



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Brickworks

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1127606

Charity's principal address 12 Barton Walk

Bristol

Postcode

BS16 1AB

#### 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	John Spens	Chairman		The Brickworks' Trustees
2	Christine Spens	Secretary		The Brickworks' Trustees
3	Malcolm Lemon			The Brickworks' Trustees
4	Benjamin Sharpe			The Brickworks' Trustees
5	Michael Whitehead			The Brickworks' Trustees
6	Brian Wakelin			The Brickworks' Trustees
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election at AGM

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

This year, the trustees reviewed and updated the risk map and reviewed several of their policies.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To relieve sickness and preserve health, to relieve poverty, financial hardship and unemployment, to advance education and the Christian religion for the public benefit primarily within South Sudan and its adjoining countries, in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of grants of financial assistance to organisations and individuals.



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

In the 2023/24 financial year, apart from administrative costs of £154 and bank charges for international money transfers, all the remainder was spent within South Sudan and Uganda. The principal work of the charity was:

1. Supporting the work of the Martha Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) in Yei, South Sudan.
2. Paying for cataract operations for over 100 patients carried out by a team of eye specialists from Juba..
3. Supporting three "under-tree" schools in the Palorinya refugee settlement in northern Uganda, serving over 3000 pupils.
4. Continuing to fund discipleship training for Christian youths in several Dioceses in South Sudan.
5. Paying for the training of four South Sudanese individuals to cover their fees and living expenses while they pursue health training courses at the KajoKeji Health Training Institute or Yei National Health Training Institute.
6. Paying the fees of 20 teachers to train at the Yei Teacher Training College or KajoKeji Christian College to study for the Certificate or Diploma in Education.
7. Paying for the repairs to a primary school in KajoKeji County to enable it to re-open so that it can serve the children of families returning to their homes from refugee camps.
8. Enabling several Dioceses in South Sudan to organise residential training for their clergy and lay leaders.
9. Contributing to the running costs of the Bishop Allison Theological College in Yei.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and can confirm that all these grants were within the objects of the Trust.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year the charity continued its strategy of supporting those who remained in Yei, South Sudan while gradually reducing its support to those in refugee settlements in Uganda. This was in response to the growing number of refugees who are returning home to South Sudan.

In KajoKeji, thanks to a grant we received, we were able to pay for the repairs and repainting of a primary school that was abandoned in 2017 due to the insecurity. This school will cater for children returning from the refugee settlements.

We continued to assist the Diocese of Yei to maintain the Martha PHCC and Martha Eye Clinic, paying for medicines and staff salaries

We have made a major investment in teacher training, in response to the great need that there is in South Sudan for more trained teachers. We awarded scholarships to 33 teachers in 2023. 13 of those graduated in December and the remaining 20 continue their courses this year.

We continue to work in close partnership with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and provided funds for discipleship training courses as well as for the training of clergy and lay leaders. We continued to support theological training at the Bishop Allison Theological College.

During the financial year, we received several grants from UK charities, charitable trusts, and churches and many gifts from individuals. We are grateful for this generous support.

Our total income was £116,657 (£130,358 in 2022/23) and total expenditure was £126,670 (£176,431 in 2022/23).

We spent less than 1% of our income on administration and bank charges, the remainder (99.4%) being spent in South Sudan and Uganda.



Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

In order to be able to respond quickly in the event of a humanitarian emergency in South Sudan, the Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £10,000. The Brickworks has no employees or offices.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

- You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:
- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
  - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
  - investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael Whitehead	Christine Celia Spens
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Secretary
Date	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
ending 31 March

	Notes	Unrestricted/ Des funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted/ Des funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
Income							
Income from charitable activities	1	£71,298	£44,516	£115,813	£67,846	£61,765	£129,612
Income from Investments	2	£844		£844	£753		£753
Total Income		£72,142	£44,516	£116,657	£68,599	£61,765	£130,365
Expenditure							
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3	£69,252	£57,417	£126,670	£75,353	£101,080	£176,436
Total Expenditure		£69,252	£57,417	£126,670	£75,353	£101,080	£176,436
Net income/expenditure		£2,889	-£12,902	-£10,012	-£6,754	-£39,316	-£46,072
Fund Balances brought forward		£26,468	£28,748	£55,213	£38,245	£63,041	£101,285
Transfer between funds				£0	-£5,023	£5,023	£0
Fund Balances carried forward	4	£29,356	£15,846	£45,202	£26,468	£28,748	£55,213

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH**

		2024	2023
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	£720	£1,776
Cash in bank and in hand		£44,482	£53,436
Total Current Assets		£45,202	£55,213
Current Liabilities		£0	£0
NET ASSETS		£45,202	£55,213
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Restricted Funds		£15,846	£29,000
Unrestricted Funds		£29,356	£26,213
		£45,202	£55,213

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1. Income from charitable activities**

Donations and external funding support	£110,477
HMRC Gift Aid reclaim	£5,336
	£115,813

**2. Investment Income**

Bank interest	£844
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**3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities**

Direct support to Africa	£125,934
Bank Charges	£582
Administration inc IT & insurance	£154
	£736
	£126,670

**4. Restricted Funds**

Cataract operations	£3,739
Martha Bye Clinic	£9,323
Student scholarships	£960
Martha Clinic	£250
Hospital Link	£1,575
	£15,846

**5. Debtors**

Cambridge and Counties Bank	£720
	£720

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRICKWORKS**

I report on the accounts of The Brickworks for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on page 2.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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28 April 2024