

LIFE BRIDGING WORKS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIFE BRIDGING WORKS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Bridging Works for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 giving 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.

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.



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Dated 21 February 2024



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st February 2023 Period start date
To: 31st Jan 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Life Bridging Works

Charity registration number: 1122649

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Life Bridging Works exists to bring life in all its fullness to some of the world's poorest people to the glory of God by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Advancing the Christian Religionii. Advancing the education of the publiciii. Providing Relief of sickness & the preservation of healthiv. Bringing relief of unemployment
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>The purpose of Life Bridging Works (LBW) is to give a hand up not a hand-out. This means that the empowering of local, indigenous leaders is at the core of the charity's focus. All LBW activities in this period continued to be performed in conjunction with local, indigenously led churches that we have a connection with. These good works in turn naturally warm people to the church and empower significant community members, with the result of advancing the Christian message and hope to others within the community that the good work is performed in. This work is then supported by our specialist teams and UK based trustees who are in contact both through virtual communication and through physical travel to see the projects in their location. This year has brought growth in a number of the activities that take place through the support of the local church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hiring another Toposan Bible translator so that this project may continue to grow and see its goal reached.• Meeting with key leaders in conferences in a number of countries

		<p>for teaching, fellowship and vision setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling the purchase of land for another safe house to support vulnerable individuals and families who are fleeing from persecution and abuse. • Helping to provide support for widows and orphans who are connected to a number of house churches we work with. • Enabling the completion of the health clinic in Kapoeta. • Enabled key leaders to travel to deal with pastoral concerns. • Working closely with partners in North Uganda. • Enable Christian leaders in Kenya to gather for theological training and encouragement. • Enabling Salt and Light Outreach Ministries leaders from South Sudan to gather for teaching and discipleship, and pastors to do Discovery Bible Study in village churches. <p>Life Bridging Works helps advance education of the public by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing education to disadvantaged children through two sponsorship schemes. We currently sponsor 24 children and young people from an area of Southern Sudan who attend Kuleu Lights School. There are many orphans and disadvantaged children there due to the recent conflict. From our original sponsorship scheme with the Toposa people we continue to also support 1 student through to their University level studies in Medicine. The remaining students that we sponsored through university are now returning to support the community that they are from in a number of different ways. Our second sponsorship scheme runs in Alebtong, Northern Uganda, at Blessed Hope School where we are supporting the most in need children from these deprived areas. There are currently 25 children being supported on this scheme. So, in total we are sponsoring 49 children/young people. We hope to use the finances that we have been using for the original sponsorship scheme to
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		<p>increase our Primary education schemes in South Sudan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of educational establishments. We are currently raising funds for a primary school in Ethiopia working primarily with girls. <p>Life Bridging Works helps provide relief of sickness & the preservation of health by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to support the equipping of a health centre/ clinic which provides basic health advice and services in Kapoeta, South Sudan. The clinic will be managed and staffed by indigenous former students sponsored through medical schools by Life Bridging Works. • Working with South Sudan NGO's HOCTO and Medical Missions to provide Village Health programmes to remote areas around Kapoeta in South Sudan. These programmes speak about public and sexual health, whilst trained medical professionals also diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries for those who cannot attend the clinic. • Providing famine emergency relief during the periods of drought across East Africa. This has been required due to another season of failed crops. • Starting the building of a safe house for those in abusive situations or fleeing from persecution to provide sanctuary whilst they rebuild their lives. <p>Life Bridging Works help bring relief from unemployment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Start Funds, including funds to help towards the set-up of several shops. • Its education programme: young people that are educated are more employable. • Funds given for development work; local builders are employed to complete the work.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm they have had regard to the guidance issued by the charity Commission on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling the purchase of land for another safe house building project in a different country for those in abusive situations or fleeing from persecution to provide sanctuary whilst they rebuild their lives. • Continued support of both Kuleu Lights Primary School and Blessed Hope Primary School. • Continuing funding of sponsorship students who will the benefit their communities (both those in higher education for the Toposa scheme and for those gaining primary education in Uganda + South Sudan) • Providing emergency relief for hundreds of individuals facing drought and famine within East Africa through food parcels, employment support and relocation costs where needed. • Commencing a Village Health programme run by indigenous trained medical professionals who came through the Toposan sponsorship scheme. Through this we pray we will see greater knowledge of public and sexual health across the region.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing teaching & support to the church leaders in South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and other parts of the Horn of Africa, both in person through international travel and regular online meetings.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£7519 (end of year balance)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has a reserve policy of £5,000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000
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	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed (GD2)
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	Appointment 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	Life Bridging Works
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1122649
Charity's principal address	Kerrisdale Western Road Hailsham BN27 3DY

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	Simon Fry	Chairman	N/A	The Trustees
2	Andrew Holt	Trustee	N/A	The Trustees
3	Milton Ogwal	Operations Advisor	Until 7/12/2023	The Trustees
4	Ken Matthews	General Secretary	N/A	The Trustees
5	Jenni Joyes	Treasurer	N/A	The Trustees
6	Peter Torrance	Trustee	From 7/12/2023	The Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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

N/A

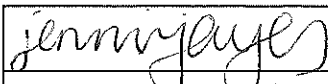
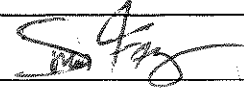
Other optional information

Anna Fry (married to Simon Fry) has been working for the charity 4 hours a week since September 2023, covering the finances and funding applications. She earns an hourly rate of £14 per hour – the rate was set a little lower than comparative roles in a partner organisation and she is lined managed by Jenni Joyes. Owen Mudford ceased working for the charity in August 2023 to pursue a career in Teaching.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JENNI JOYES	SIMON FRY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	CHAIR

Date 01/08/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Life Bridging Works

No (if any)
1122649

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/02/2023	To	Period end date 31/01/2024
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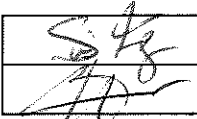
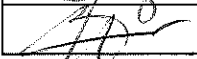
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
voluntary gifts and grants	56,526	39,600	-	96,126	135,631
bank interest	41	-	-	41	5
gift aid	10,232	-	-	10,232	6,099
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,799	39,600	-	106,399	141,735
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,799	39,600	-	106,399	141,735
A3 Payments					
Leadership development (+translation)	38,255	18,262	-	56,517	69,665
Health Support + emergency issues	9,964	7,000	-	16,964	17,006
Micro finance	328	6,600	-	6,928	5,800
Education & Sponsorship	10,367	6,000	-	16,367	31,306
Travel	5,785	1,104	-	6,889	8,533
Other	578	-	-	578	1,916
Admin	4,412	634	-	5,046	5,736
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,689	39,600	-	109,289	139,962
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,689	39,600	-	109,289	139,962
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,890	-	-	- 2,890	- 1,773
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,409	-	-	10,409	10,409
Cash funds this year end	7,519	-	-	7,519	12,182

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	barclays bank	7,519	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,519	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	gift aid	9,088	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Simon Fox	4 AUG 2024
	Ken Matthews	4 AUG 2024