

ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1125836

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2008-09-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY IS MOTIVATED BY THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TO PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD BY WORKING WITH LOCAL CHARITIES OR AID WORKERS IN THESE COUNTRIES SO THAT IT CAN;1) PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN SOCIALLY AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS DEVELOPMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS.2) DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.3) RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD BY MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY FOR PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR ITEMS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES. FUNDS ARE RAISED PRIMARILY FROM THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS IN SUTTON COLDFIELD.

Activities: APPEALS TO LOCAL PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPSST.NICHOLAS PARISH APPEALPLANNED GIVINGMAKING APPLICATIONS FOR TRUST FUNDINGTHANK YOU EVENT FOR DONORSWE OPERATE IN SUTTON COLDFIELD, WEST MIDLANDS

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS.
- Albania
- Romania
- Uganda
- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,190	£39,994	-	-
2023-12-31	£41,039	£42,728	-	-
2022-12-31	£73,883	£56,005	-	-
2021-12-31	£68,798	£52,631	-	-
2020-12-31	£58,836	£45,959	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MAUREEN HICKEY	Chair	
DIANE ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK		
HELEN MIDDLEMASS		2011-10-04
JULIE ELISABETH BLEASDALE		
LESLEY ANN DEVLIN		
MARIANNE PRINCE		2023-01-30
PETER MIDDLEMASS		2011-10-04
STEPH PRESTAGE		2015-06-22

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 1st 2024
Period end date

Period start date To December 31st 2024

Charity name: ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Charity registration number: 1125836

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in underdeveloped countries by working with charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can : 1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities. 2] Develop the capacity and skills of the of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society, 3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money, for providing or paying for items, services and facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<u>1] FEED MY LAMB COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN UGANDA</u> The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, many of them were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from the Nuguru slum in Kampala seven years ago. The remainder are from local child-headed families who would otherwise not receive any education. The staffing of the school comprises of 7

		fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them also have whole school responsibilities. There are also 2 Teaching Assistants to support the children's learning. The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher, and one other teacher. We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels for the remaining street children from Kampala, those who have no Guardians, and, at times, for those at risk from abuse in the local community. Claire Dorcus , Founder and Administrator, arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community. We provide medical insurance so the children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive free care when they need it. Other items we provide include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees clothing and toiletries. We have continued to provide some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming and the hairdressing and tailoring projects which provide food, education and employment for pupils who have left the school and the local community. This year they have become more self-sufficient and used the profits from these ventures to create further developments. <u>2] Support for Trafficked Adults and Children in Albania</u> We continue to support the work of the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation [MWL] run by Sr Imelda. Their core mission is the eradication of human trafficking across Alabania, with specific emphasis on thwarting cases bound for the UK. MWL operates as a non-profit organization, dedicated to combatting this grave issue through a comprehensive three - fold approach encompassing advocacy, prevention, and support for potential victims and victims of trafficking. <u>3] Support for Trafficked Women and Children in Romania</u> We have continued to support the work of Fr
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		Petru and Sr Kathleen which again has included help for a few Ukranian refugees. Help has also been needed for gas and electricity bills as prices have rocketed this year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	wPara 1.18	In planning these activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses are kept to an absolute minimum. Each Project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria : - a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish. - b] There should be close links with the Project Manager in the field. - c] There should be regular liaison between the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds. - d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost - e] Funds should go directly to the Project.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In Uganda the main achievements in 2024 can be seen in the excellent examination results by the children in P7. Twelve of the twenty pupils gained scholarships to Secondary schools. The only cost was to cover bedding, towels, soap and books. This is the second time this has happened and is due to the high regard in which the school is now held. Moderators who came to the school praised the teaching and education received by the pupils. The school is now registered as an examination centre so all results will be published in their name. As in previous years, the health insurance policy has supported many of the children. We were also able to pay for the Administrator's hospital bills when she had a serious, but curable, health problem. thus ensuring the smooth running of the school. With our support the school has developed very detailed Safeguarding and Protection policies. A large shipment of books, shoes, clothes, sportswear and equipment was sent in September. This is cost effective as those items in Uganda are either expensive or of very poor quality. We are pleased to see that Feed My Lamb Kabarole Community School is becoming more self-sufficient. They are supporting their own projects and making a profit. These include extending their banana plantation and other vegetable production; increasing the sale of milk and eggs and the profits from the tailoring department. They are also planning to start a chicken farm. The Administrator, Dorcus Kobugabe, also charges for counselling members of the local community The Administrator has written a Business Plan which highlights their needs and plans for the next five years. Our continued support gives them the confidence to plan ahead practically when they can. In Albania, this year, we have continued to

		support the Mary Loreto Foundation in their development of a new NGO in the UK which is supporting the mission in Albania as many of those trafficked in Albania are brought to Britain. They have also continued to develop a comprehensive approach to capacity building which has not only enhanced the skills and professionalism of the implementing organisation but also equipped staff members to navigate complex situations, maintain ethical standards, and deliver impactful support. The combination of supervision, training, strategical planning, and fostering an organizational culture that aligns with the project's values has empowered the organization to thrive in its mission to combat human trafficking and exploitation. In Rumania Fr Petru and Sr Kathleen continue to support some Ukranian refugees and single parents with housing and the costs of fuel which have increased greatly.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Despite rising costs in the countries we support ,St Nicholas World Development Group has helped to sustain each of the projects we are committed to.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We had a very successful Auction in the summer which raised a large amount of funding as well as providing a wonderful social event which enhanced the work of the Charity. We continue to receive regular Planned Giving donations which have increased this year and one- off donations from our supporters which also have increased this year due to an Anniversary and a Birthday.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We continue to support our three projects albeit with a reduced amount to Uganda due to some reduction in our trust funding, and have also been able to hold some reserve funds from 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	ewePara 1.22	The Charity aims to maintain a small working reserve to ensure the Charity account does not fall into deficit. The Charity produces regular financial plans. The Charity aims to avoid building up large reserves. Wherever possible funding will be allocated to projects for planned or immediate donations. However due to some reduction in Trust Funding, we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at this time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14428
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Trust Funding, Appeals, Auction, Christmas Vouchers, Donations, for example, Birthdays and Anniversaries.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Charity Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. 1] The risk of third party claim for loss arising from one of the Charities fundraising events. The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability. Any event will be held in line with Government Charity Commission guide lines.

