



Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1 July 2021 30 June 2022

Charity number 1126408



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report for the period

From: 1 July 2021

To: 30 June 2022

Charity name: Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Charity registration number: 1126408

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>We are a Christian Charity committed to social justice and the provision of care to the most vulnerable children regardless of religion or social background.</p> <p>Our charity's prime purpose continues to be to benefit the public and advance the lives of children and young people by relieving the needs of those identified as suffering because of their youth, sickness, abandonment or financial hardship.</p> <p>These objectives are principally being achieved through the provision of support to help young people develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible adults.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our charitable activities to date have focussed on the provision of support to the many orphaned and abandoned children who live in extreme poverty in the district of Rukungiri, South West Uganda. Whilst our stated purposes, aims and objectives are not geographically restricted, we consider this area of Uganda will continue to be the focus of our activities for the foreseeable future. The prime objectives are to alleviate the problems associated with orphans and abandoned children being homeless or unable to access education, therefore leaving them vulnerable to emotional, physical and sexual abuse on the streets.</p>

		<p>The focus of our work:</p> <p><u>The Children's Village</u> - The provision of two "Family Style Homes" for homeless and abandoned children.</p> <p><u>The Child Sponsorship Programme</u> - The sponsorship of individual children who live in the community and are identified as being most in need.</p> <p><u>The Education Programme</u> - The provision of good quality Pre-School Nursery & Primary Education facilities and opportunities for students to progress to Senior School and Vocational Training.</p> <p><u>The Protected Springs Programme</u> - The provision of clean water to an acceptable level of purity.</p> <p><u>Bible Based Holiday Clubs</u> - The provision of two clubs run on separate sites during school holidays for children 6-18yrs.</p> <p><u>Youth Sports Development Programme</u> - The provision of sports activities to offer the poorest children the opportunity to gain skills.</p> <p><u>The Community Support Programme</u> - The provision of support for families in need; including crisis intervention.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that we have fully complied with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Our charity could not operate effectively without the significant but unmeasurable contribution made by a group of committed volunteers in the UK. Together with the Trustees they undertake the many tasks associated with day to day activities which would otherwise be undertaken by paid staff. We have no paid employees in the UK. In addition to individuals who launch fundraising initiatives, we have nine</p>

		<p>Advocates and five Trustees who meet regularly and arrange fund raising events and help to make people aware of the work the charity is doing. In this connection, we understand our responsibilities in respect of fundraising. Taking note of Charity Commission guidance "Charity Fundraising: a guide to Trustee Duties (CC20)", we are satisfied that we comply with charity law and best practice. All events are overseen by trustees who are also actively involved.</p> <p>All of the Advocates and Trustees have been to Uganda and have funded their own visits to see the work first-hand and observe the development of the charity.</p> <p>To date 61 people have joined one of our Mission visits including many donors and sponsors. We continue to offer this life changing opportunity to people.</p> <p>A founding trustee, who discharges all book keeping duties, is assisted by a volunteer when preparing the year end accounts and claiming Gift Aid. Our unpaid Independent Examiner is also a volunteer and a supporter. She does not have a close relationship with any Trustee and is not involved in the day-to-day administration or decision making.</p>

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our charitable activities are delivered by an NGO which we formed specifically for that purpose. Two of the UK Trustees sit on the NGO board to help ensure decisions made in the UK are followed by the NGO Management Team and staff. Money is transferred from the UK to Uganda only when needed so the Trustees in the UK maintain personal control of funds as long as possible. Management Accounts, prepared by our NGO Manager are sent to the UK monthly and supported by copies of the NGO Bank Account Statements. Trustees check the original records during their visits. To further control funds the two UK Trustees who sit on the NGO board are also signatories on the NGO Bank</p>
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		<p>Account.</p> <p>We are aware of the ever-increasing incidences of fraud and appreciate we are not immune from the possibility of attack. Whilst no system is fool proof, we have a robust system of controlling expenditure and at our Trustee meetings in the UK we visit the topic regularly. We remain aware of the possibility of cyber-crime and whilst not complacent, have concluded that our present system limits our vulnerability.</p> <p><u>The Children's Village</u> continues to provide 23 orphaned or abandoned children with a secure and loving home. Many of these children would simply have died without the medical, emotional and nutritional care they receive in our two Family Style Homes. The latest child to be welcomed into the village had been found abandoned in the local market, he is around 2 years old. Where possible we continue to maintain contact with a child's wider family to assess whether a reunification plan can be put in place.</p> <p><u>The Child Sponsorship Programme</u> is currently supporting a further 148 children to live in the community. Many of these children are orphans living with elderly grandparents. Sponsorship improves their access to education, vocational training, nutritional food, sanitation programmes, and income generating activities. During our personal home visits we have observed families who were formerly robbed of all hope be empowered to reach their God given potential and enabled to transform their own lives. Bursaries have enabled children to progress to Secondary Education and Vocational training. Examples of this year's success of this programme are that one young person has successfully completed her Nursery Teacher Training, whilst three others gained qualifications in tailoring and another as a carpenter.</p> <p>Since the onset of Covid 19 our manager and staff in Uganda have remained very active in teaching the children and guardians about the need for essential hygiene practices. This beneficial training continues and very few cases of Covid 19</p>
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have been recorded within the families we support. As food prices and shortages have escalated across the country our sponsored children all continue to receive food and soap to help them manage their needs.

