

Charity number: 1133056  
Company number: 06472901  
(England and Wales)

Earthlinks Uk

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 January 2025

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

For the year ended 31 January 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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, with the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 (including Income and Expenditure Account)  
For the year ended 31 January 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations, legacies and Grants	2	2,380	-	2,380	120
Charitable activities		1,045	185,947	186,992	25,395
Other Income		1,946	-	1,946	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,371</b>	<b>185,947</b>	<b>191,318</b>	<b>25,515</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	379	187,702	188,081	118,575
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,992</b>	<b>187,702</b>	<b>188,081</b>	<b>118,575</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>4,992</b>	<b>-1,755</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>-93,060</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	30,814	30,814	123,874
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>4,992</b>	<b>29,059</b>	<b>34,051</b>	<b>30,814</b>

# Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 January 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		48	89
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		35,307	32,823
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year		1,303	2,098
Net current assets		<b>34,003</b>	<b>30,726</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>34,051</b>	<b>30,814</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted income funds		29,059	30,814
Unrestricted income funds		4,992	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>34,051</b>	<b>30,814</b>

For the year ended 31 January 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

**Martin Richard Crawford**

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Mr Martin Crawford

Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 January 2025

## 1. Accounting Policies

### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Earthlinks Uk meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### **Statement of cash flows**

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations and grants which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work.

### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

### **Charitable activities**

Please see Trustees Annual report

### **Allocation and appointment of costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between expenditure on charitable activities.

## 2. Income from donations, legacies and charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Donations, legacies and grants income	2,380	120
Charitable activities	1,045	1,324
Other Income	1,946	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,371</b>	<b>1,444</b>

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Charitable Activities	185,947	24,071
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,947</b>	<b>24,071</b>

## 3. Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Water School Africa	-	76,927	76,927	82,637
India Project	-	65,875	65,875	11,958
Women for Water Film	-	-	-	3,346
Holistic Science Online Course	-	382	382	2,750
GEE/EU	-	11,670	11,670	-
Language of Water Book	-	7,653	7,653	-
ARUP/Water Up Phase 3	-	11,670	11,670	-
Africa Projects	-	402	402	-
Support Costs	341	11,816	12,157	17,884
Accountancy	38	1,308	1,346	-
	<b>379</b>	<b>187,702</b>	<b>188,081</b>	<b>118,575</b>

**4. Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Management	304	10,515	10,819	7,152
IT	33	1,148	1,181	2,152
Governance costs	4	153	157	8,580
	<b>341</b>	<b>11,816</b>	<b>12,157</b>	<b>17,884</b>

**5. Accountancy costs**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fees	38	1,308	1,346	1,380
	<b>38</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,380</b>

**6. Staff costs and emoluments**

	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
Salaries	29,308	25,200

**7. Funds**

	<b>Balance at 01.02.2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Balance at 31.01.2025</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	-	5,371	-379	4,992
<b>Restricted funds</b>	30,814	185,947	-187,702	29,059
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>30,814</b>	<b>191,318</b>	<b>-188,081</b>	<b>34,051</b>



# Trustees Annual Report

for the period 01.02.2024 to 31.01.2025

## Reference and Administration Details

Earthlinks UK is a registered charity in England and Wales with charity number 1133056 and registered with Companies House with number 06472901.

The principal address is 46 Hunters Moon, Dartington, TQ9 6JT, Devon, UK

The Charity Trustees during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 were:

Mr Martin Crawford

Mrs Anne Phillips

Mr Mark Burton

## Structure, governance and management

Earthlinks UK is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated with Companies House on 15 January 2008 and registered as a charity with the Charities Commission of England and Wales.

New trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustee body.

## Objectives and activities

Earthlinks objectives are:

Promoting for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in any part of the world and the prudent use of resources;

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and sustainable development;

The relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities in any part of the world by the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;

Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

## Activities

Earthlinks UK is currently running the following projects:

**The Flow Partnership** which is an overarching project, working to disseminate knowledge of natural catchment measures to communities and help them build local interventions to resolve floods and droughts. The project is currently working with partners in India, Africa , UK, Europe and South America.