		2] The risk of failing to reach a quorum for scheduled meetings. As the Charity operates with a small management team, there may be times when the Group are unable to achieve a quorum for a scheduled governance meeting. If this were to occur, the available Trustees would decide whether to proceed or defer the meeting depending on the urgency of the scheduled business. All meetings and decisions are minuted to ensure transparency.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment by committee of Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All potential Trustees are initially members of the Management Committee for a period of at least two years in order that they become familiar with the ethos, the work of the Projects and the management of the Charity. Potential Trustees with specific skills and experience may be appointed earlier. All Trustees are requested to read the support and training materials provided by the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has a Management Committee comprised of 8 Trustees who all meet regularly throughout the year. Working parties may be set up to deal with particular issues, for example, planning events, drawing up policies or applying for funding. Extra volunteers may help with fundraising events.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We work closely with members of St Nicholas Parish, families, friends and the local community; Sisters of the Loreto Order and Sisters of St Paul.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	ST NICHOLAS WDG
Registered charity number	1125836
Charity's principal address	70 STATION ROAD WYLDE GREEN SUTTON COLDFIELD

	B73 5LA

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	Maureen Hickey	Chair		
2	Lesley Devlin	Secretary		
3	Steph Prestage	Treasurer		
4	Helen Middlemass	Publicity		
5	Peter Middlemass	Vice Chair & Policies		
6	Julie Bleasdale			
7	Di Hitchcock			
8	Marianne Prince			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Advisory	Professor Samuel Hickey	14 Deeping Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8GB

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg Charity: 1125836): 2024 finances exact/predictions

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
Carried Forward 2023	£16,232.27												£16,232.27
Standing Orders	£1,224.85	£1,124.85	£1,084.85	£1,224.85	£1,144.85	£1,064.85	£1,204.85	£1,174.85	£1,194.85	£1,074.85	£994.85	£1,289.85	£13,803.20
Trust Funds						£2,940.00							£2,940.00
Donations	£650.00		£2,265.00	£1,544.00	£525.00	£10.00	£1,428.12	£440.00	£770.00	£1,575.00	£370.00	£900.00	£10,477.12
Just Giving	£61.55	£581.63	£946.88	£57.38	£57.72	£56.84	£57.28	£56.40	£288.79	£178.20	£194.33	£56.78	£2,593.78
Easy Fundraising		£43.13			£16.56			£19.17			£45.75		£124.61
Vouchers													£0.00
Appeals													£0.00
Events							£2,628.00				£210.80	£250.00	£3,088.80
Porch Box							£326.00						£326.00
HMRC gift aid										£4,836.06			£4,836.06
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	£1,936.40	£1,749.61	£4,296.73	£2,826.23	£1,744.13	£4,071.69	£5,644.25	£1,690.42	£2,253.64	£7,664.11	£1,815.73	£2,496.63	£54,421.84
Cumulative totals	£18,168.67	£19,918.28	£19,215.01	£22,041.24	£16,610.37	£20,682.06	£21,326.31	£23,016.73	£17,720.37	£25,384.48	£20,931.12	£23,427.75	
FML running costs		£5,000.00		£5,000.00		£5,000.00		£5,000.00		£5,000.00		£6,000.00	£31,000.00
FML resources				£2,175.00									£2,175.00
FML medical insurance								£2,550.00					£2,550.00
Albania												£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Romania												£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Annual dinner													£0.00
Insurance													£0.00
Shipping										£1,269.09			£1,269.09
Bank Charges													£0.00
Monthly Expenditure	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£7,175.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£7,550.00	£0.00	£6,269.09	£0.00	£9,000.00	£39,994.09
MONTHLY BALANCE	£18,168.67	£14,918.28	£19,215.01	£14,866.24	£16,610.37	£15,682.06	£21,326.31	£15,466.73	£17,720.37	£19,115.39	£20,931.12	£14,427.75	
											INCOME - EXPENDITURE		£14,427.75

Monthly accounts 2024 St Nicholas WDG (Reg. Charity 1125836)

Jan-24	Balance	£ 16,232.27			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,224.85			
	Donation (V Manning)	£ 150.00			
	JustGiving	£ 61.55			
	Donation (Hickey)	£ 500.00			
		£ 1,936.40			£0.00
				New Balance	£ 18,168.67
	Opening Balance + income	£ 18,168.67		Expenditure + New balance	£ 18,168.67
Feb-24	Balance	£ 18,168.67			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,124.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	JustGiving	£ 581.63			
	Easy fundraising	£ 43.13			
		£ 1,749.61			£5,000.00
				New Balance	£ 14,918.28
	Opening Balance + income	£ 19,918.28		Expenditure + New balance	£ 19,918.28
March-24	Balance	£ 14,918.28			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,084.85			
	JustGiving	£ 946.88			
	Donation (GFoster)	£ 20.00			
	Donations	£ 30.00			
	St Nicks coffee morning	£ 27.00			
	"Five dads"	£ 188.00			
	Donation	£ 2,000.00			
		£ 4,296.73			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 19,215.01
	Opening Balance + income	£ 19,215.01		Expenditure + New balance	£ 19,215.01
April-24	Balance	£ 19,215.01			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,224.85			
	Donation	£ 500.00		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	Donation (GFoster)	£ 20.00		FML resources	£ 2,175.00
	St Nicks coffee morning	£ 24.00			
	Donation	£ 1,000.00			
	JustGiving	£ 57.38			
		£ 2,826.23			£ 7,175.00
				New Balance	£ 14,866.24
	Opening Balance + income	£ 22,041.24		Expenditure + New balance	£ 22,041.24

May-24	Balance	£ 14,866.24			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,144.85			
	Donation(the MAC)	£ 500.00			
	Easy fundraising	16.56			
	JustGiving	£ 57.72			
	Donation(Caine)	£ 25.00			
		£ 1,744.13			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 16,610.37
Opening Balance + income		£ 16,610.37	Expenditure + New balance		£ 16,610.37
June-24	Balance	£ 16,610.37			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,064.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	Souter Trust	£ 2,940.00			
	JustGiving	£ 56.84			
	Donation	£ 10.00			
		£ 4,071.69			£ 5,000.00
				New Balance	£ 15,682.06
Opening Balance + income		£ 20,682.06	Expenditure + New balance		£ 20,682.06
July-24	Balance	£ 15,682.06			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,204.85			
	Donations (auction)	£ 1,328.12			
	Auction	£ 2,628.00			
	Church Porch box	£ 326.00			
	Donation (Holy Trinity Irish dancers)	£ 100.00			
	JustGiving	£ 57.28			
		£ 5,644.25			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 21,326.31
Opening Balance + income		£ 21,326.31	Expenditure + New balance		£ 21,326.31
August-24	Balance	£ 21,326.31			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,174.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	Donation (Hitchcock)	£ 200.00		FML Medical insurance	£ 2,550.00
	O'Brien wedding anniversary	£ 240.00			
	JustGiving	£ 56.40			
	Easy fundraising	£ 19.17			
		£ 1,690.42			£ 7,550.00
				New Balance	£ 15,466.73
Opening Balance + income		£ 23,016.73	Expenditure + New balance		£ 23,016.73

