

# CHILDREN OF CHOBA

England & Wales · Charity number 1138096

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2010-09-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF CHOBA AND NEARBY VILLAGES BY CONSTRUCTING, RUNNING AND PROVIDING THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS OF TEACHING AND FACILITIES AT CHOBA ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOLS. (CHOBA IS A HAMLET OF BOZA VILLAGE, PANGANI DISTRICT, TANGA REGION, TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA)2. THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY IN RURAL TANZANIA, PARTICULARLY CHOBA, BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

**Activities:** 1. Subsidising running costs of Choba Primary and Nursery School, an independent (of the government) Tanzanian school for 350 children that was initially built by Children of Choba. Parents now pay fees that cover 84% of running costs, including salaries, porridge and maintaining school buildings.2. Sponsoring fees and boarding costs of selected Choba graduates at secondary school and college.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TANZANIA
- Tanzania

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£72,145	£71,193	-	-
2024-12-31	£78,008	£62,113	-	-
2023-12-31	£91,077	£75,603	-	-
2022-12-31	£104,813	£57,672	-	-
2021-12-31	£77,521	£71,428	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
VALERIE ANITA MCGIVERN	Chair	
ABRAHAM ISAACK TEMU		2013-09-30
Jemma Jane Bartholomew		2015-07-06
Stephen Walker		2013-10-14

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2025</b>

## Section A Reference and administration details

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**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1138096

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### 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)
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4. In 2025 we paid (or made a contribution towards) the school fees and boarding costs for 33 secondary school students (39 in 2024), 21 college students (17 in 2024) and 8 university students (6 in 2024), totalling £45,813 (2024 £41,627). The total amount of funding received in 2025, all from private individuals for their respective sponsored students, was £51,358 (2024 £44,127), but £20,287 of this was not spent in 2025 as some of the donors pay

annually in advance. In 2025, 62 students were sponsored, compared to 62 in 2024, but more of the students were at college which is more expensive than school. We also have £39,350 (2024 £42,900) of funding which needs to be spent on the fees of 6 school, 4 college and 1 university students whom we have undertaken to pay for out of unrestricted funds until the completion of their various courses in 1 to 6 years' time. The trustees therefore need to designate that amount (£39,350). We have also decided to designate £30,000 from our reserves at the end of 2025, to fund the secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates whose sponsors may not be able to fund them until they complete their education. £30,000 would fund 3 medical students for the 5 year course, £2,000 a year being the minimum necessary top up to the maximum government loan for medical students. We currently have 6 A level students hoping to become doctors, and we need to ensure that no Choba graduate selected for medical school is prevented from taking up their place due to a shortage of funds. At this stage, the sponsors of 2 of the 6 potential doctors have indicated that they may not be able to continue beyond A level, and a third has not committed yet. The maximum paid to sponsor any one student (who is studying Medical Doctor at university) was £2,700 in 2025.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider all the activities we fund in Tanzania to be of public benefit.

#### **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.

The eventual aim is for Choba Primary and Nursery School to be financed completely by parental contributions so that it can continue long after the present Children of Choba trustees. We are working gradually towards this aim, with the parents contributing 84% of the cost of running the school in 2025 compared to nothing when Children of Choba was founded in 2010. This transition is enabling us to spend more of our funding on the secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. However, the school will always be of supreme importance as the graduates would not obtain places at private secondary schools or colleges without the foundation they receive at Choba Primary School.

Valerie McGivern, Chair of Trustees, spent all 12 months of the period in Tanzania (2025). Her responsibilities included the following: -

- Fundraising and publicity for Children of Choba in UK
- Supervising all spending of charity money
- Ensuring that both schools comply with the Child Protection Policy of Children of Choba, a legal requirement for the sponsorship of the schools

During 2021 Valerie was required to retire as school manager in Tanzania but she is still able to fulfil the above roles as a member of the school committee. During this period she has obtained a small amount of restricted funding towards her living expenses – for details please refer to the accounts.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

At Choba we are not just building a school, we are trying to give each child the opportunity to maximise his or her potential. This was our twelfth year as an independent community school after we passed the strict criteria for registration.

In our eleventh year of having a Class 7, we have achieved excellent results again. Choba English Medium Primary School performed very well in the National Primary School Leaving Examinations, with a school average over all subjects of 80% - of our 26 students, 12 got an average of A and 14 got B. Again, for the fourth year, NECTA (National Examinations Council of Tanzania) did not publish positions, but we have improved our marks (in 2021 our overall average was 75%) so it would be reasonable to assume that we at least maintained our position in the top 5% of Tanzanian primary schools despite being in one of the most undeveloped areas.