**Water Schools educational outreach on water** through the online platform Water Schools. Activities consist of monthly online presentations (see <https://waterschools.org>), exchange visits between partner countries and local water retention activities.

**Educational outreach on Goethean Science** engages the public in discussions, talks and workshops.

## Achievements and performance

The Flow Partnership has multiple strands of work all of which are developing well and showing good growth. ReForesting Baran/India, Water Schools.

Reforesting Baran Project to restore and reforest 531km<sup>2</sup> region of arid Rajasthan was successful in funding, designing and building the first five ponds before the monsoon rains of summer 2024, planting 12 thousand trees and holding 22 training programs on water conservation with the villagers of the local area. The ponds had a huge impact on the area, increasing farmland, allowing fish-breeding which increased nutrition security. Good agricultural harvests were also reported as a result of having the water from the ponds. Strengthening local governance was also done.

Water School Africa is a funded Flow Partnership project under the Water Schools strand. It has been promoting water literacy and the creation of water holding structures through co-operation with local African NGO partners. Multiple online gatherings for farmers, landowners and communities in Africa to exchange methods and successful water holding practices were held. Increase in water harvesting and ground water recharge in 4 regions in Africa: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Burkina Faso has been happening. The project continues to develop, assess and disseminate community water learning, practices and water retention projects across these four African countries to restore their water balance and to enable water security locally. New partners in other countries in Africa are in the pipeline.

Water School India is a funded Flow Partnership project with local ground partners in India under the Water Schools strand . An MOU was exchanged with PSSS who have set up the Water School India in Khajuraho/India. Training programs and funding for the same are under discussion.

TFP held a meeting between Water School Africa Partners and Water School India Partners in Oct 2024 to inaugurate the site as well as discuss future training courses in partnership.

A Film called Sisters of the Earth – Guardians of Water produced by Arte TV on The Flow Partnership work with PSSS programs was screened across Europe. This one hour documentary on the work of the women of Rajasthan transforming their landscapes through holding water was screened in

Germany and France. Minni Jain of the Flow Partnership and Sanjay Singh of Parmarth, the ground partner in India were extensively interviewed, along with the Jal Saheli women themselves, to describe the social and ecological transformation the work brings. The film was also screened at events held in Zurich and France.

The Language of Water by Minni Jain and Philip Franses was completed for publication by Synergetic Press. The book showcases and presents the work of the Flow Partnership with local communities around the world.

#### Outreach, Presentations, New Ventures, Networking and Partnerships Building

- ✓ Teaching the water literacy course to regenerative agriculture students on Level 3 and Level 4 at Huxhams Cross Farm
- ✓ A publicity, networking and partnership building event was organised and held at the House of Lords in June 2024
- ✓ Catchment level ground projects design was started with Groundswell in Africa and PSSS in India. Early stages to understand whether viable.
- ✓ Pro bono consultation was held with local organisations in Bolivia and Colombia. These could serve as potential Water School South America ground partners
- ✓ A partnership seeking and building was done with organisations in Denmark, including a meeting with the Science Academy on the 100% Renewable energy efficient island there
- ✓ A production company with the BBC approached TFP for a film on step wells in India
- ✓ The Water School website <https://waterschools.org> was further developed and now includes talks and presentations from a community of practitioners from across the different water schools

Outreach workshops and talks on Goethean Science were delivered in Manchester and Liverpool

#### Financial Review

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Independent examiner/ accountant: Peter Ellington, Triple Bottom Line Accounting, Enterprise Centre, Room TEC 0.12, University of East Anglia

Monetary assets on 31-1-2025 stood at £35,307 (Compared to £32,823 at 31-1-2024). The accounts reflect a balance between income received and expenditure.

#### Policy on reserves

The money in the bank is advance funding for work to be carried out in completion of the existing projects and putting in place new foundation for the coming years.

Additional money is required for day to day operating capital and unusual expenses – there is a continuous attempt to raise core funding for each year.



