

DOLEN FFERMIO (FARMING LINK)

England & Wales · Charity number 1124195

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2008-05-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISABILITY OF PEOPLE LIVING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR ANY OTHER AREA OF BENEFIT IDENTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BECOME SELF SUPPORTING AND THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED.2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (MAINLY IN MONTGOMERYSHIRE, POWYS AND SHROPSHIRE) IN WORLD FOOD AND FARMING ISSUES.

Activities: To support a goat breeding project and village goat improvement schemes in Uganda through advice, training, research and funding. To support the vocational training of vulnerable Ugandan young people through funding and supervision. To support environmental projects in Uganda and the UK. To promote awareness in the UK of world food and farming issues.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Uganda
- Powys
- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£33,719	£39,669	-	-
2024-02-29	£44,810	£55,374	-	-
2023-02-28	£56,250	£40,430	-	-
2022-02-28	£30,975	£26,572	-	-
2021-02-28	£44,959	£45,320	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LORNA ANNE BROWN	Chair	2007-11-06
CORDELIA WEEDON		2011-12-09
Dr Benjamin William Jones		2020-05-04
Dr TIMOTHY SMITH		2009-11-09
EMYR OWEN		2007-11-06
Kadun Lorcan Midwinter Rees		2021-04-20
Lena Maren Fritsch		2021-04-20
Peter Michael Gunnell		2022-04-29
Rona Dorothy Gunnell		2022-04-29

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Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 28th February 2025

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN 2024/25

General:

In recent years, our activities were overshadowed by the impact of the Covid pandemic. For a while it was not possible to undertake visits to Uganda to see projects and keep up to date with progress and priorities. We did, however, have other good routes of communication and were impressed with the ways in which partners in Uganda continued to develop projects despite challenges such as restricted movement and the closure of schools. Uganda has now, however, been free of restrictions for the past two years, schools have

been reopened, and in autumn 2023, and again in autumn 2024, our Chair was able to spend a month with our partners in the two areas of Uganda in which we work and to see first hand the progress that has been made.

Developments in Kamuli District:

At the Nakyaka demonstration farm following the retirement of the manager, a new manager has been appointed. He is a retired head teacher and is keen to increase the potential for training at the farm for both the local community and students.

The Dolen Ffermio Farming and Health team is continuing its programme of banana and cocoa companion planting and is increasing the acreage of coffee. These are critical food and export crops which local people and students are keen to learn about.

The major developments in Kamuli in the past year relate to permaculture:

- Permaculture courses for teachers and students were initiated by our consultant, Charles Mugarura of Broadfield Enterprises Uganda, who has persuaded the Ugandan Government to put permaculture on the national curriculum.
- Charles is now focusing on developing trading arrangements through Broadfield Enterprises for export of coffee, dried pineapple, and vanilla pods, which will become part of the school activities.
- Laurence Mutabuza has taken over the lead on permaculture and, with financial support from Dolen Ffermio, has set up a new community-based organisation called Permaculture Schools Outreach. A permaculture training programme has been prepared, and training has been offered to school permaculture teachers on the new arrangements.
- Initially, this permaculture training will be offered in the same nine schools in Kamuli where a total of over 7,000 enthusiastic children have already participated in earlier programmes.

Developments in Ngora District:

The main focus has continued to be the development of the Ngora Vocational Training Institute for young people, building upon work already undertaken with the significant grant of almost £25,000 from the Wales Africa Fund by the Wales Council for Voluntary Activity (WCVA). This has been augmented by Dolen Ffermio's funds and money raised during Christmas Catalogue Campaigns:

- The borehole and pumping system and a three-phase electricity transformer have been completed using the grant from WCVA, and the resulting clean water supply and mains electricity are also benefiting the local Community. The tower building is almost complete and this not only supports two reservoir water tanks but also offers conference and office space on the lower floors. The conference room will be used for teaching and meetings. Initial courses on making fuel efficient stoves and building construction have already been run for 50 students on each course. Trainees from the latter contributed to the building of the first double classroom block. The majority of students have found work with local businesses.
- In February 2025 the requirements of the Ministry of Education were satisfied and the Vocational Training Institute was officially registered. This will enable the Institute to offer longer certificated courses, and five staff members have been recruited and the first four courses have been advertised.
- There are now 4,000 catfish in fishponds on the site and sale of these will provide funds for developments.
- The goat and sheep breeding unit are being repaired, and plans have been made to use the unit for teaching agriculture students at the Institute.

Elsewhere the TECCO construction and social enterprise company continues to service requests for installations, and the retail side of the business is being moved to a more visible high street location.

School Links and Awareness Raising

- A grant from Community Foundation Wales has enabled the link between Ysgol Llanfyllin and three schools in the Kamuli area to be continued. There has been a sharing of traditional storytelling, puppet shows, and an exchange of videos and artwork. Arts Connection Llanfyllin has also assisted. Material from the project, including narratives, artwork, and links to video material, will be incorporated into a booklet to guide other schools in similar activities. The focus now is on permaculture and climate change.
- A video session linking a group of Llanfyllin students with catering students at the Ngora Institute was well received and showed how the technology could be used as a medium for future exchanges.
- We continue to participate in webinars on international topics, write feature articles in our community newspaper, and distribute newsletters about our activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the financial year ended 28th February 2025 total income was £33,719 and total expenditure £39,669, leading to a deficit for the year of £5,950. Both income and expenditure were significantly lower than in 2023/24 but largely reflect the financial years in which grants were received and spent.

Dolen Ffermio's income has been mainly from various forms of donations (£18,548 including sponsorship of Ugandan students and gift aid), fundraising events (£7,451), and grants from other bodies (£7,500). Although fundraising is challenging, we remain grateful for the generous contributions by our many supporters.

Dolen Ffermio's expenditure broadly takes three forms:

- A basic budget for administration and publicity (4.7% of expenditure in 2024/25);
- Funds allocated to Ugandan partners to maintain and support existing projects; and
- Funds to develop new projects which have been identified with our partners in Uganda.

Most of the balance of £9,451 at the end of the year was in the form of restricted funds raised or donated for specific purposes (£6,237), leaving Dolen Ffermio's unrestricted funds or free reserves at £3,214. The trustees have recognised that it is important to try to build up unrestricted funds in order to provide security for our project work in Uganda and hopefully to be in a position to promote more ambitious developments. This is reflected in the reserves policy set out in a subsequent section.

