

# Village of Hope and Grace UK Trustee Annual Report

## Charity Details and Organisation

Charity Name: Village of Hope and Grace UK

Charity no.: 1132130

This report relates to the financial year: April 2023 to March 2024

The principal address of the charity is 83 Hawser Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 7FA

The following individuals were the charity trustees on the date the report was approved.

Peter Ireland

Anita Ireland

Wayne Lippett

Karen Lippett

No other individuals served as charity trustees during the year. Trustees are nominated by existing trustees and approved at the trustees meetings. Two Trustees meetings are held each year.

The Charity was established in 2009. The Charity is constituted as a trust and governed by a Trust deed.

## Objectives and Activities

### Objectives

The objectives of the charity, as set out in the trust deed are:

- A. To relieve poverty, deprivation, distress and suffering of abandoned children and children without parents in Tanzania by working with local Christian organisations to provide practical and spiritual support including the building and operation of orphanages and schools; the provision of finance to enable access to shelter, care, education and medical services and other basic needs.
- B. To advance the awareness and education of the public in the UK and abroad regarding the suffering and needs of the orphans in Tanzania through presentations at schools, churches and other meeting places; and publication and distribution of information.

## **Activities**

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in planning the activities of the charity.

The charity provides grants to partner organisations in Tanzania who work together with the charity to support orphan children in Tanzania with:

- Education - to provide school, college and university fees, uniforms, shoes and the equipment they need for school - books, pens, computers etc.
- Personal support - to provide food, medical care, accommodation, foster carers to look after the younger children, help with finding jobs/starting a business
- Spiritual guidance - to provide the opportunity for the children to hear the gospel message and the good news that they have a heavenly father who loves them very much

The support provided is for orphan children in rural Tanzania. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) defines an orphan as a child under 18 years of age who has lost one or both parents to any cause of death. This definition is adopted here, but preference will always be given to orphans who have lost both parents. Only orphan children who lack the means of economic support from their wider family will be considered to be part of the programme (e.g. if an orphan can access education and healthcare without our support they will not be considered for the programme).

In general, the beneficiaries of the programme will live in the town of Kibakwe and the surrounding villages in the Dodoma region of Tanzania. This makes the programme more effective and manageable.

Children will not be taken into the programme if they are over the age of 18. However, if a child in the programme undertakes further education or training they can continue until they qualify or reach the age of 25.

In addition to the direct support to the orphans, we are working with our Tanzanian partner to establish a medical centre that will provide the orphans with free medical services and employment opportunities.

To help achieve our objectives the charity has partnership agreements with our partner organisations in Tanzania.

In the UK we work with churches and schools to raise awareness of the needs of orphans in Tanzania.

## **Achievements and Performance**

During this year, grants were awarded to Hope and Grace in Action Tanzania that allowed the following to be achieved:

- Education and Training - provided access to appropriate education and training opportunities to 23 orphan children and young people

- This included access to primary and secondary school, college and university as appropriate to the age and ability of the child.
- The programme provided school and college fees, uniforms, shoes and any equipment required for their studies - books, pens, computers etc.
- Sometimes it was necessary to provide additional tuition to help the children catch up on missed schooling.
- When studying away from home the programme provided accommodation and transport costs.
- For those who are not suited to higher education, suitable vocational training was sought and provided. This included training to become a carpenter and an electrician.
- Personal support for the orphan children - the following support was provided:
  - Food, clothes and bedding.
  - Personal hygiene items.
  - Medical care as needed. This involved eye exams, visits to hospital etc to receive diagnosis and treatment.
  - Accommodation where needed.
  - Foster carers to look after the younger children who do not have any responsible adults.
  - Sometimes it was necessary to support the child's carer (e.g. grandmother) as well as the child to enable them to care effectively.
  - Pocket money for the older young people.
  - Assistance with finding jobs/starting a business with the aim of the young person becoming independent and being able to leave the programme.
  - Being an advocate for the child / young person.
- Spiritual guidance for the orphan children - the following was provided
  - A bible for every child in the programme who wanted one
  - Encouragement to attend a local church and be involved in church activities.
  - Prayer

To achieve the above outcomes several key activities were undertaken by our partner:

- Regular visits to the younger children to deliver food, school supplies etc. and to check on their wellbeing
- Visits to the children's schools/colleges to identify progress and address any issues
- Researching and visiting colleges to identify suitable courses for the young people.
- Taking any sick children to the appropriate medical facilities for tests and treatment.
- Finding suitable accommodation for children who need to travel for education or training.

