



Brick By Brick
Annual Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2024



Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: Brick By Brick

Charity Registration Number (registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission): 1129596

Trustees: Sarah Vallance-Goode, Chairman
Ashley Aarons
Alex Goode
Alison Pearson
Neil Pearson
Sian Chadwick (Appointed June 2024)

Principal Office and Administrative Address:

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LONDON
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Website: brickbybrickeducation.org

Bankers: National Westminster Bank Plc

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Brick By Brick is a charity governed by a Trust Deed dated 1 April 2009. Its object is:

"To advance the education of children in developing countries by building and operating schools."

The principal activity of the charity, which comprises building primary schools and donating them free of charge to the local community, is entirely for educational and social welfare purposes.

Brick by Brick currently operates solely in Malawi. All of the schools built so far have been for pupils of primary age. In practice, once the fabric of a school has been created and basic facilities provided, it is handed over to be run by the government.

In addition, a small number of scholarships are provided to allow motivated students to continue to secondary education.

The charity keeps in touch and visits annually when possible, often supplementing the initial investment by building additional classrooms, funding repairs and supplying items such as desks and chairs.

The organisational structure of the charity is simple; there are no employees. Any activity in the UK is carried out by its trustees and, when overseas, by the trustees, paid contractors and volunteers, usually villagers or parents in the local area.

The initial term of office for a trustee is three years, but trustees can be re-appointed and serve unlimited numbers of terms. The sudden death of the Chairman and co-founder, David Aarons, early in 2019 required a review of governance arrangements, including the appointment of a larger board.

Trustees were recruited principally to maintain family links with the founders including David's wife, Sarah. Nicola Silverleaf, a Chartered Accountant, took on the role of treasurer in October 2019 and Ashley Aarons (David's son) and Alex Goode (Sarah's son) completed the board. Nicola Silverleaf resigned in

February 2023 following which Alison and Neil Pearson, family friends of the Vallance-Goodes joined in May 2023 to enhance the board. Sian Chadwick, a Chartered Accountant and friend of Sarah joined the board in June 2024 to take on the responsibility for the finances. Induction is given to new trustees, including meeting with the Chair and Treasurer to discuss roles, responsibilities and activities, and a review of the Trust deed.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit". All the activities of the charity are for the benefit of children resident in Malawi.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th January 2025

Paul Vallance-Goodes

J. VALLANCE-GOODS

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Simple accounts, prepared on a receipts and payments basis as recommended by the Charity Commission for a charity of this size, are appended to this report.

Following an appeal that was made in 2023 on behalf of the charity by Sarah at a series of benefit events held to celebrate the rugby career of Alex Goode, a large donation of £20,000 was secured.

Other donations totalled £2,100 making total income, including gift aid, of £27,600.

Expenditure for the year was £11,073. £8,206 was paid to contractors in Malawi to renovate current school buildings, £325 was spent on sports equipment and £2,542 was paid in expenses to Sarah Vallance-Goode to cover the trip to Malawi in November 2023.

In summary therefore, as shown in the attached Receipts and Payments accounts, total income of £27,697 exceeded total spend of £11,073. The cash balance increased during the year from £5,334 on 1st April 2023 to £21,959 on 31st March 2024.

RISK

The Trustees have considered the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to minimise them.

Although the charity has had no regular source of income other than from the founders and from sundry donations, its reactive strategy means that it cannot exceed its income.