RESERVES POLICY

The target of the trustees of Dolen Ffermio is to continue to hold sufficient free reserves to be able to continue, if necessary, to operate as a charity and maintain services in Uganda for a period of three months, and eventually to increase the figure to the equivalent of six months.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks the charity is exposed to. Where appropriate, procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware of; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time of the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 130 Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board

Lorna brown

Lorna Brown
Chair

Date: 10/06/2025

Rona gunnell

Rona Gunnell
Secretary

Date: 10/06/2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Dolen Ffermio

I report on the accounts of Dolen Ffermio for the year ended 28th February 2025 set out on pages 9-11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, as amended;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and Regulations 11 of the 2006 Regulation. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those 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 as proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Thomas ojo

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Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner

Date: 10/06/2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Fund-raising activities				
• The Big Give (inc. pledges)	--	--	--	300
• The Catalogue	--	2,516	2,516	2,900
• Plant sales	3,512	--	3,512	3,463
• Grand Draw	625	--	625	650
• Other fund-raising	798	--	798	1,825
Membership subscriptions	220	--	220	190
Sponsorship by individuals or groups of school places for children	--	1,000	1,000	2,807
Wills/legacies	--	--	--	1,025
Donations				
• Via CAF Online	211	--	211	544
• Via standing orders	2,677	--	2,677	3,033
• Dolen Llanbrynmair Fund	115	1,560	1,675	245
• Other donations	8,615	320	8,935	10,833
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	4,050	--	4,050	4,533
Grants				
• Lord Merthyr Fund (CFW)	--	2,500	2,500	2,500
• WCVA Wales Africa Fund	--	--	--	4,962
• Farthing Trust	5,000	--	5,000	5,000
Other receipts	--	--	--	-
<u>Total receipts</u>	25,823	7,896	33,719	44,810

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
PAYMENTS				
Support for projects in Uganda				
• Demonstration Farm, Nakyaka	3,080	--	3,080	4,800
• WCVA Wales Africa grant for FARLU Institute	--	3,837	3,837	16,158
• Other support for development of FARLU Technical & Vocational Training Institute, Ngora	14,625	2,112	16,737	13,418
• Sponsorship of training for young people	--	1,250	1,250	1,720
• Ngora management support	5,086	--	5,086	6,205
• Permaculture courses	2,734	4,963	7,697	9,393
Joint schools project	--	--	--	1,537
Trustees' and volunteers' expenses	--	--	--	--
Expenses related to fund-raising	413	--	413	273
Printing and other administrative costs	323	--	323	779
Bank charges	681	--	681	641
Accounting and examiner's fees in Wales and Ngora	450	--	450	450
Miscellaneous	115	-	115	-
<u>Total payments</u>	27,507	12,162	39,669	55,374

NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(1,684)	(4,266)	(5,950)	(10,564)
Transfers between funds	-	--	--	--
Cash funds at 29th February 2024	4,898	10,503		15,401
Cash Funds as of 28th February 2025	3,214	6,237	9,451	

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 28TH February 2025			
Cash funds		3,214	6,237
Other monetary assets		-	-
Investment assets		-	-
Assets retained for charity's own use		-	-
Liabilities		450	-

Approval of accounts by the Executive Committee (Trustees) of Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

Date of approval: 10th June 2025

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Signature	Name	Position
<i>Lorna brown</i>	Lorna Brown	Chair
<i>Peter gunnell</i>	Peter Gunnell	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 28th February 2025

Accounting Conventions

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention on a receipt and payments basis.
- 2 Income is made up of mainly donations, restricted and unrestricted and grants.

All receipts and payments relate to general charitable income and
- 3 expenses.
- 4 Charity Trustees are only paid to cover out of pocket expenses.
- 5 There is no reason to suggest that the charity will not continue as a going concern.

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

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Developments in Kamuli District:

- Cocoa seedlings have been planted alongside banana plants at the Nakyaka Demonstration farm.
- Bamboo at the farm has been growing well and it will soon be possible to harvest canes for many uses. Where bamboo can replace timber, it helps to reduce de-forestation.
- In cooperation with local communities, access has been made available at the farm so that people can grow their own vegetables in return for work on the land. This has particularly benefited young people.
- An initial survey has been completed, and we retain the ambition, when funds become available, to provide a borehole for clean water to benefit the community.
- A programme of training in permaculture has been run, in partnership with Broadfield Enterprises Uganda, in 5 primary schools and 4 secondary schools in Kamuli district. Pupils have become interested in planting school gardens and they have formed school permaculture clubs. They are learning to transfer knowledge to their home farms. We hope to expand the project to 16 schools. This programme benefited significantly from a grant of £5,000 made by the Farthing Trust.

Developments in Ngora District:

The main focus has been the development of the Ngora Vocational Training Institute for young people. The site has been prepared for some time and during the year it has been possible to make significant progress as a result of a grant of almost £25,000 from the Wales Africa Fund by the Wales Council for Voluntary Activity (WCVA) augmented by Dolen Ffermio's funds and money raised during the Christmas Catalogue Campaign:

- A borehole and pumping system have eventually been introduced to provide a clean water supply, both for the Institute and for local residents, after initial difficulties with a blockage in the borehole;
- A three-phase transformer has been provided and the site is now linked to mains electricity;
- A building to support two reservoir water tanks has been extended to provide safe storage as well as office space and a room for meetings or tutorials;
- Initial courses on making and using stoves and on brickmaking and working with concrete have already been run for 50 students on each course, using large tents funded by Dolen Ffermio; and
- Work has begun on building the first of the classroom blocks.

In addition to the development of the Institute:

- A 2,000-tree woodland planted 18 months ago, is already 20 metres high and a seed bed has been created for a species of eucalyptus which is suitable for Uganda.
- Repairs are being undertaken to the goat and sheep breeding unit, after which breeds which are good for meat and milk production will be introduced.

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- The TECCO construction and solar social enterprise company is continuing its recovery from the time of Covid. Recent solar installations include a 600k W array to power the laboratory of a farmers' cooperative.