September-24	Balance	£ 15,466.73			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,194.85			
	O'Brien wedding anniversary*	£ 770.00			
	JustGiving	£ 288.79			
<i>*Listed: cash book</i>					
		£ 2,253.64			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 17,720.37
Opening Balance + income		£ 17,720.37	Expenditure + New balance		£ 17,720.37
October-24	Balance	£ 17,720.37			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,074.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	Donations (Steph's birthday)*	£ 1330.00		Lontex shipping	£ 1,269.09
	O'Brien wedding anniversary	£ 245.00			
	JustGiving	£ 178.20			
	HMRC Gift Aid	£ 4,836.06			
<i>*Listed: cash book</i>		£ 7,664.11			£ 6,269.09
				New Balance	£ 19,115.39
Opening Balance + income		£ 25,384.48	Expenditure + New balance		£ 25,384.48
November-24	Balance	£ 19,115.39			
				Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 994.85			
	Donations (Steph's birthday)	£ 370.00			
	St Nicholas Winter fair	£ 210.80			
	Easy fundraising	£ 45.75			
	Just Giving	£ 194.33			
		£ 1,815.73			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 20,931.12
Opening Balance + income		£ 20,931.12	Expenditure + New balance		£ 20,931.12
December-24	Balance	£ 20,931.12			
				Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,289.85		FML Kabarole	£ 6,000.00
	E. Heaven	£ 500.00		Romania	£ 1,500.00
	S Roche	£ 100.00		Albania	£ 1,500.00
	S Harrison	£ 300.00			
	St Nicholas Primary nativity play	£ 250.00			
	Just Giving	£ 56.78			
		£ 2,496.63			£ 9,000.00
				New Balance	£ 14,427.75
Opening Balance + income		£ 23,427.75	Expenditure + New balance		£ 23,427.75

St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2024 End of Year Accounts

OPENING BALANCE	£	16,232.27			
		Income			Expenditure
Standing orders	£	13,803.20		Feed My Lamb School (FML)	£ 31,000.00
Donations from Trust funds	£	2,940.00		FML extra resources	£ 2,175.00
Donations	£	10,477.12		FML Medical Insurance	£ 2,550.00
JustGiving (donations + gift aid)	£	2,593.78		Albania	£ 1,500.00
Easy Fundraising	£	124.61		Romania	£ 1,500.00
Events	£	3,088.80		Shipping to FML	£ 1,269.09
Church Porch Box	£	326.00			
HMRC Gift Aid for 2023	£	4,836.06			
INCOME	£	38,189.57		EXPENDITURE	£ 39,994.09
				FINAL BALANCE	£ 14,427.75
OPENING BALANCE + INCOME	£	54,421.84		EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE	£ 54,421.84

St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2024 End of Year Accounts: comparison, previous years

		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019				£2023.00	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Opening Balance	£	16,232.27	£17,920.64	£29,042.90	£12,876.24	£3,824.34	£8,358.83								
	Income								Expenditure						
Standing orders	£	13,803.20	£12,424.70	£12,490.20	£12,719.20	£12,279.20	£11,385.20	Feed My Lamb School	£	31,000.00	£35,500.00	£37,500.00	£39,000.00	£37,000.00	£48,300.00
Donations from Trust funds	£	2,940.00	£6,880.00	£7,700.00	£32,160.00	£21,000.00	£25,000.00	FML extra resources	£	2,175.00	£500.00	£12,200.00	£7,350.00	£1,200.00	£1,600.00
Donations	£	10,477.12	£9,519.24	£16,061.00	£15,264.86	£14,806.00	£8,414.60	FML Medical Insurance	£	2,550.00	£2,550.00	£2,700.00	£2,550.00	£2,000.00	£3,300.00
Stopped during 2021 Virgin Giving	£	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£979.52	£1,991.90	£380.54	Albania	£	1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
GiftAid via Virgin Giving	£	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.01	£392.95	£38.60	Romania	£	1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
JustGiving (donations+ gift aid)	£	2,593.78	£1,606.05	£981.92	£923.98	£0.00	£0.00	Event Expenses	£	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£546.98
Easy Fundraising	£	124.61	£122.05	£100.90	£125.22	£85.43	£83.13	Shipping costs	£	1,269.09	£1,177.75	£510.94	£710.13	£445.00	£2,340.35
Stopped during 2023. Amazon Smile	£	0.00	£78.06	£104.07	£112.62	£80.49	£35.37	Bank Charge	£	0.00	£0.00	£28.00	£21.00	£57.00	£21.00
Vouchers	£	0.00	£902.00	£20.00	£60.00	£0.00	£295.00	Insurance	£	0.00	£0.00	£66.00	£0.00	£257.32	£165.00
Appeals	£	0.00	£1,211.17	£0.00	£143.53	£0.00	£1,188.11								
Events	£	3,088.80	£1,093.00	£1,298.77	£550.50	£353.69	£3,465.50								
Church Porch Box	£	326.00	£464.80	£148.75	£43.15	£210.57	£87.41								
HMRC Gift Aid	£	4,836.06	£6,738.31	£5,977.07	£5,555.20	£3,810.99	£2,865.38								
INCOME	£	38,189.57	£41,039.38	£44,882.68	£68,797.79	£55,011.22	£53,238.84	EXPENDITURE	£	39,994.09	£42,727.75	£56,004.94	£52,631.13	£45,959.32	£57,773.33
								FINAL BALANCE	£	14,427.75	£16,232.27	£17,920.64	£29,042.90	£12,876.24	
INCOME + OPENING BALANCE	£	54,421.84	£58,960.02	£73,925.58	£81,674.03	£58,835.56		EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE	£	54,421.84	£58,960.02	£73,925.58	£ 81,674.03	£58,835.56	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group (Registered Charity: 1125836)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;
3. the accounts do 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:



Name: Patricia A Perks

Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date: 19/02/25

ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1125836

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 1st 2023
Period end date

Period start date To December 31st 2023

Charity name: ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Charity registration number: 1125836

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in underdeveloped countries by working with charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can : 1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities. 2] Develop the capacity and skills of the of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society, 3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money, for providing or paying for items, services and facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<u>1] FEED MY LAMB COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN UGANDA</u> The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, many of them were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from the Nuguru slum in Kampala six years ago. The remainder are from local child-headed families who would otherwise not receive any education. The staffing of the school comprises of 7

		fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them also have whole school responsibilities. There are also 2 Teaching Assistants to support the children's learning. The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher, and one other teacher. We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels for the remaining street children from Kampala, those who have no Guardians, and, at times, for those at risk from abuse in the local community. Claire Dorcus , Founder and Administrator, arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community. We provide medical insurance so the children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive free care when they need it. Other items we provide include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees clothing and toiletries. We have continued to provide some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming and the hairdressing and tailoring projects which provide food, education and employment for pupils who have left the school and the local community. This year they have become more self-sufficient and used the profits from these ventures to create further developments. <u>2] Support for Trafficked Adults and Children in Albania</u> We continue to support the work of the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation [MWL] run by Sr Imelda. Their core mission is the eradication of human trafficking across Alabania, with specific emphasis on thwarting cases bound for the UK. MWL operates as a non-profit organization, dedicated to combatting this grave issue through a comprehensive three - fold approach encompassing advocacy, prevention, and support for potential victims and victims of trafficking. <u>3] Support for Trafficked Women and Children in Romania</u> We have continued to support the work of Fr
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		Petru and Sr Kathleen which again has included help for a few Ukranian refugees. Help has also been needed for gas and electricity bills as prices have rocketed this year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	wPara 1.18	In planning these activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses are kept to an absolute minimum. Each Project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria : - a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish. - b] There should be close links with the Project Manager in the field. - c] There should be regular liaison between the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds. - d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost - e] Funds should go directly to the Project. .
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In Uganda the main achievements in 2023 can be seen in the excellent examination results by the children in P7. Fourteen of the twenty pupils gained scholarships to Secondary schools. The only cost was to cover bedding, towels, soap and books. This is the first time this has happened and is due to the high regard in which the school is now held. Moderators who came to the school praised the teaching and education received by the pupils. The school is now registered as an examination centre so all results will be published in their name. As in previous years, the health insurance policy has supported many of the children. We were also able to pay for the Administrator's hospital bills when she had a serious, but curable, health problem. thus ensuring the smooth running of the school. With our support the school has developed very detailed Safeguarding and Protection policies. A large shipment of books, shoes, clothes, sportswear and equipment was sent in September. This is cost effective as those items in Uganda are either expensive or of very poor quality. We are pleased to see that Feed My Lamb Kabarole Community School is becoming more self-sufficient. They are supporting their own projects and making a profit. These include extending their banana plantation and other vegetable production; increasing the sale of milk and eggs and the profits from the tailoring department. The Administrator, Dorcus Kobugabe, also charges for counselling members of the local community The Administrator has written a Business Plan which highlights their needs and plans for the next five years. Our continued support gives them the confidence to plan ahead practically when they can. In Albania, this year, we have supported the Mary Loreto Foundation in their development