Our seventh intake at Choba Primary School (25 students who graduated in 2021) sat their O levels in 2024. Four Choba graduates (2 of whom were sponsored and 2 of whom were at a government scholarship schools for special talents) did outstandingly well, with one student with 9 As and 1 B, one with 7 As and 3 Bs, one with 6 As and 4 Bs and one with 5 As and 2 Bs. Only the best 7 subjects are counted. Eight further students got Division I (4 of whom were sponsored), making a total of 12, 50% of the Choba class. Seven further students got Division II, 4 Division III and 1 Division IV. No Choba graduates failed. On average, the class got Division I of 16 points, our best ever results.

Five students who graduated from Choba Primary School in 2018 sat A levels in May 2025, and 3 got Division I (including one with ABC), 1 got Division II and 1 got Division III. All were given places at university, where 1 is studying Accountancy, 1 Law Enforcement, 1 Computer Networks Engineering, 1 Tourism and 1 Human Resources (although he deferred his place as he didn't get a loan). All other applicants received government loans but none of them got 100%. We continue to support Amina and Zuwena (Medicine) who have a large shortfall, and helped out 6 others from very poor families with smaller amounts. The number of students completing A levels from this Choba class was much smaller than usual (12 in 2024) as more sponsored students chose vocational training at college.

In 2025 Children of Choba has also paid for the college education (to diploma level) of 21 Choba graduates who completed their O level studies from 2021 - 2024 but who either were not selected for A levels, or chose vocational training over A levels. They are studying subjects that we hope will make them employable – clinical medicine, animal health and production and accountancy. Three of these students completed their diploma during 2025, one getting First Class and two Upper Second Class. We are very proud to have 3 Choba graduates employed as teachers at Choba Primary School and 1 at Choba Nursery School.

So far we have a total of 36 students at university from our first 4 years. Six of these graduated in 2025, 5 of whom were sponsored by Children of Choba and would not have made it past O level without our support. Four of these graduates got upper second class degrees and 2 lower second. Hadija, who got an upper second in Law, is now sponsored at The Law School of Tanzania, where she is studying for a post graduate diploma in legal practice, which will enable her to practice as an advocate or apply to become a magistrate/judge if she passes.

2025 was also a landmark year because the first Choba graduate was employed by the government, which is a job for life. Casiano was sponsored for his college education by Children of Choba and in 2023 received a first class diploma in community development. In February 2025 he was employed as Assistant Community Development Officer in Buchosa District, Mwanza. Most of our sponsored students who have completed their studies are working or volunteering in both government and private sectors to get more experience while they wait to be employed by the government.

We continue to be very encouraged by these achievements, particularly as most of the parents realise the success of the children is due to their foundation at Choba Primary and Nursery School.

In addition to exam success, we are proud that our sponsored students are growing up to be hard working, responsible young people with leadership potential. Many are prefects and leaders at their schools and colleges, and at Franciscan Girls' Secondary School 6 of their head girls have been Choba graduates.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

We aim to keep at 50 – 100% our annual expenditure in unrestricted reserve at all times.  
We finished this financial year with a total of £157,973 in hand. £23,317 of this is restricted funding and £69,350 designated by the trustees for secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. £65,306 of unrestricted funding remains, which is 92% of our 2025 annual expenditure of £71,193.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

### 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.

Grants were received during the year of £6,500 from Kitchen Table Charities' Trust and £500 from Royal Commonwealth Society Bath Branch. Gift Aid of £6,192 was claimed during the year.  
Sponsorship of specific children for secondary and tertiary education totalling £51,358 was received during the year. This was entirely from individuals who are friends or contacts of the trustees. None of this was from organisations.

## 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)	Valerie	McGivern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	19/3/2026	

