



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1ST February 2024 Period start date
To 31st January 2025 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 we have been involved in supporting and furthering the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The provision of a TB prevention programme in South Sudan, run and organised by two former LBW sponsorship students who are now medical professionals.• The gathering of indigenous church leaders for teaching, fellowship and

		<p>vision setting for 3 conferences/gatherings including in Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular ongoing support and encouragement through online and in person meetings with key leaders. • Supporting the building and maintenance of safe houses to support vulnerable individuals and families who are fleeing from persecution and abuse • The completion (less decorating) of an Exam Hall at Blessed Hope School in Uganda. • Continued sponsorship of over 40 pupils (see achievements and performance for further details) • The continuation of the translation of the Bible into the Toposan Language through two bible translators. • Enabling key leaders to travel to deal with difficult pastoral concerns. • A project to deliver hundreds of pairs of period pants to Kuleu Lights School in South Sudan, so young female pupils can continue their education when they are on their periods instead of having to miss school. • The provision of emergency aid and start-up costs to a number of individuals to help support their families at difficult times and to enable the starting up of small businesses.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees of Life Bridging Works confirm regard to the guidance that Charity Commission has issued on public benefit. The Trustees recognise that decisions on the work of the charity must be made in line with charity objectives, and must be a benefit to both direct beneficiaries and to the public as a whole. All decisions and actions made will be done so carefully, identifying and minimising risk as identified.</p>

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	<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 over 20 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 (finishing later this year). 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 20 children being supported on this scheme. • Development of educational establishments. We are currently also 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"> • Running a TB prevention strategy (organised and run by 2 former sponsorship pupils) through villages across South Sudan. • Continuing to support the equipping of a health centre/ clinic which provides basic health advice and services in

		<p>Kapoeta, South Sudan. The clinic will be managed and staffed by indigenous former students sponsored through medical schools by Life Bridging Works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing famine emergency relief during the periods of drought across East Africa. • Supporting the building of safe houses for those in abusive situations or fleeing from persecution to provide sanctuary whilst they rebuild their lives. We are currently seeking funding for another safe house. <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. • Our education sponsorship programmes: young people that are educated are more employable. • Funds given for development work; local builders are employed to build school projects and safe houses, providing local employment.
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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	£11,595 (Balance at Year End)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Life Bridging Works has a reserve policy of £5,000 agreed by the Trustees.
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	None

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	N/A
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	Trustees
2	Andrew Holt	Trustee	N/A	Trustees
3	Kenneth Matthews	General Secretary	N/A	Trustees
4	Jenni Joyes	Treasurer	N/A	Trustees
5	Peter Torrance	Trustee	N/A	Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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

N/A

Other optional information

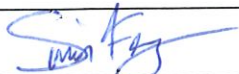

Anna Fry, wife of Simon Fry and daughter of Kenneth Matthews, is employed by the charity for 6 hours per week to undertake the administrative and financial tasks of the charity, this includes grant funding applications.


Her line manager is Jenni Joyes who also keeps accounting records as an additional layer of accountability. Any decisions involving staffing, including salary, are discussed and agreed by the trustee majority of the remaining 3 non-related trustees, before discussed with Simon and Kenneth, to avoid a conflict of interest.

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)	SIMON FRY	JENNI JOYES.
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER.

Date 



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Life Bridging Works

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/02/2024

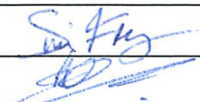
To

31/01/2025

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	75,281	73,626	-	148,907	96,126
Bank interest	74	-	-	74	41
Gift aid	9,089	-	-	9,089	10,232
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,444	73,626	-	158,070	106,399
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,444	73,626	-	158,070	106,399
A3 Payments					
Leadership Development (+translation)	49,776	53,335	-	103,111	56,517
Health Support and emergency issues	4,211	566	-	4,777	16,964
Microfinance	489	-	-	489	6,928
Education and Sponsorship	10,150	13,775	-	23,925	16,367
Travel	12,572	3,345	-	15,917	6,889
Other	902	-	-	902	578
Admin	4,468	405	-	4,873	5,046
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	82,568	71,426	-	153,994	109,289
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	82,568	71,426	-	153,994	109,289
Net receipts/(payments)	1,876	2,200	-	4,076	(2,890)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,519	-	-	7,519	10,409
Cash funds this year end	9,395	2,200	-	11,595	7,519

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	9,395	2,200	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,395	2,200	-
	(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 £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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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
			SIMON FRY KENNETH MATTHEWS	20-May-2025 20/5/25

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 2025.

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 26 May 2025