School Links and Awareness Raising

- A generous grant from Community Foundation Wales is supporting a link between Ysgol Llanfyllin and three schools in the Kamuli area. To date there has been traditional story-telling, puppet shows, and an exchange of videos and art work. Arts Connection Llanfyllin has assisted.
- The Marches School in Oswestry has nominated Dolen Ffermio as its annual charity.
- Our Chair made a presentation to a climate change workshop at the Hub Cymru Africa Global Summit last May on the Ngora Solar Power Social Enterprise.
- We continue to participate in webinars on international topics, to write feature articles in our community newspaper, and to distribute newsletters about our activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the financial year ended 29th February, 2024, total income was £44,810 and total expenditure £55,374, leading to a deficit for the year of £10,564. The reason for this deficit, however, was that most of the grant from WCVA for the Ngora Vocational Training Institute was received towards the end of 2022/23, whereas most of the expenditure took place in 2023/24.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time of the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 130 Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board

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Chair

Date: 16/06/2024

rona gunnell
Rona Gunnell

Secretary

Date: 16/06/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Dolen Ffermio

I report on the accounts of Dolen Ffermio for the year ended 29th February 2024 set out on pages 9-12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, as amended;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and Regulations 11 of the 2006 Regulation. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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 as proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner**

Date: 19 /06/2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Fund-raising activities				
• The Big Give (inc. pledges)	-	300	300	1,692
• The Catalogue	-	2,900	2,900	3,498
• Plant sales	3,463	-	3,463	3,262
• Grand Draw	650	-	650	606
• Other fund-raising	757	1,068	1,825	412
Membership subscriptions	190	-	190	220
Sponsorship by individuals or groups of school places for children	-	2,807	2,807	1,748
Wills/legacies	1,025	-	1,025	-
Donations				
• Via CAF Online	544	-	544	82
• Via Wonderful Donations	-	-	-	100
• Via standing orders	3,033	-	3,033	3,320
• Karamoja Famine Appeal	-	-	-	1,180
• Dolen Llanbrynmair Fund	-	245	245	-
• Other donations	10,833	-	10,833	12,777
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	4,533	-	4,533	5,005
Grants				
• Lord Merthyr Fund	-	2,500	2500	1,500
• Hub Cymru Africa	-	-	-	1,000
• WCVA Wales Africa Fund	-	4962	4,962	19,848
• Farthing Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
Other receipts	-	-	-	-
Total receipts:	30,028	14,782	44,810	56,250

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
PAYMENTS				
Support for projects in Uganda				
• Demonstration Farm, Nakyaka	4,800	-	4,800	9,860
• WCVA Wales Africa grant for FARLU Institute	-	16,158	16,158	4,815
• Other support for development of FARLU Technical & Vocational Training Institute, Ngora	6,870	6,548	13,418	13,533
• Sponsorship of training for young people	-	1,720	1,720	2,484
• Ngora management support	6,205	-	6,205	5,086
• Nakyaka Water Project	-	-	-	402
• Karamoja Famine Appeal	-	-	-	1,180
• Permaculture courses	9,393	-	9,393	-
Joint schools project	-	1,537	1,537	
Trustees' and volunteers' expenses	-	-	-	-
Expenses related to fund-raising	273	-	273	56
Printing and other administrative costs	115	664	779	1,126
Bank charges	624	17	641	627
Accounting and examiner's fees in Wales and Ngora	450	-	450	1,011
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	250
Total payments:	28,730	26,644	55,374	40,430

NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	1,298	(11,862)	(10,564)	15,820
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at 28th February, 2023	3,600	22,365		25,965

CASH FUNDS AT 29TH FEBRUARY, 2024	4,898	10,503	15,401	
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	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 29TH FEBRUARY 2024			
Cash funds		4,898	10,503
Other monetary assets		-	-
Investment assets		-	-
Assets retained for charity's own use		-	-
Liabilities		-	-

Approval of accounts by the Executive Committee (Trustees) of Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

Date of approval: 16/06/2024

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Signature	Name	Position
<i>lorna brown</i>	Lorna Brown	Chair
<i>rona Gunnell</i>	Rona Gunnell	Secretary

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All receipts and payments relate to general charitable income and expenses.
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The opportunities to undertake some of these activities have been affected by the Covid pandemic in recent years.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Dolen Ffermio is a registered charity with 9 trustees currently making up the management committee. Trustee selection is by members at the AGM. Post holders are similarly elected at the AGM. Potential trustees are normally members who have already had substantial involvement with Dolen Ffermio. They are often invited to become co-opted members of the management committee before putting their names forward at the AGM. Induction takes place at meetings of trustees.

Traditionally, meetings have been face-to-face but, since the onset of the Covid pandemic, many have been held via Zoom. Key meetings however such as the AGMs in April 2022 and May 2023, were held face-to-face in the usual way.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

This is to confirm that the trustees of Dolen Ffermio have studied the guidance provided by the Charity Commission and take it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant. The trustees consider that the charity's activities provide public benefit to the communities in Uganda where projects are located.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN 2022/23

General:

Into the third year of the global Covid health emergency many restrictions were lifted in Uganda as well as in UK and our activities were able to expand a little. In Uganda schools re-opened fully after a 2-year closure. The Chair of Dolen Ffermio visited in October 2022 for the first time in over 2 years. It will, however, be some time before we can return to our previous level of activities including exchange visits with Ugandan colleagues and organising in-person meetings and conferences with overseas themes.

Our Ugandan colleagues are to be congratulated on keeping our link projects going even when restrictions were most severe. In addition to Covid there has been an Ebola outbreak in Uganda, and they have faced the increasing effects of climate change which has contributed to a famine in NE Uganda.

Developments in Kamuli District:

- The 28-acre demonstration farm at Nakyaka is now looking very productive with new banana plantations, major maize zones with intercropping of beans, and forage tree crops for livestock. The bamboo plantation is well established and a tree nursery development, which was stalled during the Covid pandemic, is now being revived with the recruitment of a trained supervisor. There has been little progress with the goat and pig unit owing to a lack of funding.
- A permaculture demonstration garden is being constructed to replace the previous garden at Busoga High School which was removed during the school's building programme. Training on tree-planting and permaculture in schools has recommenced and it is now on the national curriculum following representations made by our permaculture consultant. We will continue to be involved in the training of teachers in permaculture.
- An office with guest accommodation has been built using "eco-bricks" on a machine purchased by Dolen Ffermio for this purpose. The guest accommodation can take up to 12 visitors and will facilitate students and volunteers who are working or studying on the land. A solar cooker has been installed.
- Plans have been made for provision of clean water for around 120 households in the local community. A company has been identified for the installation of a borehole and solar pump, and grant funding is being sought to fund the project.

