



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024
From				To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Uganda Humanist Schools Trust

Other names charity is known by

UHST

Registered charity number (if any)

1128762

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	Christina Smith	Education		
4	Glenda Miller	Legal		
5	Daniel Hurd	Accounts & 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

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 Organisation of Humanist Schools of Uganda: 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)

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 February and October 2024.

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 who 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 funded a meeting of the Organisation of Humanist Schools of Uganda in Kampala.

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

In 2024 our main achievements were to:

1. provide 166 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 collaboration among the Humanist Schools we funded a meeting the Organisation of Humanist Schools of Uganda in Kampala.
5. At Kasese Humanist School Rukoki Campus we funded major refurbishment and extensions to the library, science lab and dormitories. We also funded a major refurbishment of Kahendero Primary School.
6. At Isaac Newton Primary School we channelled funds from the Ethical Society of St Louis to build 3 infant classrooms, provided funds for a large open plan covered study space, a new toilet following storm damage at the girls' hostel and site safety and security improvements.
7. At Mustard Seed we funded the moving of the computer and science labs to the main school sites to meet examination board requirements and in November we cleared the schools accumulated arrears of teachers pay, and payments for food, firewood and utilities.
8. At Katumba Parents Humanist Primary School, near the Congo border, we paid for repair of storm damage to verandas, bought a high capacity RISO printer, and paid course fees to enable the school Director to gain a Postgraduate Certificate in Education.
9. At Kanungu Humanist Primary School we funded a major repair to toilets following storm damage, connection to mains electricity and sent funds for the construction of a school hall.
10. At Eagle's View School a UHST supporter in Crete funded the construction of a smoke-free kitchen and rodent-proof food store.
11. We have increased expenditure on books, science materials, computers, sport and other learning materials and trips across the schools.
12. 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)

S.J. Hurd

Full name(s)

Stephen John Hurd

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

3 July 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - unrestricted	81,517	-	-	81,517	95,683
Donations- restricted	-	69,036	-	69,036	50,500
Donations- scholarships	-	64,734	-	64,734	60,077
Gift aid	26,159	-	-	26,159	30,228
Interest	1,332	-	-	1,332	1,872
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	109,008	133,770	-	242,778	238,360
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	109,008	133,770	-	242,778	238,360
A3 Payments					
Isaac Newton Schools unrestricted	22,620	-	-	22,620	31,504
Isaac Newton Schools restricted	-	60,469	-	60,469	41,250
Isaac Newton Schools scholarships	-	39,830	-	39,830	29,882
Mustard Seed Schools unrestricted	12,352	-	-	12,352	24,571
Mustard Seed Schools restricted	-	1,257	-	1,257	250
Mustard Seed Schools scholarships	-	32,400	-	32,400	30,195
Katumba Parents' Humanist School	15,996	5,385	-	21,381	48,327
Kanungu Humanist Primary School	22,904	204	-	23,108	11,200
Kasese Humanist Schools unrestricted	17,574	-	-	17,574	1,600
Kasese Humanist Schools restricted	-	754	-	754	-
Kasese Humanist Schools scholarships	-	3,275	-	3,275	-
Eagle's View Primary School	2,900	3,967	-	6,867	-
Accounting services	7,880	-	-	7,880	9,632
Afripads	-	-	-	-	5,992
Staff development	5,466	-	-	5,466	8,341
Bank charges	114	-	-	114	152
Postage of books	13	-	-	13	-
Information Commission Registration Fee	35	-	-	35	-
Scholarships from unrestricted funds	10,771	(10,771)	-	-	-
Sub total	118,625	136,770	-	255,395	242,896
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	118,625	136,770	-	255,395	242,896
Net of receipts/(payments)	(9,617)	(3,000)	-	(12,617)	(4,536)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,782	9,000	-	34,782	39,318
Cash funds this year end	16,165	6,000	-	22,165	34,782

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	Donations - unrestricted	16,165	-	-
	Donations - restricted	-	6,000	-
	Total cash funds	16,165	6,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 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

01/07/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Uganda Humanist Schools Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1128762

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Ian Best

Date:

02 . 07 . 2025

Name:

IAN BEST

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

Retired Chartered Accountant

Address:

6 Sandy Court, Woburn Sands,
Milton Keynes, MK17 8FN.

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.
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