The Education Programme was developed to benefit over four hundred and sixty children, who attend the BOHCM Nursery & Primary School. Bursaries enable the poorest children to access this good quality education and no child is ever turned away due to lack of ability to pay school fees. We remain a non-profit making school. A free meal is given daily to every child, which not only improves their health but enhances their ability to concentrate and learn. Sadly many of the children do not know when they will next receive a meal. The teachers and support staff all report the benefits of having a permanent job and the positive impact this has on their ability to care for their own families. Furthermore, other opportunities for work become available for local builders and carpenters who are employed as needed.

In January 2022 two Trustees and three Advocates visited Uganda and were able to spend valuable time at the school. The children were glad to be back in their classrooms and appreciative of the free meals.

Visits were also made to Training Workshops where students who have left school are learning a variety of skills to enable them to become independent.

The Protected Springs Programme increases each year and to date we have constructed 45 clean water facilities with each one providing over 200 people with daily clean water. Access to clean water has not only improved general hygiene for these families but has significantly reduced water borne diseases such as Typhoid and Dysentery thus decreasing infant mortality rates.

The Bible Based Holiday Clubs which normally run for children aged 6 – 18yrs on two sites during school holidays are planned to recommence in Summer 2022. We look forward to a time when we can

		<p>welcome over 400 children to each session and to meet the parents and guardians who are always eager to attend the final sessions and see what their children have been enjoying.</p> <p><u>The Youth Sports Development Programme</u> Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, this programme was also on hold during 2021 and only recommenced in January 2022. It was good to welcome the children back on Sunday afternoons and to see them continue to develop many skills such as sharing, socialising, appropriate behaviour and sports skills. For these children who come from impoverished homes, the opportunity to gain skills, have fun and develop their self-esteem has proved invaluable.</p> <p><u>The Community Support Programme</u> which was established in 2015 to offer one-off or short term support to families in crisis has undergone extensive review. Our thorough assessment of this programme has enabled us to understand that families who have benefitted from initiatives such as replacement rooves, pit latrines or medical intervention frequently require subsequent longer term intervention to enable them to become self-sufficient. Although this programme is not the main focus of our work, we are pleased to report that its flexible and individual approach continues to improve the lives of many families, especially the children.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <p>Yet again this year, over 95% of total expenditure has been on our Charitable Activities. The Trustees are proud of this achievement and recognise that this has been made possible mainly because there are no paid staff in the UK. All work in the UK is undertaken by the Trustees and volunteers.</p> <p>As explained in the above sections of this report we were not immune from the effects of the pandemic. Due to the Ugandan Government restrictions, some of our activities had to be suspended and our school was temporarily closed. With the gradual easing of these restrictions our programmes are being reintroduced and consequently our expenditure on Charitable Activities has increased as planned. £75.2K against £68.6K in 2021.</p> <p>An analysis of Charitable Activity is included in the accounts to aid transparency.</p> <p><u>Principal funding sources</u></p> <p>Total income increased marginally. To aid clarity, this year our accounts show Gift Aid receipts separately from Donations. £10.5K and £67.5K respectively, against a combined figure of £76.3K last year.</p> <p>The Trustees continue to make donations according to their personal circumstances and this year have collectively donated £3.7K.</p> <p>With the easing of UK Pandemic restrictions, we were able to reintroduce some fund raising activities which resulted in Fund Raising income up to £1.8K from £0.5K.</p> <p>Like everyone else in the UK, our supporters are affected by the increase in the cost of living. However, our supporters' base is very well spread and we are not reliant on any one donor or group to maintain income at an adequate level. Having said that we are mindful</p>
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		<p>that at the time this report is being prepared Ugandan inflation is some 10%, so as always, our programmes must be dependent upon sufficient funds being available.</p> <p>We continue to appreciate the prayers and financial support from all our supporters.</p> <p><u>Investment</u></p> <p>Funds are held in the UK until actually required in Uganda. Money not needed immediately is held in our UK Community Bank accounts or in short-term notice accounts with UK institutions, authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. These accounts are FSCS Eligible.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	During our meetings, we discuss the need for a Reserves Policy. Whilst we are well aware of Charity Commission guidance, we have decided against having such a policy at this time. We will keep this subject before us at future Trustees meetings but meanwhile believe the “amount of reserves held” figure is more than adequate based on our current and envisaged turnover.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£122K
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	When we founded the charity in 2008, we established it as a Charitable Company. Since 10 May 2019 it has been a CIO.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	As a CIO with effect from 10 May 2019. The Constitution is based on the Charity Commission Foundation Model
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	Trustees are selected by invitation of existing trustees whenever a need arises. We currently have five Trustees although plan to increase this to 6 imminently. Four of these are founding trustees. All have visited Uganda and subscribe to the Statement of Faith*, as shown below.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		*Statement of Faith We believe in ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The one true God who lives

eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

- **The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.**

- **The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God – fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.**

- **The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.**

- **The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ – born of the Virgin Mary, truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.**

- **The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.**

- **The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.**

- **The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.**

- **The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.**

- **The church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers – given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.**

- **The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to**

		the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.
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Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1126408
Charity's principal address	10, Government Row, Enfield, EN3 6JN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr G Skerratt			
2	Mrs B Skerratt	Chair		
3	Mr M Shennan			
4	Mrs M Wood			
5	Mrs L Murphy			
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

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

Director name	None.

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	None.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

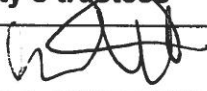
Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		<i>J. V. Young</i>
Full name(s)	GEOFFREY SKERRATT	JOAN YOUNG
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE

Date 23-02-2023



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1126408

Set out on pages

15-17

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2022.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

D. Collins

Date:

14/02/23

Name:

Diane Collins

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

None

Address:

6 Elm Gardens


Enfield

EN2 0HS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry		1126408		CC16a	
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	1 July 2021	To	30 June 2022		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest	£	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts (Donations)	67,710		-	-	67,710	76,276
Activities for Generating Funds	1,591		-	-	1,591	537
Interest	270		-	-	270	524
HMRC Gift Aid	10,489		-	-	10,489	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	80,060		-	-	80,060	77,337
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Total receipts	80,060		-	-	80,060	77,337
A3 Payments						
Charitable Activities (See attached)	75,173		-	-	75,173	68,626
Costs of Generating Voluntary Receipts	884		-	-	884	656
Fundraising Costs	639		-	-	639	626
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total	76,696		-	-	76,696	69,908
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,696		-	-	76,696	69,908
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,364		-	-	3,364	7,429
A5 Transfers between funds	-		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	119,220		-	-	119,220	111,791
Cash funds this year end	122,584		-	-	122,584	119,220

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	27,584	-	
	Savings account - Instant Access	55,000	-	
	Savings account - Notice Required	40,000	-	
	Total cash funds	122,584	-	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Estimated Gift Aid to be claimed	10,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
	We have given no guarantees		-	
	We have no debts outstanding		-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	B. A. Skerratt	BARBARA SKERRATT	23-02-2023	
	Lynn Murphy	LYNN MURPHY	23.2.2023	

Analysis of Charitable Activities Expenditure 2021			
	2022		2021
<u>Programme</u>	£ K		£ K
The Children's Village	15		14
The Child Sponsorship Programme	22		22
The Education Programme	15		12
The Protected Springs Programme	0		3
Bible Based Holiday Clubs	0		0
The Youth Sports Development Programme	0		0
The Community Support Programme	1		3
Community Support Building work	4		1
NGO Manager & Senior Staff wages	8		8
Administration in Uganda	3		3
Truck & Transportation	2		3
Trustees' Expenses	2		0
Cost of additional land	0		0
Other	3		0
TOTAL	75		69