Developments in Ngora District:

- Significant steps have been taken in 2022/23 towards setting up the Ngora Vocational Training Institute on an 8-acre site purchased by FARLU, our partners in Ngora. From funds raised by the Big Give and the Catalogue campaign in December 2021, 2,500 timber trees have been planted and 500 mixed varieties including fruit trees. Training has been provided for 50 students in permaculture and in the use of a compression machine for "eco-brick" making. Funds from the 2022 Catalogue campaign will support other aspects including bee-keeping courses and hive making and goat house building and management. A generous donation from a Welsh supporter enabled secure vehicle gates to be erected, and supporters of Dolen Llanbryn-mair gave funds to complete a wall by the gates and part of a security house. A latrine has been constructed.

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- It is anticipated that further major steps will be possible in 2023/24 as a result of a grant of £24,810 awarded by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action in December 2022. A borehole and solar pump will provide clean water and the installation of a 3-phase transformer will channel mains electricity. In addition, the grant will support the start of the training programme with recruitment of some teachers and 200 students. Benefits to the education of young people in Wales are part of the project, focusing on those studying vocational subjects at the Newtown, Montgomery campus of the Neath Port Talbot group of colleges and Ysgol Llanfyllin. Moreover, the project opens up the possibility of collaborative links with other organisations in Uganda. Those already being explored are the University of Kumi (Agricultural faculty); Mount Elgon Self-Help Community Programme, Mbale; and Vision Toreda, Ngora (in relation to bee-keeping).
- The goat and sheep breeding unit in Ngora was badly affected in September 2022 by an outbreak of disease. A clostridial infection was suspected and although no vaccine was available in Uganda, our Chair was able to take a supply with her when she visited in October and the unit is now in good health again.
- The permaculture development site has been improved with the introduction of pineapples to other food crops and trees.
- The business of the TECCO solar and construction social enterprise is recovering. Profits have been used to build two rental properties behind the office. The business is being diversified to include printing and the establishment of a savings group to help families pay for solar installations. The solar showroom is being moved to the high street to compete better with other solar business outlets.

School Links:

The school links which we have worked hard to establish have been on hold since the start of the Covid pandemic. Schools in Uganda have been closed, and were reopened only in January 2022, since then there has been a huge effort to help children catch up. Schools in Wales have also been affected but, since schooling has now returned to normal in both countries we are determined to restart the programme. There are well-established links between Llanfyllin and Busoga High Schools, and between 6 primary schools in Mid-Wales and 6 in Kamuli District. Grants from Community Foundation Wales (Lord Merthyr Fund) will be used to develop resource materials on the environment and climate change, and it is anticipated that there will be direct communication between schools in both countries.

Links with Hub Cymru Africa (HCA):

As a long-standing member of the HCA community, we participate wherever possible in their mentoring activities on topics such as safeguarding and anti-racism. We also value their advice on grant funding opportunities.

Awareness-raising of World Food and Farming Issues:

Activities around this component of our charitable aims were naturally reduced during the pandemic in terms of holding public meetings, school's conferences and talks to local organisations. We have however, maintained our website and there have been regular items on platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We regularly publish articles in "The Chronicle", our local community newspaper, on farming and Dolen Ffermio issues. Environmental farming and gardening and renewable energy have always been at the centre of our activities. Since the climate emergency was declared we have, where possible, aligned ourselves with organisations working on the issue - locally, BRACE (Building Resilience Against Climate Emergency) and nationally, Climate Cymru.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the financial year ended 28th February 2023, total income was £56,250 and total expenditure £40,430, leading to a surplus for the year of £15,820. Most of the funds balance of £25,965 at the end of the year however, was restricted funding raised or donated for specific purposes, much of which was in the form of grants for projects which are due to be undertaken in 2023/24. We now have a sub-committee of 4 trustees who have been concentrating on applications for grant aid. They prepared a successful application to the Wales Council for Voluntary Action for the establishment of an ambitious vocational training project for young people in Ngora, leading to a grant of £24,810. In the forthcoming year they will focus on a project for the provision of clean water to 120 households in the Kamuli area.

Dolen Ffermio's own fundraising was inevitably more challenging during the pandemic with restrictions on the number and nature of events, and in the past year the economic downturn has made it difficult for some people to make charitable donations. Nevertheless, in 2022/23 we raised £17,459 from donations and £9,470 from various events. We continue to be grateful for the support that we receive from people in Montgomery and Shropshire.

Dolen Ffermio's expenditure broadly takes three forms:

- A basic budget for administration and publicity (7% of expenditure in 2022/23, including funding from a grant from Hub Cymru Africa to develop our use of information technology);
- Funds allocated to Ugandan partners to maintain and support existing projects; and
- Funds to develop new projects which have been identified with our partners in Uganda

At the end of the financial year 2021/22 Trustees felt that the level of unrestricted funds or free reserves of less than £1,000 was unacceptably low. The trustees, therefore, considered their budget estimates of income and expenditure for the forthcoming year and adopted policies designed to improve the position with an initial target of £3,500 free reserves. This target has been achieved, although it has been recognised that the aim should be to increase the level of free reserves further.

RESERVES POLICY

The current policy of the trustees of Dolen Ffermio is to build up sufficient free reserves to be able to continue, if necessary, to operate as a charity and maintain services in Uganda for a period of three months (£3,500 approx.), and eventually for a period of six months. Although the "three-month" target has been achieved, with commitments already identified for 2023/24, it will not be possible to move immediately to the "six month" target. This remains an aim, however, particularly as we become conscious of the need to prepare for contingencies arising from the use of grant aid for larger projects in Uganda.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks the charity is exposed to. Where appropriate, procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware of; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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On behalf of the Board

Lorna Brown



Chair

Date

13th June 2023

Rona Gunnell



Secretary

Date

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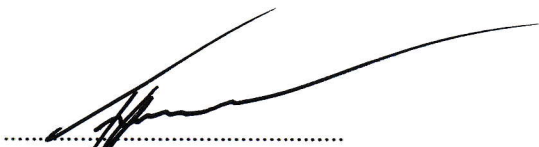
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Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner

Date: 22 | 6 | 23

DOLEN FFERMIO (FARMING LINK)**Registered Charity number 1124195****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS****1st March, 2022 to 28th February, 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Fund-raising activities				
• The Big Give (inc. pledges)	-	1,692	1,692	4,570
• Waterloo Foundation (Big Give champion)	-	-	-	1,500
• The Catalogue	-	3,498	3,498	2,720
• Plant sales	3,262	-	3,262	2,348
• Grand Draw	606	-	606	580
• Other fund-raising	412	-	412	252
Membership subscriptions	220	-	220	210
Sponsorship by individuals or groups of training for young people	-	1,748	1,748	1,060
Donations				
• Via Virgin Money Giving	-	-	-	1,701
• Via CAF Online	82	-	82	-
• Via Wonderful Donations	100	-	100	51
• Via standing orders	3,320	-	3,320	2,080
• Karamoja Famine Appeal	-	1,180	1,180	-
• Other donations	10,697	2,080	12,777	10,384
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	5,005	-	5,005	1,998
Grants				
• Lord Merthyr Fund		1,500	1,500	1500
• Hub Cymru Africa		1,000	1,000	-
• WCVA Wales Africa Fund		19,848	19,848	-
Other receipts	-	-	-	21
Total receipts	23,704	32,546	56,250	30,975