CHILDREN OF CHOBA

PERIOD 1/1/2025 TO 31/12/25

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

EXCHANGE RATE USED 1GBP=TZS 3300 Pr Yr TZS 3100

	UK	TANZANIA	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS Note 10	DESIGNATED FUNDS Note 7	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR 2024
Notes £							
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
DONATIONS FOR SPONSORED STUDENTS	6	47,145	4,213		51,358	51,358	44,127
GENERAL DONATIONS		8,019	258	8,277		8,277	18,691
GRANTS	3	7,000		500	6,500	7,000	0
FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN COSTS		0	0			0	12,500
BANK INTEREST LESS TAX			4,156	4,156		4,156	2,690
CASH DONATIONS IN TANZANIA	4		1,354	1,354		1,354	0
TRANSFERRED TO TANZANIA		-60,000	60,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,164</b>	<b>69,981</b>	<b>14,287</b>	<b>57,858</b>	<b>72,145</b>	<b>78,008</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
<b>DONATIONS TO CHOBA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL</b>							
CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL SCHOOL RUNNING EXPENSES	5		5,083	5,083		5,083	5,330
SAFARI TO MKOMAZI NATIONAL PARK			615	615		615	629
TEXT BOOKS			891	891		891	1,170
AUDIT FEE			363	363		363	387
			<b>6,952</b>	<b>6,952</b>		<b>6,952</b>	<b>7,516</b>
CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS	10		8,499	1,999	6,500	8,499	0
<b>SPONSORED STUDENTS</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>45,813</b>		<b>45,813</b>	<b>45,813</b>	<b>41,627</b>
VOLUNTEERS - FLIGHTS ETC							
OFFICE EXPENSES							
WEBSITE HOSTING		173		173		173	144
BANK CHARGES		121	165	286		286	326
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN</b>							
RESIDENT PERMIT	11		385		385	385	1,935
ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO ACCOMMODATION			1,563		1,563	1,563	2,051
CAR EXPENSES			2,950		2,950	2,950	2,010
CONTRIBUTION TO LIVING EXPENSES			2,549		2,549	2,549	4,469
INSTALLATION OF MAINS ELECTRICITY			2,023		2,023	2,023	1,183
FLIGHT TO UK FOR FUNDRAISING			0		0	0	852
			<b>9,470</b>		<b>9,470</b>	<b>9,470</b>	<b>12,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>294</b>	<b>70,899</b>	<b>9,410</b>	<b>61,783</b>	<b>71,193</b>	<b>62,113</b>
<b>NET BALANCE OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>1,870</b>	<b>-918</b>	<b>4,877</b>	<b>-3,925</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>15,895</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>							
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>							
HSBC		102,405		12,768	20,287	69,350	102,405
EXIM BANK TANGA TZS			53,425	50,395	3,030	53,425	55,052
EXIM BANK TANGA GBP			142	142		142	309
CASH IN HAND			2,001	2,001		2,001	1,125
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>102,405</b>	<b>55,568</b>	<b>65,306</b>	<b>23,317</b>	<b>69,350</b>	<b>157,973</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
NONE		0	0			0	0



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Children of Choba		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1138096
	<b>Set out on pages</b> Accounts Attached – including Notes to the Accounts		

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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, and seeking 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body**

**Address:**



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early January and June. In 2023, 3 instalments of school fees were paid, but in 2024, only 2 instalments were paid. We also have £42,900 of funding which needs to be spent on the fees of 6 school, 2 college and 2 university students whom we have undertaken to pay for out of unrestricted funds until the completion of their various courses in 1 to 6 years' time. The trustees therefore need to designate that amount (£42,900). We have also decided to designate £30,000 from our reserves at the end of 2024, to fund the secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates whose sponsors may not be able to fund them until they complete their education. £30,000 would fund 3 medical students for the 5 year course, £2,000 a year being the minimum necessary top up to the maximum government loan for medical students. We currently have 6 A level students hoping to become doctors, and we need to ensure that no Choba graduate selected for medical school is prevented from taking up their place due to a shortage of funds. At this stage, the sponsors of 2 of the 6 potential doctors have indicated that they may not be able to continue beyond A level, and a third has not committed yet. The maximum paid to sponsor any one student (who is studying Medical Doctor at university) was £2,227 in 2024.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider all the activities we fund in Tanzania to be of public benefit.

#### **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.

The eventual aim is for Choba Primary and Nursery School to be financed completely by parental contributions so that it can continue long after the present Children of Choba trustees. We are working gradually towards this aim, with the parents contributing 81% of the cost of running the school in 2024 compared to nothing when Children of Choba was founded in 2010. This transition is enabling us to spend more of our funding on the secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. However, the school will always be of supreme importance as the graduates would not obtain places at private secondary schools or colleges without the foundation they receive at Choba Primary School.