		of a new NGO in the UK which is supporting the mission in Albania as many of those trafficked in Albania are brought to Britain. They have also developed a comprehensive approach to capacity building which has not only enhanced the skills and professionalism of the implementing organisation but also equipped staff members to navigate complex situations, maintain ethical standards, and deliver impactful support. The combination of supervision, training, strategical planning, and fostering an organizational culture that aligns with the project's values has empowered the organization to thrive in its mission to combat human trafficking and exploitation. In Rumania Fr Petru and Sr Kathleen continue to support some Ukranian refugees and single parents with housing and the costs of fuel which have increased greatly.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Despite rising costs in the countries we support ,St Nicholas World Development Group has helped to sustain each of the projects we are committed to.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	This year, for the first time since Covid, we have been able to raise funding from a Quiz Evening, a Church Appeal and the sale of emergency food vouchers at Christmas. We continue to receive regular Planned Giving donations.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We continue to support our three projects albeit with a reduced amount to Uganda due to some reduction in our trust funding, and have also been able to hold some reserve funds for 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	ewePara 1.22	The Charity aims to maintain a small working reserve to ensure the Charity account does not fall into deficit. The Charity produces regular financial plans. The Charity aims to avoid building up large reserves. Wherever possible funding will be allocated to projects for planned or immediate donations. However due to some reduction in Trust Funding, we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at this time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£16232
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Trust Funding, Appeals, Quiz, Christmas Vouchers
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Charity Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. 1] The risk of third party claim for loss arising from one of the Charities fundraising events. The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability. Any event will be held in line with Government Charity Commission guide lines. 2] The risk of reduced governance due to

		health concerns and other restrictions in Uganda. This means that it has not been possible to conduct a Feed My Lamb monitoring inspection in 2023. The Charity accepts the risk arising from the inability to perform on-site inspections and recognises that this element of risk increases year on year while inspections are not possible. However, close contact with the Administrator and regular reports throughout the year are maintained. 3] The risk of failing to reach a quorum for scheduled meetings. As the Charity operates with a small management team, there may be times when the Group are unable to achieve a quorum for a scheduled governance meeting. If this were to occur, the available Trustees would decide whether to proceed or defer the meeting depending on the urgency of the scheduled business. All meetings and decisions are minuted to ensure transparency.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment by committee of Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All potential Trustees are initially members of the Management Committee for a period of at least two years in order that they become familiar with the ethos, the work of the Projects and the management of the Charity. Potential Trustees with specific skills and experience may be appointed earlier. All Trustees are requested to read the support and training materials provided by the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has a Management Committee comprised of 8 Trustees who all meet regularly throughout the year. Working parties may be set up to deal with particular issues, for example, planning events, drawing up policies or applying for funding. Extra volunteers may help with fundraising events.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We work closely with members of St Nicholas Parish, families, friends and the local community; Sisters of the Loreto Order and Sisters of St Paul.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	ST NICHOLAS WDG
Registered charity number	1125836
Charity's principal address	70 STATION ROAD WYLDE GREEN SUTTON COLDFIELD

	B73 5LA

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	Maureen Hickey	Chair		
2	Lesley Devlin	Secretary		
3	Steph Prestage	Treasurer		
4	Helen Middlemass	Publicity		
5	Peter Middlemass			
6	Julie Bleasdale			
7	Di Hitchcock			
8	Marianne Prince			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Advisory	Professor Samuel Hickey	14 Deeping Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8GB

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg Charity: 1125836): 2023 finances exact/predictions[illegible]

Monthly accounts 2023 St Nicholas WDG (Reg. Charity 1125836)

Jan-23	Balance	£ 17,920.64			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,081.35			
	Donations (from E Barker's funeral)	£ 556.60			
	JustGiving	£ 59.89			
	Amazon smile	£ 18.33			
		£ 1,716.17			£0.00
				New Balance	£ 19,636.81
Opening Balance + income		£ 19,636.81	Expenditure + New balance		£ 19,636.81
Feb-23	Balance	£ 19,636.81			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 910.85		FML Kabarole	£ 6,000.00
	Donation (Hickey)	£ 500.00			
	Donation (Devlin)	£ 100.00			
	Donation (Chris Ward)	£ 40.00			
	Donation (O'Sullivan, voucher)	£ 10.00			
	JustGiving	£ 58.65			
	Easy fundraising	£ 30.33			
		£ 1,649.83			£6,000.00
				New Balance	£ 15,286.64
Opening Balance + income		£ 21,286.64	Expenditure + New balance		£ 21,286.64
March-23	Balance	£ 15,286.64			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 930.85			
	JustGiving	£ 59.76		FML Kabarole	£ 6,000.00
	JustGiving (from R. Upham's funeral)	£ 251.72			
		£ 1,242.33			£ 6,000.00
* listed in the accounts book for GA				New Balance	£ 10,528.97
Opening Balance + income		£ 16,528.97	Expenditure + New balance		£ 16,528.97
April-23	Balance	£ 10,528.97			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 949.85			
	Donation (K Jackson)	£ 500.00			
	Donation (St Nicks Wednesday coffee)	£ 40.00			
	Donation	£ 20.00			
	JustGiving	£ 48.85			
	JustGiving	£ 23.75			
	JustGiving	£ 11.87			
	JustGiving	£ 58.41			
	Amazon smile	£ 13.04			
		£ 1,665.77			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 12,194.74
Opening Balance + income		£ 12,194.74	Expenditure + New balance		£ 12,194.74