ASSET AND INVESTMENT SALES	-	-	-	-
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
PAYMENTS				
Support for projects in Uganda				
• Demonstration Farm, Nakyaka	9,800	60	9,860	10,315
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• Other support for development of FARLU Technical & Vocational Training Institute, Ngora	2,603	10,930	13,533	3,172
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• Permaculture courses	-	-	-	3,901
Trustees' and volunteers' expenses	-	-	-	179
Expenses related to fund-raising	56	-	56	153
Printing and other administrative costs	828	298	1,126	683
Bank charges	627	-	627	599
Accounting and examiner's fees in Wales and Ngora	1,011	-	1,011	450
Miscellaneous	250	-	250	200
Total payments	20,899	19,531	40,430	26,572

ASSET AND INVESTMENT PURCHASES	-	-	-	-
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NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	2,805	13,015.32	15,820	4,403
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at 28th February 2022	795	9,350		10,145
CASH FUNDS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2023	3,600	22,365	25,965	

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2023			
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Investment assets		-	-
Assets retained for charity's own use		-	-
Liabilities		-	480

Approval of accounts by the Executive Committee (Trustees) of Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

Date of approval:

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Signature	Name	Position
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DOLEN FFERMIO (FARMING LINK)

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The opportunities to undertake some of these activities have been affected recently by the Covid pandemic.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Dolen Ffermio is a registered charity with 11 trustees making up the management committee.

Trustee selection is by members at the AGM. Post holders are similarly elected at the AGM. Potential trustees are normally members who have already had substantial involvement with Dolen Ffermio. They are invited to become co-opted members of the management committee before putting their names forward at the AGM. Induction takes place at meetings of trustees.

Traditionally, meetings have been face-to-face but, since the onset of the Covid pandemic, many have been held via Zoom. Key meetings, however, on a Strategic Review in December, 2021, and the AGM in April, 2022 were held face-to-face in the usual way.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

This is to confirm that the trustees of Dolen Ffermio have studied the guidance provided by the Charity Commission and take it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant. The trustees consider that the charity's activities provide public benefit to the communities in Uganda where projects are located.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN 2021/22

General:

For the past two years our activities have been overshadowed by the impact of the Covid pandemic. We have not been able to undertake visits to Uganda in order to see projects and keep up-to-date first hand with progress and priorities. We do, however, have other good routes of communication and have been impressed with the ways in which partners in Uganda have continued work on projects despite challenges such as restricted movement and the closure of schools.

Developments in Kamuli District:

- The demonstration farm at Nakyaka is starting a new livestock venture with goats and pigs which provide manure for crops, and it is planned that the goats will be used for milk production for the local community. In addition, the introduction of bees is proving helpful for pollination, and community farmers are being trained in the harvesting of honey.
- Chilli peppers and vanilla have been introduced as valuable cash crops.
- The first permaculture course for teachers was held over 10 days in October, 2021. Our local consultant in Kamuli has persuaded the authorities to include permaculture as part of the national school curriculum.
- A grant from Community Foundation Wales has enabled seeds to be provided to 44 farming households following a shortage because of a poor harvest the previous year. A second grant is enabling training to be offered on use of a simple, eco-friendly brick machine to 30 community members.

Developments in Ngora District:

- The Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project is coming to an end after providing support over 9 years to 260 children. A linked, but new, venture is the development of the Ngora Vocational Training Institute which is intended to provide young people with IT skills and vocational training to government standards and, thereby, to lead to more opportunities for gainful employment. A site of 8 acres has been acquired by FARLU, our local partners in Ngora, and the land has been fenced with help from Dolen Llanbrynmair, a partner group in Wales.
- A source of larger meat-goat breeds was identified and a buck and two females were acquired to introduce a new element into the existing herd.
- The permaculture development site has been improved with the introduction of pineapples to other food crops and trees.
- FARLU's social enterprise company is involved with the installation and retail of solar products. Activity is picking up again after Covid restrictions. Activities relating to construction, however, are still slow as they are reliant on government contracts during a depressed economic period.
- Fenced paddocks have been made to grow supplementary food crops.

School Links:

The school links which we have worked hard to establish have been on hold since the start of the Covid pandemic. Schools in Uganda have been closed, and were reopened only in January, 2022, since when there has been a huge effort to help children catch up. Schools in Wales have also been affected but, as soon as schooling returns to normal in both countries we are determined to restart the programme. There are well-established links between Llanfyllin and Busoga High Schools, and between 6 primary schools in Mid-Wales and 6 in Kamuli District.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Strategic Review by trustees:

During 2021 a small group, in consultation with Ugandan partners, undertook a major review of the operation of Dolen Ffermio, and it produced a report which was discussed at a whole-day meeting of trustees in December. Subsequently, an action plan was developed and approved by trustees. This plan looked at key challenges and opportunities, present and future objectives, and measures necessary to achieve them. Three sub-groups of trustees focusing on fundraising, communications, and safeguarding are addressing some of the issues which have arisen from the review.

Awareness Raising of World Food and Farming Issues:

Activities were very limited for a second year because of the Covid pandemic as conferences, events, shows and talks to groups could not proceed. However, we published articles in the local press on issues such as UK food security, projects in Uganda and climate change. We had a presence and display at a COP 26 event in Mid-Wales along with BRACE (Building Resilience against Climate Emergency) in which we are actively involved. One of our trustees mounted an exhibition at a high school using the work of Ugandan students on the topic of food. Two of our newer trustees are active in awareness- raising on social media platforms.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the financial year ended 28th February, 2022, total income was £30,975 and total expenditure £26,572, leading to a surplus for the year of £4,403. Most of the balance of £10,145 at the end of the year, however, was in the form of restricted funds raised or donated for specific purposes, leaving Dolen Ffermio's unrestricted funds or free reserves at an unacceptably low level. The trustees have, therefore, considered budget estimates of income and expenditure for the forthcoming year and have adopted policies designed to improve the position with regard to free reserves. This is also reflected in the reserves policy set out in a subsequent section.