- Building good relationships with local schools and churches
- Travelling to a nearby city to bulk buy items to support the children's welfare and education.

In addition to the direct support for the orphan children, grant funding was provided to:

- Continue to operate 'Hope House', a 'safe house' for orphans in Kibakwe, Tanzania
- Cover basic operating costs for our partner organisation. This primarily included office expenses, travelling expenses and communication.
- Purchase of a parcel of land to establish a medical clinic in Kibakwe, Tanzania

Within the UK, the main activities have been working with supporters of the charity. In particular we:

- Presented two updates to Tewkesbury Baptist Church on progress with the charitable work.
- Issued two charity newsletters to supporters giving details of the work.
- Provided monthly updates to the Mission Team at Tewkesbury Baptist Church.
- Linked children at Alderman Knight School in Tewkesbury with the children supported by the charity in Tanzania, sharing letters and drawings.
- Established a new fund to support building a medical clinic in Kibakwe, Tanzania.
- Maintained our supporter and funding base.

## Financial Review

In the financial year 2023 to 2024, the Charity had an income of £44,589 and an expenditure of £28,132. The charity operates its accounts on a 'Receipts and Payments' basis. The accounts are provided in Appendix 1. An Independent Examiner Review of the charity's accounts is provided in Appendix 2.

The charity has a General Fund (unrestricted) and a Hope Clinic Fund (restricted). There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.

The charity has a reserve policy that requires it to hold £2,000 in reserve to cover any temporary shortfall in income, unplanned or exceptional expenditure or adverse impacts of exchange rate fluctuations. On 31 March 2024, there was a shortfall in the reserves of £1,700.

The charity's principal source of funding is individual supporters and churches.

All Trustees give their time on a voluntary basis and no person is employed by the charity.

Signature: 

Print Name: KAREN LIPPETT

Date: 2/12/2024

Signature: Anita Ireland

Print Name: ANITA IRELAND

Date: 10/12/24



# APPENDIX 1



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Village of Hope and Grace UK

No (if any)  
1132130

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/4/2023	To	31/3/2024
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Income from Child Sponsorship	2,685	-	-	2,685	2,135
Income from Regular Giving	5,795	-	-	5,795	6,840
Income from Gift Aid Tax Repayments	4,169	-	-	4,169	4,282
Income from Fund Raising	187	-	-	187	16
Income from Individual Donations	9,185	-	-	9,185	9,512
Income from Academic Fund	720	-	-	720	1,240
Income from Organisations/churches	960	-	-	960	-
Income for Hope Clinic	-	20,888	-	20,888	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,701</b>	<b>20,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,589</b>	<b>24,025</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,701</b>	<b>20,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,589</b>	<b>24,025</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grants for Children Support	13,169	-	-	13,169	13,169
Grants for School/College Fees	7,225	-	-	7,225	7,111
Grants for Travel/Transport	971	-	-	971	1,191
Grants for Hope Clinic Project	-	4,158	-	4,158	-
Grants for HGAT Tanzania Office	2,598	-	-	2,598	2,968
VHG UK Charity Administration	-	-	-	-	-
Bank fees etc	11	-	-	11	140
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,974</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>24,579</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,974</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>24,579</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 273</b>	<b>16,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,458</b>	<b>- 554</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>1,129</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>16,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,033</b>	<b>575</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash funds	302	16,730	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>16,730</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
P E Ireland	Peter Ireland	Dec-24
Anita Ireland	Anita Ireland	Dec-24





**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

VILLAGE OF HOPE AND GRACE UK

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 MARCH 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1132130

**Set out on pages**

APPENDIX 1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**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:**

*Kam-Lin Bovett*

**Date:**

17 Jan 2025

**Name:**

Kam-Lin Bovett

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants  
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GL20 8AT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).