May-23	Balance	£ 12,194.74			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,094.85			
	JustGiving	57.65			
	Amazon smile	46.69			
		£ 1,199.19			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 13,393.93
Opening Balance + income		£ 13,393.93	Expenditure + New balance		£ 13,393.93
June-23	Balance	£ 13,393.93			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,049.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	Souter Trust	£ 2,880.00		FML resources	£ 500.00
	Donation (C. Prestage)	£ 100.00			
	Hatfield Trust	£ 4,000.00			
<i>appeal</i>	Donation (Platt)	£ 25.00			
	St Nicholas Appeal	£ 1,041.17			
<i>appeal</i>	Donation	£ 1,000.00			
<i>appeal</i>	St Nicholas Porch Box	£ 226.63			
<i>appeal</i>	Donation (Devlin)	£ 200.00			
<i>appeal</i>	Donation (Jan Keegan)	£ 380.00			
<i>appeal</i>	JustGiving	£ 293.50			
	JustGiving	£ 58.30			
		£ 11,254.45			£ 5,500.00
				New Balance	£ 19,148.38
Opening Balance + income		£ 24,648.38	Expenditure + New balance		£ 24,648.38
July-23	Balance	£ 19,148.38			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,005.85			
	St Nicholas Appeal	£ 170.00			
	Donation	£ 500.00			
	JustGiving	£ 97.90			
	JustGiving	£ 94.99			
	JustGiving	£ 57.00			
		£ 1,925.74			£ 0.00
				New Balance	£ 21,074.12
Opening Balance + income		£ 21,074.12	Expenditure + New balance		£ 21,074.12
August-23	Balance	£ 21,074.12			
		Income		Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 1,105.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	HMRC Gift Aid	£ 6,738.31	FML Medical insurance		£ 2,550.00
<i>Monteiro's anniversary</i>	Donation (Davis)	£ 60.00			
	Donation (St Nick's coffee mornings)	£ 55.00			
	Donation (for shipping);	£ 10.00			
	JustGiving	£ 80.48			
<i>Monteiro's anniversary</i>	Donation (S Prestage)	£ 30.00			

	Easy fundraising	£	52.14			
	Donation (Hitchcock)	£	200.00			
		£	8,331.78			£ 7,550.00
					New Balance	£ 21,855.90
Opening Balance + income		£	29,405.90	Expenditure + New balance		£ 29,405.90
Sept-23	Balance	£	21,855.90			
		Income			Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£	925.85			
	JustGiving	£	41.30			
	JustGiving	£	56.93			
		£	1,024.08			£ 0.00
					New Balance	£ 22,879.98
Opening Balance + income		£	22,879.98	Expenditure + New balance		£ 22,879.98
Oct-23	Balance	£	22,879.98			
		Income			Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£	1,179.85		FML Kabarole	£ 5,000.00
	Quiz (cash banked)	£	983.00		Shipping	£ 1,177.75
	St Nicholas coffee morning	£	30.00		Albania	£ 1,500.00
<i>Monteiro's anniversary</i>	Donation (D Malin)	£	20.00			
	BACS Quiz Donations	£	110.00			
	Donation (E Heaven)	£	100.00			
	JustGiving	£	59.13			
		£	2,481.98			£ 7,677.75
					New Balance	£ 17,684.21
Opening Balance + income		£	25,361.96	Expenditure + New balance		£ 25,361.96
Nov-23	Balance	£	17,684.21			
		Income			Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£	1,149.85			
	JustGiving	£	59.47			
	Easy fundraising	£	39.58			
	CAF donation (Pat Perks)	£	300.00			
	Donation (St Nicks School)	£	80.80			
	Donation (M Hickey)	£	20.00			
	Donation	£	1,000.00			
		£	2,649.70			£ 0.00
					New Balance	£ 20,333.91
Opening Balance + income		£	20,333.91	Expenditure + New balance		£ 20,333.91
Dec-23	Balance	£	20,333.91			
		Income			Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£	1,039.85		FML Kabarole	£ 8,500.00
<i>Listed: cash book</i>	Donations	£	2,892.00		Romania	£ 1,500.00
	St Nicholas School (nativity play)	£	296.92			
	Church Porch box	£	238.17			
	Catholic peoples weeks (CPW)	£	422.92			

	St Nicholas coffee morning	£	30.00			
<i>Listed: cash book</i>	Vouchers	£	902.00			
	JustGiving	£	76.50			
		£	5,898.36			£ 10,000.00
				New Balance	£	16,232.27
Opening Balance + income		£	26,232.27	Expenditure + New balance		£ 26,232.27

St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2023 End of Year Accounts

OPENING BALANCE	£	17,920.64			
		Income			Expenditure
Standing orders	£	12,424.70		Feed My Lamb School (FML)	£ 35,500.00
Donations from Trust funds	£	6,880.00		FML extra resources	£ 500.00
Donations	£	9,519.24		FML Medical Insurance	£ 2,550.00
JustGiving (donations + gift aid)	£	1606.05		Albania	£ 1,500.00
Easy Fundraising	£	122.05		Romania	£ 1,500.00
Amazon Smile	£	78.06		Shipping costs	£ 1,177.75
Events	£	1,093.00			
Church Appeal	£	1,211.17			
Church Porch Box	£	464.80			
Vouchers	£	902.00			
HMRC Gift Aid for 2022	£	6,738.31			
INCOME	£	41,039.38		EXPENDITURE	£ 42,727.75
				FINAL BALANCE	£ 16,232.27
OPENING BALANCE + INCOME	£	58,960.02		EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE	£ 58,960.02

St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2023 End of Year Accounts: comparison, previous years

		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018				2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Opening Balance	£	17,920.64	£29,042.90	£12,876.24	£3,824.34	£8,358.83	£21,235.07								
	Income								Expenditure						
Standing orders	£	12,424.70	£12,490.20	£12,719.20	£12,279.20	£11,385.20	£11,457.20	Feed My Lamb School	£	35,500.00	£37,500.00	£39,000.00	£37,000.00	£48,300.00	£42,800.00
Donations from Trust funds	£	6,880.00	£7,700.00	£32,160.00	£21,000.00	£25,000.00	£20,000.00	FML extra resources	£	500.00	£12,200.00	£7,350.00	£1,200.00	£1,600.00	£8,400.00
Donations	£	9,519.24	£16,061.00	£15,264.86	£14,806.00	£8,414.60	£4,246.42	FML Medical Insurance	£	2,550.00	£2,700.00	£2,550.00	£2,000.00	£3,300.00	£3,150.00
Stopped during 2021 Virgin Giving	£	0.00	£0.00	£979.52	£1,991.90	£380.54	£115.84	Albania	£	1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
GiftAid via Virgin Giving	£	0.00	£0.00	£160.01	£392.95	£38.60	£51.22	Romania	£	1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
JustGiving (donations+ gift aid)	£	1,606.05	£981.92	£923.98	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Event Expenses	£	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£546.98	£477.53
Easy Fundraising	£	122.05	£100.90	£125.22	£85.43	£83.13	£227.03	Shipping costs	£	1,177.75	£510.94	£710.13	£445.00	£2,340.35	£825.81
Stopped during 2023. Amazon Smile	£	78.06	£104.07	£112.62	£80.49	£35.37	£6.51	Bank Charge	£	0.00	£28.00	£21.00	£57.00	£21.00	£19.00
Vouchers	£	902.00	£20.00	£60.00	£0.00	£295.00	£435.00	Insurance	£	0.00	£66.00	£0.00	£257.32	£165.00	£160.00
Appeals	£	1,211.17	£0.00	£143.53	£0.00	£1,188.11	£836.08								
Events	£	1,093.00	£1,298.77	£550.50	£353.69	£3,465.50	£2,833.50								
Church Porch Box	£	464.80	£148.75	£43.15	£210.57	£87.41	£163.03								
HMRC Gift Aid	£	6,738.31	£5,977.07	£5,555.20	£3,810.99	£2,865.38	£5,584.27								
INCOME	£	41,039.38	£44,882.68	£68,797.79	£55,011.22	£53,238.84	£45,956.10	EXPENDITURE	£	42,727.75	£56,004.94	£52,631.13	£45,959.32	£57,773.33	£58,832.34
								FINAL BALANCE	£	16,232.27	£17,920.64	£29,042.90	£12,876.24		
INCOME + OPENING BALANCE	£	58,960.02	£73,925.58	£	81,674.03	£58,835.56		EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE	£	58,960.02	£73,925.58	£	81,674.03	£58,835.56	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group (Registered Charity: 1125836)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;
3. the accounts do 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:



Name: Patricia A Perks

Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date: 6th March 2024

ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1125836

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2022 Period start date

To 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: St Nicholas World Development Group

Charity registration number: 1125836

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in under developed countries by working with local charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can : 1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of the conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities. 2] Develop the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society. 3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money, for providing or paying for, items, services and facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In planning the following activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance. 1] <u>Feed My Lamb Community School in Uganda</u> The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, 50 of whom were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from Nuguru slum in Kampala five years ago; and the remainder are from local child-headed families who would not otherwise receive any education. The staffing of the school comprises of 7 fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular

		aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them also have whole school responsibilities, for example, Head Teacher and Director of Studies. There are also 2 Teaching Assistants to support the children's learning. The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher and one other teacher. We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels for the remaining street children from Kampala and, at times, for those at risk from abuse in the local community. Claire Dorcus, Founder and Administrator, arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community. We provide medical insurance so that children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive the care they need. This year it has been especially helpful during the Covid pandemic, providing regular testing and hospital isolation and care. Other items of provision include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees, clothing and toiletries. We have also continued to provide some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming and the hairdressing and tailoring projects which provide food, education and employment. Pupils who have left the school and members of the local community are gaining experience and working towards the aim of being, at least, partially self sufficient. <u>2. Support for Trafficked Adults and Children in Albania -</u> We support the urgent need for shelter, food and education for these people. Their plight has been more extreme during the effects of the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine. The new STEPS Project has provided new approaches of Advice and Referral; Economic Empowerment and Civic Education This work is co-ordinated by Sr Imelda of the Loreto Order. <u>3] Support for Trafficked Women and Children in</u>
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		<u>Romania and Refugees from the War in Ukraine</u> This year much of our support has been for 20 Ukrainians from the Odessa area who have been given accomodation, food, clothing and education for the children, Some of the adults have been given work. The work is coordinated by Sr Kathleen.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<u>Policy on Grantmaking</u> The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by the members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses are kept to an absolute minimum. Each project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria : a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish. b] There should be close links to the Project Manager in the field. c] There should be regular liaison between the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds. d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost. e] Funds should go directly to the Project.
Policyb on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities although due to Covid these have been very much restricted.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Many schools in Uganda have closed permanently due to lack of finance as a result of the pandemic. It is a great achievement that Feed My Lamb School has managed to survive. After a further six month closure by the Ugandan Government, lasting until January 2022, schools had to re-register to offer clarity about educational provision in the country. We covered the cost of this as well as providing resources to support the new curriculum which the Government introduced at the beginning of the school year in January. Other extra funding was supplied for new uniforms made by their own tailoring project; the repair of desks and painting of classrooms. Replacement of teachers became a big issue as over half of Feed My Lamb staff did not return for the re-opening and in addition some of the new teachers required extra support and training in the needs of our disadvantaged children. This has been done throughout the year by the Administrator of the school. Due to the war in Ukraine, the provision of maize was much depleted, the pound fell against the dollar and costs rocketed. What little grain Feed My Lamb grew was ruined in the torrential rains. We sent extra funding to cover this shortfall and this, along with their own efforts in producing eggs and milk, ensured the children were fed and healthy and able to learn. The country also became vulnerable to Ebola but fortunately, although the transport of goods was affected, the schools did not close until December after P7s examinations.

		We met the rising cost of medical insurance which continues to be a lifesaver for the children especially as Covid, malaria and influenza cases have been prevalent during the year. We were able to buy the land for Feed My Lamb when a dispute arose over the ownership of the area used for Vocational Education. If we had not done so the tailoring, hairdressing, carpentry and future projects would have been closed and unable to operate in the future. NGO status has been renewed and paid for. We shipped several boxes of books, shoes, clothes and toiletries for the children In Albania we have helped support new initiatives developed for trafficked and vulnerable children and adults. These include - counselling and therapy for at least 100 potential victims. 300 trafficked people intergrated into society. 20 women employed full time with fair wages. 200 young adults trained, employed with a regular income. Youth migration target areas reduced by 40%. At least 1,500 have participated in the programme and their economic situation has improved. In 2022 Mary Ward Loreto Albania has impacted and worked with 8,325 Beneficiaries in all programmes and direct services offered to trafficked, exploited and abused people. In Rumania we have supported the refugees from Ukraine with food and clothing.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Despite the financial problems in the world, and in Uganda in particular, St Nicholas World Development Group have help sustain the three Projects we are committed to throughout 2022.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our usual fundraising activities were curtailed throughout the year due to Covid restrictions. We appealed for funding through communicating with the Parish, friends, relations, social media and other regular donors and their support was incredibly generous. we therefore met our predicted financial targets. In September we held a Thank You Event which gave us the opportunity to show our appreciation of our donors' continued support. We brought them up to date with the work of all three projects and discussed together future possible fund raising opportunities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite being unable to raise a percentage of our funding through events, our appeals to donors and others resulted in us being able to meet all our funding commitments to our three Projects and allowed us to hold some extra reserve funds for 2023 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity aims to maintain a small working reserve to ensure the Charity account does not fall into deficit. The Charity produces regular financial plans. The Charity aims to avoid building up large reserves. Wherever possible funding will be allocated to projects for planned or immediate donations. However, due to the ongoing pandemic and uncertain future which may prevent our usual opportunities for fundraising and donations, we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at

		this time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£17,921
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Trust Funding, Appeals
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Charity trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. 1] The risk of third- party claim for loss arising from one of the Charity's fundraising events. The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability. In 2022 the Charity purchased one-off insurance for the single event held and deferred purchasing the usual insurance whilst it is still unable to run events. Any event will be held in line with government and Charity Commission guidelines and are risk- assessed. 2] The risk of reduced governance due to disruption in Uganda The Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic; the 2022 Ebola outbreak and other restrictions mean that it will not be possible to conduct a Feed My Lamb monitoring inspection in 2023. The Charity accepts the risk arising from the inability to