Dolen Ffermio's income has been mainly from various forms of donations (£14,216) and events (£10,470). Fundraising has inevitably been more challenging during the pandemic with, for example, restrictions on the number and nature of events.

Dolen Ffermio's expenditure broadly takes three forms:

- A basic budget for administration and publicity (8.5% of expenditure in 2021/22);
- Funds allocated to Ugandan partners to maintain and support existing projects; and
- Funds to develop new projects which have been identified with our partners in Uganda

As far as new developments are concerned, Dolen Ffermio intends to concentrate on a project to provide a water supply to 300 farming households around Nakyaka (for which a small feasibility study has already been undertaken), and the development of the Ngora Vocational Training Institute which was described in an earlier section (and towards which £8,790 is available from our fundraising in 2021/22). The focus in the coming year will be on attracting grants towards these projects, and a sub-committee of trustees is already working to this end.

RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the trustees of Dolen Ffermio is to build up sufficient free reserves to be able to continue, if necessary, to operate as a charity and maintain services in Uganda for a period of three months, and eventually for a period of six months.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022**

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks the charity is exposed to. Where appropriate, procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

In so far as the trustees are aware:

There is no relevant information which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware of; and
The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time of the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 130 Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board

Lorna Brown 

Chair

Date 19/6/22

Rona Gunnell 

Secretary

Date 18/06/2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Dolen Ffermio

I report on the accounts of Dolen Ffermio for the year ended 28th February 2022 set out on pages 9-11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, as amended;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and Regulations 11 of the 2006 Regulation. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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 as proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner

Date: **21**/06/2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1st March, 2021 to 28th February, 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Fund-raising activities				
• The Big Give online (inc. pledges)	-	4,570	4,570	9,285
• Waterloo Foundation champion's grant	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
• The Catalogue		2,720	2,720	
• Plant sales	2,348	-	2,348	2,641
• Grand Draw	580	-	580	642
• Other fund-raising	252	-	252	
Membership subscriptions	210	-	210	
Sponsorship by individuals or groups of school places for children	-	1,060	1,060	931
Donations				
• Via Virgin Money Giving	1,701	-	1,701	1,222
• Via Wonderful Donations	51	-	51	
• Via standing orders	2,080	-	2,080	1,707
• Other donations	9,069	1,315	10,384	18,608
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	1,998	-	1,998	8,423
Grants	1,500	-	1,500	-
Other receipts	21	-	21	
Total receipts	19,810	11,165	30,975	44,959

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
PAYMENTS				
Support for projects in Uganda				
• Demonstration Farm, Kamuli	10,315	-	10,315	22,194
• FARLU Technical & Vocational Training Institute, Ngora	1,937	1,235	3,172	13,299
• Sponsorship of school places for children, Ngora	29	560	589	1,440
• Permaculture courses	3,881	20.00	3,901	
• Nakyyaka Water Project	285	-	285	
• Ngora Management costs and expenses	6,046	-	6,046	5,245
Trustees' and volunteers' expenses	179	-	179	
Expenses related to fund-raising	153	-	153	
Printing and other administrative costs	683	-	683	2,122
Bank charges	599	-	599	570
Accounting and examiner's fees	450	-	450	450
Miscellaneous	200	-	200	
Total payments	24,757	1,815	26,572	45,320

Net receipts for the year	-4,947	9,350	4,403	(361)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Bank Balance at 28th February 2022			10,145	5,742
Net Surplus / (Deficit for Year)			9,784	5,381

On behalf of the Board:

Lorna Brown

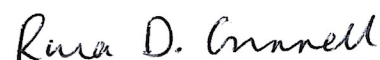


Chair

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Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2022

Accounting Conventions

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared using the history cost conventions on a receipts and payment basis.
- 2 Income is made up of mainly donations and is both restricted and unrestricted.
- 3 Restricted and unrestricted income and expenses have been shown in separate columns.
- 4 Charity Trustees are only paid to cover out of pocket expenses on stamps and stationery.
- 5 There are no reasons to suggest that the charity will not continue as a going concern despite the problems brought about by Covid 19.
- 6 The only asset of the charity is the bank balance at the end of the financial year so there is no need for a separate statement of assets and liability.

DOLEN FFERMIO (FARMING LINK)

England & Wales - Charity number 1124195

Accounts

Charity No:1124195

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

Trustee's report and financial statements

for the year ended 28th February 2021

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

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Report of the trustees For the year ended 28th February 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 28th February 2021. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Dolen Ffermio is a registered charity with 9 trustees making up the management committee.

Trustee selection is by members at the AGM. Post holders are similarly elected at the AGM.

In 2021 Dolen Ffermio was unable to hold our usual AGM because of the restrictions on meetings imposed by the government during the Coronavirus crisis. The Executive Committee decided to hold a virtual AGM by means of Zoom. We asked members to approve this decision and all the paperwork was sent to them in advance. 14 Members took part and we had 4 apologies.

Potential trustees are members who have had a substantial involvement in Dolen Ffermio already. They are invited to become co-opted members of the Executive committee for 12 months before putting their name forward at the AGM. Induction would take place at a meeting of trustees.

Objectives and activities

The first objective of the organisation is the relief of poverty in two rural areas of Eastern Uganda (Kamuli and Ngora) in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of education and training and other such services so that they may become self-supporting and their conditions of life improved.

The second objective is raising awareness in the UK of world food and farming issues.

The main activities for the relief of poverty in Kamuli, working with the Dolen Ffermio Environmental Farming and Health Organisation (DFEFHO) are:

- Goat breeding programme
- Agro-forestry programme

The main activities for the relief of poverty in Ngora, working with Farming Link Uganda (FARLU) are:

- Goat and sheep breeding programme
- Project to support orphaned and vulnerable children in the care of their extended families
- Solar energy project
- Energy and construction social enterprise company
- Agro forestry project
- Income generating projects

The main activities for awareness raising in the UK are:

- Conference for sixth formers
- Public meeting for the farming and wider community
- Stands at agricultural shows, exhibitions
- Press releases to local newspapers, publicity and twice yearly newsletters to all supporters

Public Benefit

This is to confirm that the trustees of Dolen Ffermio have studied the guidance provided by the Charity Commission and take it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant. The trustees consider that the charity's activities provide public benefit to the communities in Uganda where projects are located.

