

Charity Number
1127628

Amazon Charitable Trust

Report and Accounts

31 July 2023

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Amazon Charitable Trust Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 July 2023

History, objectives and activities of the Charity

The Charity was formed in 2009 and registered with the Charity Commission for the sole purpose of delivering an innovative, replicable 'blueprint' project in the Brazilian Amazon that creates a sustainable business model for a local population enabling the community to continue to act as guardians of the rainforest

Management

Trustees who served during the period:

R Pasley - Tyler
Emanuela Evangelista

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

The year 2022/2023 was marked by re-establishing the various projects under the management of ACT after the pandemic. For example, the Schools' Rebuilding Programme can finally move forward after overcoming some bureaucratic approvals (i.e., from the Brazilian federal environmental agency to extract timber and start the reconstruction) that were preventing the project from progressing. The rebuilding of the first school has started and with the expectation of completion by 2024. Meanwhile, we have continued securing funds for this project through the support of donors and grants.

ACT has also recently hired two new Brazilian staff to run its projects; one based in Manaus and another based in London. This small expansion means that many barriers and complications in the relationship with Brazilian organizations and government that took place in the past will potentially be overcome.

Regarding the Science Village project, we continue to network with relevant international partners.

Financial Review, investment policy and reserves

During the period the Charity achieved a surplus of expenditure over income of £26,591.

Future plans

The trustees intend for the Charity to continue to meet the requirements as per its mission statement.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

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

Independent Examiner

The trustees intend to ask the accountants to undertake the independent examination of the Charity in the following year.

Signed on behalf of the trustees


Mr R Pasley-Tyler
24 April 2024

Amazon Charitable Trust Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 July 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under the Charities Act 2011 'the Act' and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ending 31 July 2023

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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this period £	Year to 31 July 2022 £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds		-	-	-	55
Voluntary income		43,801	-	43,801	46,592
Voluntary income - rates rebate		-	-	-	35,000
Total incoming resources		43,801	-	43,801	81,647
Resources expended	4-5				
Charitable activities		66,553	-	66,553	48,997
Governance costs		3,839	-	3,839	3,785
Total resources expended		70,392	-	70,392	52,782
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(26,591)	-	(26,591)	28,864
Total funds brought forward		89,503	-	89,503	60,639
Total funds carried forward		62,912	-	62,912	89,503



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Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023

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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total this period £	Year to 31 March 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	1	-	1	1
Total fixed assets		<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	7	43,163	-	43,163	21,959
Cash at bank and in hand		51,642	-	51,642	95,715
Total current assets		<u>94,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,804</u>	<u>117,674</u>
Current liabilities		(31,893)	-	(31,893)	(28,171)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		62,911	-	62,911	89,502
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>62,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,912</u>	<u>89,503</u>
Net assets		<u>62,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,912</u>	<u>89,503</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		62,912		62,912	89,503
Total funds	8	<u>62,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,912</u>	<u>89,503</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24 April 2024

Signed on behalf of the trustees


 Mr R Pasley - Tyler
 24 April 2024

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 2

Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis over five years.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Analysis		£
Voluntary income	Donations	43,801
Total		<u>43,801</u>

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Analysis		£
Charitable activities	Charitable activities	-
	Funds sent to Xixuau	32,069
	Local projects	40
	Marketing	4,838
	Travel	4,127
	Wages & salaries	25,478
Total		<u>66,553</u>
Governance costs	Professional fees	-
	Bank charges	505
	Telephone	-
	Accountancy	693
	computer & software	276
	Internet website	2,357
	Stationery	8
Total		<u>3,839</u>

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses

Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-
Nature of the expenses	Travel
Total amount paid	None

5.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	None
Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	693