		perform on-site inspections in 2023 and notes that this element of risk increases year on year while inspections are not possible. 3] The risk of failing to reach quorum for scheduled meetings. As the Charity operates with a small management team, there may be times when the Group are unable to achieve quorum for a scheduled governance meeting. If this were to occur, the available trustees will decide whether to proceed or defer the meeting depending on the urgency of the scheduled business. All meetings and decisions are minuted to ensure transparency.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by committee of Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All potential Trustees are initially members of the Management Committee for a period of at least two years in order that they become familiar with the ethos, the work of the projects and the management of the Charity. Potential
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		Trustees with specific skills and experience may be appointed earlier. All Trustees are also requested to read the support and training materials provided by the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has a Management Committee comprised of 7 Trustees and 3 Members who all meet regularly throughout the year. Working parties may be set up to deal with particular issues, for example, planning events, drawing up policies or applying for funding. Up to 24 volunteers may help with fundraising events.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We work closely with members of St Nicholas Parish, families, friends and the local community; Sisters of the Loreto Order and Sisters of St Paul.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	ST NICHOLAS WDG
Registered charity number	1125836
Charity's principal address	70 STATION ROAD SUTTON COLDFIELD WEST MIDLANDS B73 5LA

	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	Maureen Hickey	Chair		
2	Lesley Devlin	Secretary		
3	Stephanie Prestage	Treasurer		
4	Helen Middlemass	Publicity Officer		
5	Peter Middlemass			
6	Julie Bleasedale			
7	Di Hitchcock			

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Advisory	Professor Samuel Hickey	14 Deeping Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8GB

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

half of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)		Maureen Hickey	Stephanie Prestage
sition (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)			
Date January 31st 2023	Maureen Hickey		Chair

St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2022 End of Year Accounts

	OPENING BALANCE	£ 29,042.90				
		Income			Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 12,490.20		Feed My Lamb School (FML)	£ 37,500.00	
	Donations from Trust funds	£ 7,700.00		FML extra resources	£ 12,200.00	
	Donations	£ 16,061.00		FML Medical Insurance	£ 2,700.00	
	JustGiving (donations + gift aid)	£ 981.92		Albania	£ 1,500.00	
	Easy Fundraising	£ 100.90		Romania	£ 1,500.00	
	Amazon Smile	£ 104.07		Shipping costs	£ 510.94	
	Events	£ 1,298.77		Banking Charges	£ 28.00	
	Church Porch Box	£ 148.75		Insurance	£ 66.00	
	Vouchers	£ 20.00				
	HMRC Gift Aid for 2021	£ 5,977.07				
	INCOME	£ 44,882.68		EXPENDITURE	£ 56,004.94	
				FINAL BALANCE	£ 17,920.64	
	<i>OPENING BALANCE + INCOME</i>	£ 73,925.58		<i>EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE</i>	£ 73,925.58	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group (Registered Charity: 1125836)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
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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:



Name: Patricia A Perks

Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date: 18th January 2023

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2021 Period start date To 31/12/2021 Period end date

Charity name: ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Charity registration number: 1125836

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in under- developed countries by working with local charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can : 1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of the conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities. 2] Develop the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society. 3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, services and facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In planning the following activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Commissions public benefit guidance. 1] <u>Feed My Lamb Community School in Uganda</u> The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, 40 of whom were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from Nuguru slum four years ago; and the remainder are from local child-headed families

		who would not otherwise receive an education. The staffing of the school comprises of 7 fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them have particular whole school responsibilities, for example, Head Teacher and Director of Studies. There are also two Teaching Assistants to support learning. The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher and one other teacher. We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels –both of which we now own, as a second one was built this year on the school site. This means we no longer have to pay the high rent being charged locally. These house the children from Kampala and some who are at risk in the community. Claire Dorcus, Founder and Administrator , arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community. We provide medical insurance so that the children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive the care that they need. This year it has been especially helpful during the continuing Covid pandemic, providing regular testing and hospital isolation and care. Other items of provision include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees, clothing, shoes and toiletries. We have also provided some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming, though this has become less as the projects have yielded more profits. The hairdressing and tailoring are becoming financially self-sufficient and providing education and employment for the older pupils and members of the local community. <u>2] Support for Trafficked Adults and Children in Albania</u> We support the urgent need for shelter, food and education for these people. Their plight has been more extreme during the continuing pandemic. The work is co-ordinated by Sr Imelda of the Loreto Order. <u>3] Support for Trafficked Women and</u>
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		<u>Children in Romania</u> We help to provide a home for these families until they are able to make their own provision by working in either the sewing or restaurant projects set up by Fr Petru and Sr Kathleen from the Sisters of St Paul. These projects have struggled during the Covid pandemic so the main aim has been to keep them safe, healthy and fed.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by the members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses kept at an absolute minimum. Each Project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria: a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish. b] There should be close links to the Project Manager in the field. c] There should be regular liaison with the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds. d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost. e] Funds should go directly to the project.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities.

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	For another year COVID has dramatically affected the development of our Projects and our opportunities to fundraise. However, there have been achievements despite this situation in Uganda. a] In spring the long- awaited harvesting of the fish ponds began and initially raised £3,335. Since then the ponds have been repaired and readied for restocking . b] Eggs, milk and some vegetables have been sold and profits used to help meet the high maize and sugar prices. c] Face masks have been made in the sewing project and sold at a profit. d] Shipments including electric sewing machines; carpentry tools, school stationary and other equipment from TWAM [Tools With A Mission] and shoes, toys, clothes and toiletries from our donors have all been successfully delivered. e] The Guardians in the community were able to access some of these goods including sanitizing products f] They have made a good profit from selling rabbits – an entirely new venture. g] Despite all the school closures in the year P7 recorded outstanding examination results. 20 students passed -18 achieved Grade A and 2 Grade B h] A new hostel has been built on the school premises for the boys who had lost their previous rented accomodation. This will save a great deal on rent and in a short time will have paid for itself.

		i] A replacement for the old truck, which is essential for taking children to the hospital and collecting large quantities of maize, sugar, rice etc has been purchased. j] Two local Guardians have used their small allowance to open stores in the village. In Albania and Romania work has been able to continue, although, due to Brexit regulations, the sewing project has had to close in Romania. However, employment has now been found for all those able and wishing to work.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Please see above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	For the second year our usual fundraising activities were curtailed due to COVID restrictions. We have been fortunate in receiving Trust Funding and some very generous donations and have exceeded our financial targets.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite being unable to raise a percentage of our funding through events, our appeals to donors and our successful appeals for Trust Funding have resulted in us being able to meet all our funding commitments to our three Projects and allowed us to hold some extra reserve funds for 2022.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Due to the current pandemic and uncertain future which may prevent the usual opportunities for fundraising and donations in 2022 we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at this time. Also, sadly, the benefactor of the Hatfield Trust died during 2021. The trust is a significant donor to the Charity and is not guaranteed to continue with its present level of donations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£29,043
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Appeals, Trust Funding
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	1] The risk of a third-party claim for loss arising from one of the Charity's fund-raising events. The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing a Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability.

