



Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Charity number 1126408



Trustees' annual report for the period

From: 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

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 focused on social justice and caring for vulnerable children of all backgrounds. Our main goal is to improve the lives of children and young people by addressing needs related to youth, illness, abandonment, or financial hardship. We achieve this by supporting young people in developing skills and abilities that help them become responsible members of society.</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 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 or abandoned children being homeless or unable to access education, therefore leaving them vulnerable to emotional, physical and sexual abuse on the streets.</p> <p>Our focuses are:</p> <p><u>A 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 children living in the community who are identified as being most in need.</p> <p><u>The Education Programme</u> - The provision of high quality Pre-School Nursery and Primary Education facilities with opportunities for students to progress to a Senior School and Vocational Training.</p>

		<p><u>The Protected Springs Programme</u> - The provision of fresh 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 aged between 6 and 18 years.</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>We have no paid employees in the UK; our charity relies entirely on dedicated volunteers for all operations. A team of volunteers and Trustees handle daily activities typically performed by staff. Alongside fundraising individuals, we have seven Advocates and six Trustees who regularly meet, organize fundraising events, and raise awareness about our work. We follow Charity Commission guidance (CC20) and ensure compliance with charity law and best practices. All events are supervised and actively managed by trustees.</p> <p>All Advocates and Trustees have been to Uganda, at their own expense, to see the work first-hand and to observe the development of the charity.</p> <p>Again, at their own expense, 63 supporters, including donors and sponsors, have joined one of our Mission Visits. We continue to offer this life changing opportunity to people.</p> <p>A founding trustee handles bookkeeping, with volunteer help for year-end accounts and Gift Aid claims. The unpaid Independent Examiner, also a volunteer and supporter, has no close ties to trustees and is not involved in daily operations or decisions.</p>

Achievements and performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our NGO, formed specifically for charitable work, is overseen by two UK Trustees who ensure alignment between UK decisions and NGO activities. Funds are transferred from the UK to Uganda only as needed, maintaining UK Trustee oversight. The NGO Manager provides monthly Management Accounts and bank statements, which Trustees review on their visits. Both Trustees are also signatories on the NGO's bank account for further control.</p> <p>We recognise the risks of fraud and cybercrime and have strong systems in place to monitor and manage expenditure, regularly reviewing these controls at UK Trustee meetings.</p> <p><u>The Children's Village</u> provides 24 orphaned or abandoned children with a safe home, medical care, and nutrition in two Family Style Homes. When possible, contact is maintained with the child's family to explore reunification. (By Ugandan law, children must leave our homes at 18).</p> <p><u>The Moving On Programme</u> is a recently launched initiative. To provide support and transitional planning for young people who do not have family and reach the age of 18. A small "Twin House" has been constructed near the Children's Village. This facility offers these individuals a period of transition with comprehensive support as they adjust to living in the broader community.</p> <p><u>The Child Sponsorship Programme</u> currently supports 140 children living in the community. Many of these children are orphans residing with elderly grandparents. Sponsorship increases their access to education, vocational training, nutritional food, sanitation programmes, and income-generating activities. During home visits, it has been observed that families who had been robbed of all hope be empowered to reach their God given potential and enabled to transform their lives with greater opportunities for development and self-sufficiency. Bursaries have made it possible for children to attend secondary education and complete vocational training, providing them with skills for future employment. When funds permit, latrines are constructed for families without this facility. One was provided this year which further contributed to improved hygiene for the family.</p>
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	<p><u>The Education Programme</u> 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 so 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.</p> <p><u>The Protected Springs Programme</u> is an essential initiative. To date we have constructed 49 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. Our latest Protected Spring was constructed in February 2025 and is greatly appreciated by the local community.</p> <p><u>The Bible Based Holiday Club</u> which runs for children aged between 6 and 18 years during school holidays, recommenced in December 2024. Up to 300 children attended and were welcomed to each of the sessions. Parents and guardians are always encouraged to attend the final day and see what their children have been learning and enjoying.</p> <p><u>The Youth Sports Development Club</u> welcomes children every Sunday afternoon where they 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> is not our primary focus, but we find that families can benefit from short term or crisis intervention especially following the death of the primary care giver which frequently leaves children in a very vulnerable situation. Our flexible, tailored approach continues to make a positive impact, especially for the children.</p>
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Financial review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Our recurring deficits have been reversed and we now show a small surplus of £1,217.</p> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <p>Charitable Activities spend continues to be well in excess of 95% of our annual expenditure. The Trustees recognise that this is 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>Our Charitable Activities figure has increased to £105K, against £94K in 2024. An analysis by category of spend is included in the accounts to aid transparency.</p> <p>Overall, the figures are very similar. Exceptions include the construction of Protected Springs which is up from £1.4K to £4.1K. This is because we will usually only construct these springs when we receive donations specifically for that purpose.</p> <p>Our Education Programme costs continue to increase with Teachers being tempted to leave if we do not provide a salary which at least matches that offered by other schools. The spend figure has increased by 38% to £29.3K, so it is now the largest single category of spend by a significant margin. We continue to monitor the situation closely and a sponsor has now come forward offering £1K pa. We are hopeful that others will respond to our appeal in the coming months.</p> <p>Hitherto we have included the premium on our Public Liability Insurance Policy with other Fundraising costs but have now elected to show these separately.</p> <p><u>Principal funding sources</u></p> <p>Another change this year is that we have shown Legacies separately from Donations. We have been blessed by receiving £7.6K in legacies and believe it makes our accounts clearer to show them this way.</p> <p>Total income is up by 22% to £108K, including a welcome increase in Donations of 16% to £77.7K. Interest income has held up well, mainly because we changed one of our Bank accounts to secure a higher return, whilst maintaining the option of instant access and the protection of the FSCS.</p>
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		<p>The Trustees continue to make donations according to their personal circumstances and this year have collectively donated £5,595. These donations comfortably exceed the total of expenses claimed.</p> <p>We have over 200 supporters and therefore are not reliant on any single donor, or group, to maintain income at an adequate level. We appreciate their prayers as well as their financial support.</p> <p><u>Investment</u></p> <p>It remains our practice to retain funds in the UK until actually needed in Uganda. Money is held in Barclays Bank plus an Instant Access account and a short-term notice account, both with UK institutions, authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. All our UK accounts are FSCS protected.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	During our meetings, we continue to discuss the need for a Reserves Policy. Whilst we are aware of Charity Commission guidance, we decided against having such a policy. However, we will keep this subject before us at future Trustees meetings. Meanwhile we 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	£ 87K
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.

