of living, food, transport and cooking fuel in Uganda.</p> <p>The on-going challenge of keeping the school resourced for the new national curriculum.</p> <p>Ensuring that the teaching staff are trained and work to a high standard whilst not being able to compete with the salary levels of other schools in the area.</p> <p>Rising costs in the UK means that our regular supporters are also stretched.</p>
Other		

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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	Trust
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	Invitation and agreement by majority of 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	Global Challenge Charity
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1121686
Charity's principal address	Queens Road Baptist Church, 2 Queens Road Broadstairs

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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	Anne Cave	Treasurer		
	2	Angela Harding	Secretary		
	3	Tim Shingles		Sabbatical from 12.2.25 to May 2025	
	4	Tracey Mason			
	5	Katy Morgan		Resigned 11.7.24	
	6	Stephen Cave			
	7	Brenda McCall			
	8	Brian Langsdon		Started 11.4.24	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	<i>A J Harding</i>	
	Full name(s)	Angela Harding	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
	Date	10.08.25	



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Global Challenge

Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date 01/03/2024	To	Period end date 28/02/2025
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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					
Crossroads School	53,877	-	-	53,877	35,513
Special Needs	4,513	-	-	4,513	5,654
Elderley	-	-	-	-	270
Gift Aid	7,053	-	-	7,053	6,554
Other Income	156	-	-	156	801
Sent to Uganda	2,042	-	-	2,042	855
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,641	-	-	67,641	46,335
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,641	-	-	67,641	46,335
A3 Payments					
Crossroads School	42,126	-	-	42,126	40,439
Special Needs	5,778	-	-	5,778	7,304
Elderly	-	-	-	-	240
Co-ordinators	5,926	-	-	5,926	4,647
Other Expenditure	400	-	-	400	3,449
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,230	-	-	54,230	56,078
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,230	-	-	54,230	56,078
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,411	-	-	13,411	- 9,744
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,144	-	-	27,144	36,888
Cash funds this year end	40,555	-	-	40,555	27,144

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Anne Cave	19 04 25



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Global Challenge

**On accounts for the year
ended**

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**Charity no
(if any)**

1121686

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 **28 / 02 / 2025**

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

19th April 2025

Name:

Julia Shepherd

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

Address:

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Broadstairs

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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.