Valerie McGivern, Chair of Trustees, spent 11 months of the period in Tanzania (2024). Her responsibilities included the following: -

- Fundraising and publicity for Children of Choba in UK
- Supervising all spending of charity money
- Ensuring that both schools comply with the Child Protection Policy of Children of Choba, a legal requirement for the sponsorship of the schools

During 2021 Valerie was required to retire in Tanzania but she is still able to fulfil the above roles as a member of the school committee. During this period she has obtained a small amount of restricted funding towards her living expenses – for details please refer to the accounts.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

At Choba we are not just building a school, we are trying to give each child the opportunity to maximise his or her potential. This was our eleventh year as an independent community school after we passed the strict criteria for registration.

In our tenth year of having a Class 7, we have achieved excellent results again. Choba English Medium Primary School performed very well in the National Primary School Leaving Examinations, with a school average over all subjects of 80% - of our 25 students, 16 got an average of A and 9 got B. Again, for the third year, NECTA (National Examinations Council of Tanzania) did not publish positions, but we have improved our marks (in 2021 our overall average was 75%) so it would be reasonable to assume that we at least maintained our position in the top 5% of Tanzanian primary schools.

Our sixth intake at Choba Primary School (who graduated in 2020) sat their O levels in 2024. Six Choba graduates (5 of whom were sponsored and 1 of whom was at a government scholarship school for special talents) did outstandingly well, with one student with 8 As, one with 7 As, two with 6 As and 1 B, one with 5 As and 2 Bs and one with 4 As and 3 Bs. Only the best 7 subjects are counted. Eight further students got Division I, making a total of 14. Seven further students got Division II and 9 Division III. There were no Choba graduates with Division IV or zero.

Twelve students who graduated from Choba Primary School in 2017 sat A levels in May 2024, and 8 got Division I (including one with AAB and another with AAD) and 4 got Division II. None got Division III. All opted for university, where 1 is studying Chinese, 2 Accountancy, and the others various subjects including Social Work, Computer Science, and Special Needs Teaching. One Choba graduate of 2015 who completed her Diploma in Law in 2023 got excellent results and is now studying Law at university. All new applicants received government loans but none of them got 100%. We continue to support Amina and Zuwena (Medicine) and Hadija (Law) who have a large shortfall.

In 2024 Children of Choba has also paid for the college education (to diploma or certificate level) of 17 Choba graduates who completed their O level studies from 2019 - 2024 but who either were not selected for A levels, or chose vocational training over A levels. They are studying subjects that we hope will make them employable – clinical medicine, animal health and production, community development, law, public administration, primary teaching and early years teaching. One of these students completed their diploma during 2024, getting Upper Second Class. Two students also passed their certificates, in Primary Education and Nursery Education and Daycare. We are very proud to have 3 Choba graduates employed as teachers at Choba Primary School and 1 at Choba Nursery School.

We continue to be very encouraged by these results particularly as the parents realise the success of the children is due to their foundation at Choba Primary and Nursery School.

In addition to exam success, we are proud that our sponsored students are growing up to be hard working, responsible young people with leadership potential. Many are prefects and leaders at their schools and colleges, and at Franciscan Girls' Secondary School 6 of their 8 head girls have been Choba graduates.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

We aim to keep at 50 – 100% our annual expenditure in unrestricted reserve at all times.  
We finished this financial year with a total of £157,021 in hand. £27,242 of this is restricted funding and £72,900 designated by the trustees for secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. £56,879 of unrestricted funding remains, which is 91% of our 2024 annual expenditure of £62,113.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

### 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.

No grants were received during the year. Gift Aid of £10,143 was claimed during the year.

Sponsorship of specific children for secondary and tertiary education totalling £44,127 was received during the year. This was entirely from individuals who are friends or contacts of the trustees. None of this was from organisations.

## 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)	Valerie	McGivern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	15/4/2025	

CHILDREN OF CHOBA

PERIOD 1/1 TO 31/12/24

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
EXCHANGE RATE USED 1GBP=TZS 3100