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. One founding trustee retired during the year but was quickly replaced by another who has made many trips to Uganda at her own expense. The six have the right mix of skills and experience, three being founding trustees. All have visited Uganda and subscribe to the Statement of Faith*, as shown below.

Additional information

<p>*Our Statement of Faith</p>	<p>We believe in ...</p> <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

Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mr G Skerratt		
Mrs B Skerratt	Chair	
Mrs R Randall	Since 22/05/2025	
Mrs M Wood		
Mrs L Murphy		
Mrs J Young		
Mr M Shennan	To 10/4/2025	

Corporate trustees – name of the director at the date the report was approved

Director name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	None.

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

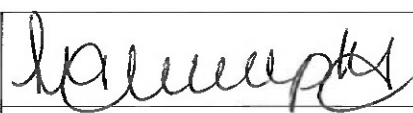
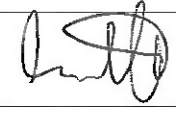
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	None.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
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Declarations

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees, who have approved the above report.

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	LYNN SUSAN MURPHY	GEOFFREY SKERRATT
Position	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	11.12.2025	



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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1126408

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2024.

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 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:

17/11/25

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 2024	To	30 June 2025		
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 £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts - Donations	77,654	-	-	77,654	66,910	
Activities for Generating Funds	8,849	-	-	8,849	7,739	
Interest	2,196	-	-	2,196	1,911	
HMRC Gift Aid	11,780	-	-	11,780	11,628	
Legacies	7,600	-	-	7,600		
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	108,079	-	-	108,079	88,188	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	108,079	-	-	108,079	88,188	
A3 Payments						
Charitable Activities (See attached)	104,591	-	-	104,591	94,008	
Costs of Generating Voluntary Receipts	1,526	-	-	1,526	1,430	
Fundraising Costs	50	-	-	50	778	
Public Liability Insurance	695	-	-	695		
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	106,862	-	-	106,862	96,216	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	106,862	-	-	106,862	96,216	
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,217	-	-	1,217	- 8,028	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	85,961	-	-	85,961	93,989	
Cash funds this year end	87,178	-	-	87,178	85,961	

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	15,178	-	
	Savings accounts - Instant Access	22,000	-	
	Savings account - Notice Required	50,000	-	
	Total cash funds	87,178	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Estimated Gift Aid to be claimed	14,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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
	R. Randall	Rosemary Randall		11.12.25
	Mon Wood	MONICA WOOD		11.12.25

Analysis of Charitable Activities Expenditure		
	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
Programme	£K	£K
Children's Village	18.4	18.5
Child Sponsorship Programme	22.2	21.3
Education Programme	29.3	21.1
Protected Spring Programme	4.1	1.4
Bible Based Holiday Club	0.4	0.7
Youth Sports Development Programme	0.9	0.6
Community Support Programme	3.9	4.7
Community Support Building Programme	3.3	6.7
NGO Manager & Field Staff Wages	10.5	9.8
Administration in Uganda	2.2	1.8
Truck & Transport	2.7	2.7
Trustees' Expenses *	2.7	2.7
Other	4.0	2.0
Total	104.6	94.0
* Trustees donate funds to the charity which exceed expenses claimed		