Achievements and performance

In Kamuli:

A pedigree Boer goat breeding project was moved to Kamuli in 2017 under Moses Kitimbo's care and in his compound.

The aim is to improve productivity of local goats by cross breeding with Boer breeds, which will benefit the local community.

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In Kamuli:

Goat Breeding Project

Local herdsmen are employed to take care of the goats.

- Moses Kitimbo was able to source a Toggenburg dairy buck from Mbale district to start a dairying project. This will benefit smallholding farmers locally and children will benefit from the supply of milk. Moses and Lorna visited an excellent meat goat breeding unit in Kayunga district in March, which we hope will be a good source of meat breed bucks, but district foot and mouth disease restrictions at that time stopped them being able to buy and transport them, and since then Covid has compounded the problem.

Agro forestry project with DFEFHO

- The project began as a small agro forestry project in 2012 in Kamuli but could not expand because of lack of land for a mother nursery. In 2018, thanks to very generous donations from members and trustees, we were able to acquire 28 acres of land at Nakyaka, outside Kamuli and on the banks of the River Nile.
- This land will become a demonstration and training resource for good methods of agro forestry, emphasising organic, sustainable permaculture principles as well as a source of good quality, appropriate planting material. This will be a great benefit to the local community and beyond when it is fully developed.
- There are six team members who manage the project. all of whom are volunteers and have been heavily involved from the very start.
- The tree and bamboo nursery, funded initially by the grant from the Welsh Assembly in 2019 and donations from DolenFfermio, is thriving under the direction of Charles Mugarura, our Permaculture consultant, and supervised by Paul Musenero and other members of the team.
- The valley dam gives a continual supply of water, which can now be pumped to the 10,000 litre reservoir water tank beside the nursery. Funds to dig the dam and swales and to buy the tank, water pump, piping and hoses were raised by members and trustees to irrigate the nursery and other crops. It has never failed and is of immense benefit to everyone who works on the land and to local farmers.
- The tree and bamboo nursery has continued to flourish during the pandemic but distribution has been difficult because of school closures and farmers not being allowed to meet up and spread the word about the project. In addition, farmers naturally had to prioritise food production over tree planting. In spite of this and thanks to the efforts of supervisor Charles Mugarura and his permaculture team, 15,385 fruit and timber trees have been distributed, and there are 4000 more tree seedlings and 1000 bamboos waiting in the nursery.
- Bamboo propagation initially proved difficult, but now we have 12 species growing on the farm, and these are providing material for propagation. The tree and bamboo project, partly funded by the Wales and Africa programme running between May 2019 and January 2021, will have a lasting beneficial effect in Kamuli district, as schools and land owners now have an excellent source of planting materials and are aware of the great advantages of trees and bamboo for the environment, livelihoods and health.
- The farmers in our catchment have started a co-operative venture, with adult and youth wings to promote self-sufficiency.
- There has been a hugely beneficial effect on schools and seven more have asked to be involved, bringing the total to sixteen. Together with the training of teachers in permaculture over several years and Charles' astonishing achievement in getting Permaculture accepted on to the primary and junior secondary Ugandan national school curriculum, there is a strong basis for action on environmental care and good farming practices in the younger generation.
- A great deal of planting of food crops has occurred on the Nakyaka land under the supervision of Paul Musenero. Funds raised from these help to feed and pay workers and make improvements to the land. It has not been possible to conduct training sessions for farmers and students this year, but the developments on the farm increase the potential for training in future. The mother gardens of many tree species and bamboo are a rich resource for the nursery. A major banana plantation of 700 is now maturing, and will

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provide a good shaded and moist environment for interplanting trees and crops as well as producing the staple banana food Matooke.

In Ngora:

Goat and sheep breeding project

- A goat breeding project was set up in 2007 under the leadership of Moses Ekoi, a livestock specialist, on his land at Kobwin, outside the small town of Ngora.
- The aim is to improve the productivity of local goats by cross breeding with Mubende Elite or Boer breeds. Improved bucks are distributed to the communities as well as surplus females. Households build up their herds to enable them to become self-supporting and improve their quality of life. This unit is of great benefit to the whole community.
- The goat unit has the advantage of solar power and piped water from an underground rainwater catchment tank, thanks to a grant from the Welsh Assembly.
- The vet lab has a fridge with a freezer compartment and a centrifuge. Edson, the animal health assistant helps to supervise the herds and there are two local herdsman employed at the unit.
- The Covid pandemic has restricted the opportunities to up-grade breeding stock, and continue plans for the diagnostic laboratory.
- The 50 plus goats at the unit are healthy, but they badly need to source new bucks and does for the breeding programme for the benefit of the local community. This is always difficult due to low numbers of good stock, combined with high demand in Uganda. During Covid it has been virtually impossible, due to vehicle restrictions and curfews.

Orphan and Vulnerable Children Project

- The project was set up in 2012 by Moses Ekoi and a committee of 6 people. They drew up the terms of the project, using a holistic approach. Funds are raised through an annual gift catalogue and donations.
- The project has been running for almost 9 years after it took over from the one in neighbouring Kumi. In that time we have helped a total of 260 children and their carer families, giving each child 3 years of support with gifts of seeds, livestock, mosquito nets, school resources and invaluable skills training which benefits them while on the project and continues after they have left, with many children choosing vocational education and some setting up their own small businesses.
- Children in this part of Uganda do not go into orphanages but are cared for by members of their extended families.
- Detailed budgets are submitted each year before funds are transferred and the accounts are audited annually by a qualified accountant.
- The project did not recruit any new children in 2020 because of the plans to build a Vocational Training Centre. The Ngora team is very keen to offer support to youngsters at secondary school who have dropped out because their families cannot afford the fees.
- The land for this venture was purchased in 2020 with funds raised by some trustees and Moses himself. No funds were provided by Dolen Ffermio. The land was fenced with help from our partner group, Dolen Lianbrynmair whom we are very glad to have working with us.
- Unfortunately there has been no further progress because of the pandemic but will resume as soon as restrictions are lifted and grant funding has been obtained for the rest of the project.
- We continued to raise funds in 2020 for the final 30 children and for the wider community by taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, the UK's biggest online match funding campaign. This proved an instant success with over £7,000 of the donations made through the Big Give website. The funds will help the 260 NOVC project children and their families to access clean water, grow nutritious food, plant fruit trees and deliver skills training to create better opportunities.

Ngora Community Solar Project

- This is part of TECCO (Teso Energy and Construction Company), set up as a social enterprise in 2017.
- The aim of the solar project is to light up as many community homes as possible to replace smoky, dangerous kerosene lanterns and candles, and to install solar power in local institutions. Ugandan national grid power is extremely expensive.

