



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 06 Month 04 Year 2022 To Day 05 Month 04 Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name An African Dream

Other names charity is known by AAD

Registered charity number (if any) 1123231

Charity's principal address 27 Lower Lodge Lane

Hazlemere

High Wycombe

Postcode HP15 7AT

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	Mr Dennis Preston	Chair & Secretary	Left Chair role on 11/03/23	Trustees
2	Mr Tony Watkin	Treasurer	Retired as Treasurer on 19/01/23 and Trustee on 11/03/23	Trustees
3	Mrs Elizabeth Edmondson-Smith			Trustees
4	Mr Robert Smith			Trustees
5	Mr Trevor Cook			Trustees
6	Mrs Charlotte Callicot		Left Trustee role 29/09/22	Trustees
7	Ms Sam Pink	Chair	Chair from 11/03/23	Trustees
8	Mrs Sophie Campbell-Wynter			Trustees
9	Hannah Joy Littler	Treasurer	Appointed as Trustee and Treasurer on 19/01/23	Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

A Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

A Charitable Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The following two policies continued unamended.

- Financial Policy and Guidance
- GDPR
- Anti-Corruption Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Microenterprise

The charity carries out DBS checks for everyone going on trips to Uganda.

Trustee Sam Pink attended a conference on Safeguarding in September 2021 which will inform a forthcoming review of our Safeguarding policy.

In November 2021 Trustees adopted a set of Charity Values,

- A heart for the vulnerable
- partnership with the local community
- empowering people to create sustainable futures.
- to uphold and proclaim the Christian message.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of poverty, sickness, and distress, primarily but not exclusively in the East Kasese District of Western Uganda

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Education of Children

Training of Pastors

Development of microenterprise activities

Support of Widows

Provision of Healthcare at St Marks

Support of Christian Youth work

Visits from Trustees and supporters to further the aims and objectives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In February 2023 Trustees were able to make their first visit since before the pandemic. A small team of four, two trustees and two other supporters visited to primarily catch up on developments and audit project work. This trip had been postponed from October 2022 as there was an Ebola outbreak in the region at that time.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Education

- St Marks re-opened fully in January 2022 with about 450 pupils of whom 151 were classified as orphans, numbers were largely the same in the 2023/24 school year with 152 orphans starting in February 2023.
- Trustees funded teacher training during the December school holiday which was helpful in improving teaching standards.

Pastors Training/Youth work

- Pastor training and youthwork recommenced in 2022/23
- The Youth held their second conference in December which AAD contributed to the funding of,
- The Teens Development Ministry re-established its work with its regular Christmas conference also financially supported by AAD.
- The trustees decided not to pursue the training in carpentry and motorbike maintenance that had been supported in the previous year without further investigation on the usefulness.

Micro-enterprise

- The Sani-pads continued to be produced under the direction of Wilson, the Teens' leader, and is now considered to be self-supporting. This was formally and publicly acknowledged by the visiting team in February 2023
- Pastor Lumika's son Jesse has started up a pig project largely under his own steam with some initial support from the charity. Further support is still to be agreed.

Section D

Achievements and performance

- The girls' tailoring project has taken off well and several girls were sent out with their own equipment funded by the charity following a period of training.

Buildings

- St Marks Memorial Hall (SMMH) is now fully operational but a few further improvements are being considered such as an electric supply and hand washing facilities. A formal opening ceremony was held during the Trustee visit.
- One new church roof at Kithoma was completed in Spring 2023. This may be the last one for a while as costs are getting too high to be worthwhile.

Health Work

- A two day health visit was held in October 2022, and another day was held in February 2023 to more specifically cover dental healthcare.

Trustee Visits

- The first Trustee visit since before the pandemic finally took place between 6th to 22nd February 2023

Community Relief

- The exceptional Funding to provide food for widows in the community, and also for pastors, who were not receiving their usual income or training came to an end as life returned to a more normal pattern. However, the Charity kept some funds available for ongoing Community relief.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AAD operates with minimal overheads and is a natural conduit of donations flowing through to Uganda from the UK. As such there is no requirement other than the temporary targeting of specific project requirements and for obtaining short term interest on deposit accounts with instant access to build reserves.

Notwithstanding the above the Trustees agreed in September 2010 to keep in reserve a sum to cover 50% of one year's wages for teachers at St Marks. This is currently about £5,000.00

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

AAD's principal source of funding is from individuals, schools, and churches.

There have been several significant fundraising events held by trustees and supporters, typically raising between £500.00 and £1,500.00.

We have a single donor who has continued to provide funding for a church roof each year, although this is now ending.

The charity receives a substantial regular annual donation specifically to fund travel for Trustees visits, in order to enable them to visit regularly and carry out tasks on behalf of the Charity, and to be able to afford the more expensive but safer private transfers. In 2023 Trustees with the agreement of the donor agreed to extend this funding to support the two colleagues who travelled with the Trustees in February 2023



Section F Other optional information

It came to the attention that during 2022 some of our colleagues in Uganda who were receiving support for projects were also receiving additional support from a church group based in Denver, USA. Trustees contacted their leaders in early 2023 to agree areas of work such that we did not duplicate effort and funding.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sam Pink	Sophie Campbell-Wynter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	18/9/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
An African Dream

No (if any)
1123231

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06/04/2022	To	05/04/2023
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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					
Donations	20,313	23,594	-	43,907	41,993
Interest	77	-	-	77	2
Gift aid	1,116	4,434	-	5,550	5,367
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,506	28,027	-	49,534	47,362
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,506	28,027	-	49,534	47,362
A3 Payments					
Teacher support	-	10,438	-	10,438	8,544
Support for Orphan's at Primary School	-	15,715	-	15,715	8,951
Support for Orphan's at Secondary School	-	4,812	-	4,812	1,589
St Mark's Primary School Building costs	8,174	67	-	8,240	6,996
Support for widow's	1,788	287	-	2,075	1,699
Community Microenterprise support	709	1,010	-	1,720	1,791
Pastor conferences	2,791	210	-	3,001	2,785
Teen & children's conferences	3,681	-	-	3,681	2,314
Other community support	-	3,100	-	3,100	1,691
Support for trip to Uganda	-	5,419	-	5,419	-
Charity admin	516	-	-	516	1,024
Church Roofs	-	-	-	-	3,118
Sub total	17,659	41,058	-	58,717	40,502
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,659	41,058	-	58,717	40,502
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,848	- 13,031	-	- 9,183	6,860
A5 Transfers between funds	- 4,650	4,650	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,095	26,635	-	31,730	24,870
Cash funds this year end	4,293	18,254	-	22,547	31,730

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	CAF Cash account	4,293	9,117	-
	CAF Gold account	-	9,137	-

	-	-	-
Total cash funds	4,293	18,254	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


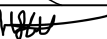
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Samantha Pink	30/01/2024
	Hannah Littler	30/01/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
An African Dream

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1123231

Set out on pages

1 to 3 of the Annual Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives 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; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

23.01.2024

Name:

DANIEL PARKER

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

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)
Full member

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2 Vilette Close
Christchurch

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.