		In 2021, the Charity deferred this insurance whilst it was unable to run events. This will be reviewed when it becomes possible to resume fundraising events. Any events will be held in line with government guidelines and will be risk-assessed. 2] The risk of reduced governance due to the Coronavirus pandemic The Coronavirus [COVID -19] pandemic and restrictions are likely to impact the ability of the Society to meet as a group and limit interactions with projects. This will be mitigated by using online communication where possible. This risk is partly reduced as the Charity has demonstrated it can work effectively with remote working during 2020/2021. The Charity accepts any additional risk arising from the inability to conduct a Feed My Lamb monitoring inspection in 2021. and notes that this element of risk increase year on year while inspections are not possible.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by committee of Trustees

Additional information (optional)

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Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	ST NICHOLAS WDG
Registered charity number	1125836
Charity's principal address	70, STATION ROAD SUTTON COLDFIELD

	WEST MIDLANDS B73 5LA

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	Maureen Hickey	Chair		
2	Lesley Devlin	Secretary		
3	Stephanie Prestage	Treasurer		
4	Helen Middlemass	Publicity Officer		
5	Peter Middlemass			
6	Julie Bleasedale			
7	Di Hitchcock			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Advisory	Professor Samuel Hickey	14 Deeping Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8GB

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group (Registered Charity: 1125836)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2006 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:



Name: Patricia A Perks

Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date:

16 Feb 2022

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2020
Period end date

Period start date To 31/12/2020

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in under - developed countries by working with local charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can : 1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of the conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities. 2] Develop the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society. 3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money, for providing or paying for, items, services and facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In planning the following activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance. 1] <u>Feed My Lamb Community School in Uganda</u>

		The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, 50 of whom were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from Nuguru slum in Kampala three years ago; and the remainder are from local child-headed families who would not otherwise receive any education. The staffing of the school comprises of 7 fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them also have whole school responsibilities, for example, Head Teacher and Director of Studies. There are also 2 Teaching Assistants to support the children's learning. The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher and one other teacher. We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels for the remaining street children from Kampala and, at times, for those at risk from abuse in the local community. Claire Dorcus, Founder and Adminstrator, arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community. We provide medical insurance so that children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive the care they need. This year it has been especially helpful during the Covid pandemic, providing regular testing and hospital isolation and care. Other items of provision include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees, clothing and toiletries. We have also continued to provide some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming and the hairdressing and tailoring projects which provide food, education and employment. Pupils who have left the school and members of the local community are gaining experience and working towards the aim
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		of being, at least, partially self sufficient. 2] <u>Medical Support for Roma Families in Albania</u> We supply funding for a doctor to respond to the health needs of Roma families and to deliver Health Education twice a week. However, as these families have become a more established part of society, our support is required more urgently for trafficked adults and children as well as those living in extreme poverty especially during the Covid pandemic. This work is co-ordinated by Sr Imelda of the Loreto Order. 3] <u>Support for Trafficked Women and Children in Romania</u> We provide funding for homes for these families until they are able to make their own provision by working in either the sewing or restaurant projects set up by Fr Petru and Sr Kathleen from Sisters of St Paul. Unfortunately, due to Covid, these projects have been shut for much of the year resulting in a great deal of poverty. The main aim has been to keep these people safe , well and fed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<u>Policy on Grantmaking</u> The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by the members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses are kept to an absolute minimum.

		Each project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria : a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish. b] There should be close links to the Project Manager in the field. c] There should be regular liaison between the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds. d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost. e] Funds should go directly to the Project.
Policyb on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The year began as usual with the expectancy that the work of the WDG would proceed much as any other in recent times. We celebrated the good examination results of the children from P7 at Feed My Lamb School in Uganda and began our preparation for our annual support visit to them. Our aim, during the ten days, was to monitor and evaluate all aspects of the school and attendant projects through observation of

		the children and meetings with the Administrator, Head Teacher, classroom teachers, Guardians and members of the School Management Board. In particular, we tried to support their financial planning so they could incorporate the profits from their farming, hairdressing and tailoring into the costs of running the school. Thus moving towards their long term mission of self-sufficiency and sustainability. This would have been a big step forward in the development of this Project. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic brought everything to a standstill. The school was closed, teachers and Guardians fled to their homes leaving our Administrator, her family and members of the Board to look after the children. The Health Insurance became a lifeline as a doctor visited and tested the children regularly and hospitalised them when necessary. Our funding was able to support the extreme poverty arising amongst the children and Guardians as prices doubled and allotments went untended as the Government forbade people to leave their homes. In both our other projects in Albania and Romania we were able to relieve some poverty by making contributions for food and other necessities.
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our usual fundraising activities were curtailed throughout the year due to Covid restrictions. We appealed for funding through communicating with the Parish, friends,

		relations, social media and other regular donors and their support was incredibly generous. we therefore met our predicted financial targets.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite being unable to raise a percentage of our funding through events, our appeals to donors and others resulted in us being able to meet all our funding commitments to our three Projects and allowed us to hold some extra reserve funds for 2021 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Due to the current pandemic and uncertain future which may prevent the usual opportunities for fundraising in 2021 we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at this time. The funding is held in our Charity's current account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12,876.24
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Appeals, Trust Funding
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any fundraising)		
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	1] The risk of third- party claim for loss arising from one of the Charity's fundraising events. The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability. The Charity does, of course, continue to ensure that those events are managed effectively. While the ability to hold events will continue to be impacted by Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic, there is the potential to resume events in the second half of 2021 if restrictions are reduced sufficiently. 2] The risk of reduced governance due to the Coronavirus pandemic The Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic and restrictions have impacted the World Development Group to meet in person and has limited interaction with the Projects. This has been mitigated by the use of online communication where possible and will continue to do so until restrictions are lifted. The Charity accepts any additional risk arising from the inability to conduct a Feed My Lamb monitoring inspection in 2021,
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by committee of Trustees

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees			
Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	Maureen Hickey	Stephanie Prestage	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer	
Date	22/02/2021	22/02/2021	

St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2020 End of Year Accounts

	OPENING BALANCE	£ 3,824.34				
		Income			Expenditure	
	Standing orders	£ 12,279.20		Feed My Lamb School	£ 37,000.00	
	Donations from Trust funds	£ 21,000.00		FML extra resources	£ 1,200.00	
	Donations	£ 14,806.00		FML Medical Insurance	£ 2,000.00	
	Virgin Giving Donations	£ 1,991.90		Albania	£ 3,500.00	
	GiftAid via Virgin Giving	£ 392.95		Romania	£ 1,500.00	
	Easy Fundraising	£ 85.43		Shipping costs	£ 445.00	
	Amazon Smile	£ 80.49		Bank Charges	£ 57.00	
	Events	£ 353.69		Insurance	£ 257.32	
	Church Porch Box	£ 210.57				
	HMRC Gift Aid for 2019	£ 3,810.99				
	INCOME	£ 55,011.22		EXPENDITURE	£ 45,959.32	
				FINAL BALANCE	£ 12,876.24	
	<i>OPENING BALANCE + INCOME</i>	<i>£ 58,835.56</i>		<i>EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE</i>	<i>£ 58,835.56</i>	

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Signed:

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Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date: 8th January 2021