Exchange Rate  
1GBP to TZS 3000

	Notes	UK	TANZANIA	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR 2023
		£			Note 9	Note 6		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
DONATIONS FOR SPONSORED STUDENTS	5	39,470	4,657		44,127		44,127	53,809
GENERAL DONATIONS		17,924	767	18,691			18,691	23,268
GRANTS	3						0	1,500
FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN COSTS	9, 10	12,500			12,500		12,500	12,500
BANK INTEREST LESS TAX			2,690	2,690			2,690	
TRANSFERRED TO TANZANIA		-40,000	40,000					
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>29,894</b>	<b>48,114</b>	<b>21,381</b>	<b>56,627</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78,008</b>	<b>91,077</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<b>DONATIONS TO CHOBA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL</b>	4							
CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL SCHOOL RUNNING EXPENSES			5,330	5,330			5,330	6,396
SAFARI TO MKOMAZI NATIONAL PARK			629	629			629	628
TEXT BOOKS			1,170	1,170			1,170	1,542
AUDIT FEE			387	387			387	227
			<b>7,516</b>	<b>7,516</b>			<b>7,516</b>	<b>8,793</b>
<b>SPONSORED STUDENTS</b>	5		<b>41,627</b>		<b>41,627</b>		<b>41,627</b>	<b>58,867</b>
VOLUNTEERS - FLIGHTS ETC	7							
OFFICE EXPENSES	8							
WEBSITE HOSTING		144		144			144	163
BANK CHARGES		184	142	326			326	258
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN</b>	10							
RETIREMENT GIFTS TO 2 WATCHMEN			1,935		1,935		1,935	
ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO ACCOMMODATION			2,051		2,051		2,051	3,322
CAR EXPENSES			2,010		2,010		2,010	1,187
CONTRIBUTION TO LIVING EXPENSES			4,469		4,469		4,469	2,991
MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR TEACHER			1,183		1,183		1,183	
FLIGHT TO UK FOR FUNDRAISING			852		852		852	
			<b>12,500</b>		<b>12,500</b>		<b>12,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>328</b>	<b>61,785</b>	<b>7,986</b>	<b>54,127</b>		<b>62,113</b>	<b>75,581</b>
<b>NET BALANCE OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>29,566</b>	<b>-13,671</b>	<b>13,395</b>	<b>2,500</b>		<b>15,895</b>	<b>15,496</b>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<b>CASH FUNDS</b>								
HSBC		100,535		393	27,242	72,900	100,535	71,206
EXIM BANK TANGA TZS			55,052	55,052			55,052	68,680
EXIM BANK TANGA GBP			309	309			309	399
CASH IN HAND			1,125	1,125			1,125	841
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100,535</b>	<b>56,486</b>	<b>56,879</b>	<b>27,242</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>157,021</b>	<b>141,126</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
NONE		0	0				0	0



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Children of Choba

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1138096

Set out on pages

Accounts Attached – including Notes to the Accounts

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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, and seeking 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

15/04/2025

Name:

Martin Coles

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

FCMA, MA(Hons)

Address:

14 Dymott Square, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 7RW



**CHILDREN OF CHOBA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138096

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day01	Month01	Year2023	Day31	Month12	Year2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Children of Choba

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1138096

**Charity's principal address** 20, Horseshoe Walk  
Bath  
**Postcode** BA2 6DE

### 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	Valerie McGivern	Chair		
2	Stephen Walker			
3	Jemma Bartholomew			
4	Abraham Temu			
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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)	Appointed by existing trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>Children of Choba forms the Education Department of a registered Tanzanian Charitable Trust, Fisherfolks Charitable Development Trust (FCDT) of which Valerie McGivern and Abraham Temu are a trustees.</p> <p>Children of Choba works very closely with the School Committee of Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery School in Tanzania, of which Valerie McGivern is a member on behalf of the donors. Abraham Temu is also a member (Secretary) in his capacity as Head Teacher.</p> <p>Both the above organisations are independent of Children of Choba.</p> <p>As a foreign organisation in Tanzania, Children of Choba is not able to own Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery School. Children of Choba trustees therefore have no legal responsibility (financial or otherwise) to support the school, although we intend to do so for as long as necessary. Our aim at the outset was for the school to eventually be financially independent and we continue to work towards this. We are making good progress and in 2023 the parents contributed 79% of the school running costs.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. To advance the education of the children of Choba and nearby villages by constructing, running and providing the highest standards of teaching and facilities at Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery Schools. (Choba is a hamlet of Boza village, Pangani District, Tanga Region, Tanzania, East Africa)
2. The prevention and relief of poverty in rural Tanzania, particularly Choba.