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- The climate change campaign is raising awareness in schools and the wider community and attracts buyers, as does the showroom and advice centre.
- Everything is offered at the lowest price possible and those who cannot afford to pay straight off are given hire purchase terms.
- This solar distribution project continues to supply small scale solar items such as lanterns for safe lighting as well as small solar panels for household use.
- Moses Ekoi is optimistic about the future of TECCO in spite of this difficult year when potential customers and government agencies have had great financial problems.
- Customers have learned to trust our **company's** quality services.
- For solar the sales representatives are operating further afield, into the villages to gain new clients, and, in Ngora town, relocation soon to new high street premises will aid sales.
- The planned vocational training school will have a solar department for training in assembly, needs assessment and sales, creating employment opportunities in the sector.
- In construction, government continues to grant us small projects, recently primary school latrines. Our lack of major capital makes it difficult to bid for bigger contracts.
- At our FARLU office premises in Ngora, TECCO has constructed 2 rental units which will generate income.
- It has also manufactured all the concrete fence poles for the new technical school grounds, and this skill will also generate income and employment opportunities.

Ngora Agro forestry and permaculture project

- The project in Ngora has progressed slowly due to lack of funding in the past and the demands of the other projects here, but it is nevertheless very important to our partners and to us.
- Deforestation is a huge problem in Ngora with all the consequences for the environment and water retention.
- We were fortunate to receive a generous donation from an individual recently which is supporting a tree and bamboo nursery beside the Goat Unit.
- Production of fruit, timber and fodder trees continues, providing a mother garden for community distribution.
- The permaculture garden is now fully fenced and contains demonstration plots of many food crops, including banana.
- Training of 260 households of the NOVC beneficiaries have started to take place now that restrictions have been lifted. The 15 school teachers trained at the Permaculture design course in December 2019, funded by Dolen Ffermio, are involved in the training sessions

School Links

- School links are of great mutual benefit to pupils and teachers both in Uganda and in Wales.
- Links between schools in Wales and Uganda have been formed since Easter 2008. Barbara Maycock obtained funding from the British Council for teacher exchange visits to Llanfyllin High, Llanfechain Primary and Llansantffraid Primary Schools.
- There are now well established links between Llanfyllin and Busoga High Schools, and 6 local primary schools with 6 in Kamuli district.
- However, they have been on hold since the start of the pandemic. Schools in Uganda have been closed for virtually the whole year. Therefore, there has been no opportunity to develop the links further in Uganda and very little opportunity in Wales but, as soon as schooling returns to normal in both countries, we are determined to re-start the programme as we believe this is one of the most important aspects of our work.

Awareness Raising of World Food and Farming Issues

- This is the second objective in our Constitution and a very important part of our work.
 - Normally we organise a sixth form conference at Llanfyllin High School, followed by a public meeting and we were very sorry that we were unable to do so in 2020.
 - Neither were we able to attend the agricultural shows in Llanfyllin and Llanfair Caereinion, the first we have ever missed.
 - However, regular articles were printed in local newspapers and our twice yearly newsletter was distributed to all supporters.
 - The newsletter is translated into Welsh and we are working on a Welsh version of the website.
- Trustee Cordelia Weedon has taken part in the Hub Cymru Africa initiative "Reframing the African narrative"

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- Trustee Nick Christoforou is now in charge of communications and fundraising. He has upgraded our excellent website (www.dolenffermio.org.uk) and has considerably extended our social media presence with our Face book page (DolenFfermio) and Twitter feed (@dolenffermio). This year he was helped by two new volunteers, Lena Fritsch and Kadun Rees, who were introduced to us by Hub Cymru Africa.

Financial Review

- The financial position of the charity remains stable and consistent with previous years.
- Total income for the year was £44,959 and total expenditure was £45,320
- We are completely volunteer managed, have a very low base of costs and have modest funding commitments in Uganda.
- All trips to Uganda are made entirely at their own expenses

Reserves Policy

We keep a reserve of at least £1,000 and the rest of the funds are transferred to our projects in Uganda, apart from small amounts to meet essential expenses in the UK such as postage, printing, stationery, bank charges and auditing expenses.

Risk Management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks the charity is exposed to. Where appropriate, procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

Safeguarding

- We have conducted a thorough review of Safeguarding in Uganda and Wales, with the help of Hub Cymru Africa.
- Our Safeguarding policy has been approved by them and by our partners in Uganda and is now on our website.
- We have produced a Code of Conduct which will be signed by all trustees and anyone who comes into contact with Dolen Ffermio's work in Uganda and Wales.
- All visitors to Uganda will receive induction training and will sign the Code of Conduct,
- We have produced a consent form for photographs and written and audio material which are provided to promote our work.

Statement of disclosure of information to the Independent Examiner

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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will not continue in operation.

**Report of the trustees
For the year ended 28th February 2021**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time of the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 130 Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations . They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

Lorna Brown
Chair

Val Talbot
Secretary

Date: 04 /12/2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Dolen Ffermio

I report on the accounts of Dolen Ffermio for the year ended 28th February 2021 set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, as amended;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and Regulations 11 of the 2006 Regulation. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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 as proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner

Date: /12/2021

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

Receipts And Payments Account
For Year Ended 28th February 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	£	2020 £
Receipts					
Project income	2	16,862		30,503	
General income		28,097		30,653	
			44,959		61,156
Total Receipts			44,959		61,156
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
DFEFH	6	10,895		22,144	
NOVC		11,299		8,964	
Sponsorship		1,440		1,900	
WHOVC / FFTYO		5,245		3,000	
Evening Events				1,450	
FARLU		13,299		20,190	
Goat Project				850	
Permaculture				2,950	
Text books				100	
Printing and other running costs		2,122		864	
			44,300		62,412
Other Expenditure					
Accountancy and Bookkeeping		450		494	
Bank Charges and Interest		570		648	
			1,020		1,142
Total Payments			45,320		63,555
Net Receipts for the year			(361)		(2,398)
Bank Balance at 28/02/2021			5,742		6,103
Net Surplus / (Deficit for Year)			5,381		3,705

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 28th February 2021

1 Accounting Conventions

The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Income is made up of mainly donations and is completely unrestricted.

3 All receipts and payments relate to general unrestricted funds.

4 Charity Trustees are only paid to cover out of pocket expenses.

5 There is no reason to suggest that the charity will not continue as a going concern.