



# Trustees' Annual Report 2023

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2023	To	31	12	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Uganda Humanist Schools Trust

Other names charity is known by

UHST

Registered charity number (if any)

1228762

Charity's principal address

31 Greenmeadows Road

Madeley

Crewe

Postcode

CW3 9EY

### 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	Steve Hurd	Chair		
2	Prof Hilary Hurd	Scholarships		
3	Christine Smith	Education		
4	Glenda Miller	Legal		
5	Daniel Hurd	Finance		
6	Derek Miller	Legal		
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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

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**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)	By invitation of current trustees

**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.

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**Section C                      Objectives and activities**

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

UHST raises funds to support education in humanist schools in Uganda. Our funds go to schools that belong to the Uganda Humanist Schools Association: Isaac Newton Humanist Schools at Kateera, Masaka, Mustard Seed Humanist Schools, Busota, Kamuli, Katumba Parents Humanist Primary School, Bundibugyo, Kanungu Humanist Primary School, Kasese Humanist Schools. We also provide scholarships to allow bright but needy children to attend Humanist schools.

**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)**

As in previous years, Uganda Humanist Schools Trust places considerable emphasis on keeping supporters informed about the progress of the schools.

We normally visit the schools each year. We visited in March and August 2023.

By having a trustee on the Management Board of each school we can play a full role as partners in key decisions concerning the development and management of the schools.

We have improved the tracing of funds. We receive the accounts of the school board and can see that funds that we provide are properly recorded. Furthermore, we receive school bank statements, so we can see where money is received and each time it is transferred e.g. to builders for construction projects. UHST employs a qualified public service accountant in Uganda. Mentors school bursars and audits their accounts. Our Uganda accountant has been helping the schools to implement digitised accounts with termly reporting.

Our focus throughout has been on allocating funds to have the maximum impact of the quality of learning and the welfare of students and staff.

We promote collaboration among the Humanist Schools to increase awareness of Humanist values and their application to the day-to-day operation of the schools, where discipline is based upon guidance and empathy and not on coercion. In August 2023 we brought teachers from all schools together for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Humanist Schools Conference.

**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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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

In 2023 our main achievements were to:

1. provide 160 scholarships to enable bright but needy children to attend the Humanist secondary schools.
2. We continued to promote independent learning by providing money for books, science and other learning materials.
3. Our provision of re-useable sanitary pads continued to maintain high level of participation by girls.
4. To promote team building we funded a Schools' Conference and follow-up staff development workshops at each of the schools to enable staff, including many new ones, to review their understanding of the Humanist Ethos of the schools.
5. At Isaac Newton Primary School we funded the construction of 4 new classrooms for Junior children and created a new playing field for school sports.
6. At Mustard Seed School we provided funds for refurbishing the Boys' dormitories, building a new kitchen and buying more computers.
7. At Katumba Parents Humanist Primary School, near the Congo border, we gave funds for a school hall, staffrooms and girls toilets, wash and changing rooms, and staff toilets.
8. At Kanungu Humanist Primary School we funded the construction of a book room, improved water supply and kitchen equipment.
9. We have increased expenditure on books, science materials, computers, sport and other learning materials and trips across the schools.
10. Academic performance in National Examinations is good and continues to improve across the schools.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We have brought target reserves down to £20,000 by making regular monthly transfers to schools. Reserves rise when we need to have funds to complete building projects.

**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.

UHST funds come from public appeal. We have built up a loyal group of supporters, many of whom send us regular annual or monthly amounts by standing order.

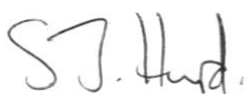
## Section F Other optional information

## 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) Stephen John Hurd

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

**Date** 19 July 2024

Charity Name UGANDA HUMANIST SCHOOLS TRUST	No (if any) 1128762
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - unrestricted	£95,883	-	-	£95,883	£167,080
Donations - restricted	-	£50,500	-	£50,500	£4,780
Donations - scholarships	-	£90,077	-	£90,077	£44,828
Gift aid	£30,228	-	-	£30,228	£4,732
Interest	£1,872	-	-	£1,872	£187
<b>Sub total (Gross income for A1)</b>	<b>£127,783</b>	<b>£110,577</b>		<b>£238,360</b>	<b>£211,804</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table),</b>					
		-	-	-	£0
		-	-	-	£0
<b>Sub total</b>					£0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£127,783</b>	<b>£110,577</b>		<b>£238,360</b>	<b>£211,804</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Isaac Newton Schools	£31,504	-	-	£31,504	£49,561
Isaac Newton Schools	-	£41,250	-	£41,250	£4,780
Isaac Newton Schools - restricted scholarships	-	£29,862	-	£29,862	£23,978
Mustard Seed Schools	£24,571	-	-	£24,571	£36,389
Mustard Seed Schools	-	£250	-	£250	-
Mustard Seed Schools - restricted scholarships	-	£30,195	-	£30,195	£20,850
Katumba	-	-	-	-	-
Humanist School	£48,327	-	-	£48,327	£44,936
Karungu Humanist School	£11,200	-	-	£11,200	£18,023
Karungu Humanist School	£1,000	-	-	£1,000	-
Afrapate	£3,983	-	-	£3,983	-
Shit	-	-	-	-	-
Development	£9,632	-	-	£9,632	-
Accounting & Information Services	£5,341	-	-	£5,341	-
Bank charges	£152	-	-	£152	£119
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£141,319</b>	<b>£101,677</b>		<b>£242,996</b>	<b>£200,003</b>



A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	£141,319	£191,677		£242,896	£200,000
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>					
	-£13,636	£9,000		-£4,838	£11,661
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	£36,318			£36,318	£27,728
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	£25,782	£9,000		£34,782	£39,317

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Liabilities**

**Details**


**Fund to  
which liability  
relates**


**Amount due  
(optional)**


**When due  
(optional)**


Signed by  
one or two  
trustees on  
behalf of all  
the trustees

Signature

S.J. Hurd \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Stephen John Hurd (Chair of trustees)

Date of  
approval

05/07/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Uganda Humanist Schools Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1128762

**Set out on pages**

one to three

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 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 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:**

*Ian Best*

**Date:**

9.7.2024

**Name:**

IAN BEST

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

Retired Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

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SUTTON COLDFIELD

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