RESERVES POLICY

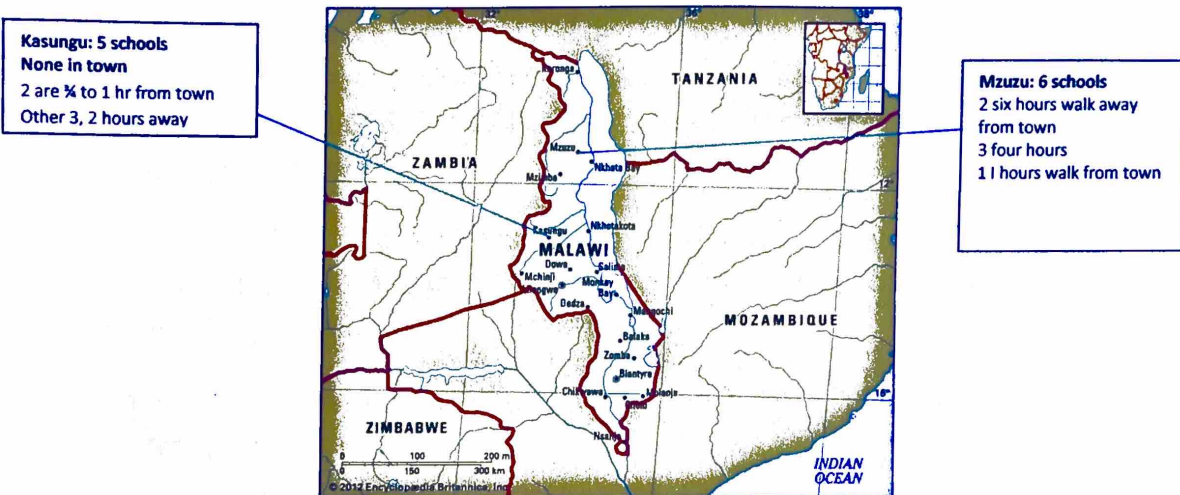
The Trustees consider the need for reserves to be minimal as the strategy is to react to income generation or to make the personal donations necessary to deliver the plans. There are no employees and very few operating overheads. This policy proved effective during the period of inactivity prompted by the death of the chairman, before the receipt of a legacy from his estate, but

highlighted the need for additional resources to satisfy the demand for new schools, and the maintenance of those already built.

Reserves are all held in cash and comprise the unrestricted funds of the charity.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO 2023/2024

Since it was founded in 2009, the charity has operated as originally envisaged, and has now funded, built and handed over 11 schools in rural Malawi. All of these are still in operation. The areas in which the charity operates are shown on the map below.



In November 2023, Sarah visited Malawi to review the condition of the schools and to assess the need for further projects in anticipation of future funds being received. She noted that schools near main roads do well and have plenty of teachers. Remote schools are having difficulty retaining teachers especially female teachers. This is an issue that is known to the Government. Sarah discussed the government feeding programs and arranged for the purchase of 160 cups.

Sarah visited Montsanto which has 196 pupils. It is well run with a good Headmaster and 8 teachers. 8 solar lamps have been installed in the staff room and 8 standard lamps elsewhere.

In Louwe there is a new school with 183 pupils. There is a headmaster, deputy and 2 volunteers in place but no register as yet.

Sarah visited Mbowe where there are 197 pupils, a headmaster and 6 teachers.

It was noted that 35 bags of cement are missing and Sarah has asked the team to investigate properly to find them and report back.

Future plans

The receipt of David's legacy put the charity on a firm financial footing, and more active fundraising has been achieved successfully thanks to the generosity of Alex Goode in publicising the work of the Charity during his benefit year and beyond.

The charity plans to sponsor a number of pupils who have finished their primary education through secondary school. This will be done by a sponsoring program.

Brick by Brick is wanting to build another school but this is being put on hold currently due to lack of teachers.

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Numbers shown in separate document attached to this report.

Notes to the accounts

1 Basis of preparation

As recommended by the Charity Commission for a charity of this size, these accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments rather than an accruals basis. This means that only transactions which had passed through the bank account at the year-end are included as income or expenditure.

2 Filing

The accounts and annual report will be filed with the Charity Commission.

3 Related party transactions

Other than payment of expenses incurred in Malawi during 2023 to Sarah Vallance-Goode (explained in the Financial Review) there were no related party transactions.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Brick By Brick

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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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 from individuals	22,100	-	-	22,100	3,735
Gift aid on above	5,500	-	-	5,500	-
Interest on Natwest account	97	-	-	97	97
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,697	-	-	27,697	3,832
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,697	-	-	27,697	3,832
A3 Payments					
Materials in Malawi, including repairs and renewals	8,206	-	-	8,206	6,315
Travel to and in Malawi	873	-	-	873	1,242
Accommodation and subsistence	1,669	-	-	1,669	2,297
Scholarships	-	-	-	-	120
Sports equipment	206	-	-	206	123
Other	119	-	-	119	-
Email and website	-	-	-	-	92
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,073	-	-	11,073	10,189
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,073	-	-	11,073	10,189
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,624	-	-	16,624	6,357
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,335	-	-	5,335	-
Cash funds this year end	21,959	-	-	21,959	-

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	NatWest Current Account	1,862	-	-
	NatWest Deposit Account	20,097	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,959	-	-

	Details	OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Sian Chadwick
Sarah Vallance-Good

SIAN CHADWICK
SARAH VALLANCE-GOOD

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Section B

Disclosure

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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Brick by Brick

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1129596

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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 31/03/2024.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

21/1/25

Name:

James Reader

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

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