**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)**

1. We have now completed the essential buildings at Choba Primary School and are making excellent progress at ensuring the sustainability of the schools by asking the parents to contribute to running expenses according to their ability to pay.
2. We continue to make up the shortfall in running expenses of Choba Primary and Nursery School. Expenses include the following :
  - Salaries (including social security contributions) of 12 primary school teachers, 4 nursery school teachers, 1 office assistant, 3 part time cooks and 4 watchmen
  - Purchase and repair of bicycles for staff and volunteers
  - Text books, exercise books, pens and pencils, stationery
  - Porridge for an average over the period of 330 children every school day
  - Breakfast and lunch for all staff
  - Maintenance of all buildings and assets such as the bore holes and water pumps
  - Printing and photocopying of monthly test and exam papers
  - School trips
  - Water and electricity
  - Transport to school for teachers

In 2023 Children of Choba made a contribution of £6,398 towards the running expenses of Choba Primary and Nursery School. We also made specific contributions of £628 for a school trip to Mkomazi National Park for Class VI, £1,542 for text books for the new syllabus (kindly donated by Rotary Club of Bradford on Avon) and £227 for medical expenses for a 7 year old who broke her arm at school and needed an operation (without assistance she would probably have not been treated). The total contribution of Children of Choba to Choba Primary and Nursery School in 2023 was therefore £8,795.

Children of Choba has funded most of the assets of this school (buildings, desks, books, water pump etc) since the charity was founded in 2010. However, since foreigners and foreign organisations cannot own land (or anything built on it) in Tanzania, Children of Choba does not own the school. We have also funded running expenses - 100% of running expenses to begin with as there were no school fees. It has always been our intention that the school would be self-sustaining one day, and we asked the parents to start contributing towards running expenses in 2014, according to their ability to pay. We have been able to increase these contributions as the parents have started to see the fruits of education, until in 2023 the parents contributed 79% of the cost of running the school. At the beginning of 2023 the trustees agreed that from then on, we would account only for specific donations Children of Choba has made to the school and not include the full expenditure of the school. The school has its own audited accounts according to the law of Tanzania, which are available to any potential donor on request.

3. In 2023 we paid (or made a contribution towards) the school fees and boarding costs for 48 secondary school students, 21 college students and 6 university students, totalling £58,887 (2022 £39,704). The total amount of funding received in 2023 from private individuals for their respective sponsored students was £53,809, but £12,242 of this was not spent in 2023 as some of the donors pay annually in advance. However, in 2023 the fees for the whole year for sponsored secondary students studying up to

O level were paid in December 2023. We have £32,750 of funding designated to be spent on the fees of 7 school and 5 college students whom we have undertaken to pay for out of unrestricted funds until the completion of their various courses in 1 to 6 years' time. From now on, Children of Choba will be increasing our efforts to fund Choba graduates (who are mostly from families living below the international poverty line) to undertake vocational training in courses that will lead to employment. To this end, the trustees have decided to designate the amount above (£32,750) plus £20,000 from our reserves in 2023, to fund secondary and tertiary education of carefully selected Choba graduates for whom we have been unable to obtain individual sponsorship. The maximum paid to sponsor any one student (who is studying Medical Doctor at university) was £2,884 in 2023.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider all the activities we fund in Tanzania to be of public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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Valerie McGivern, Chair of Trustees, spent the entire period in Tanzania (2023). Her responsibilities included the following: -

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- Supervising all spending of charity money
- Ensuring that the school complies with the Child Protection Policy of Children of Choba, a legal requirement for the sponsorship of the schools

During 2021 Valerie was required to retire in Tanzania but she is still able to fulfil the above roles as a trustee of Fisherfolks Charitable Development Trust and a member of the school committee. During this period she has obtained a small amount of restricted funding towards her living expenses – for details please refer to the Notes to Accounts.

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## Achievements and performance

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

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Our fifth intake at Choba Primary School (who graduated in 2019) sat their O levels in 2023. Three Choba graduates (2 of whom were sponsored and 1 of whom was at a government scholarship school for special talents) did outstandingly well, with 10 As, 8 Bs and 1 B and 6 As and 3 Bs. Two further sponsored students got Division I. Seven further students got Division II, 3 Division III and 6 Division IV.

Thirteen students who graduated from Choba Primary School in 2016 sat A levels in May 2023, and 7 got Division I, 3 got Division II and 3 got Division III. Nine opted for university, where 1 is studying Medicine, 2 Accountancy, and the others various subjects including Health Information Systems, Information Technology, and Journalism. One Choba graduate of 2015 who completed her Diploma in Law in 2023 got excellent results and is now studying Law at university. However, she obtained her university place after the close of loan applications, so Children of Choba is still supporting her for 1 year. All new applicants received government loans but none of them got 100%. We continue to support Amina and Zuwena (Medicine) and Hadija (Law) who have a large shortfall. Of the other 2023 A level leavers, 1 deferred his university place, 2 are studying for diplomas and 1 chose to play football.

In 2023 Children of Choba has also paid for the college education (to diploma or certificate level) of 22 Choba graduates who completed their O level studies in 2019, 2020, 2021 or 2022 but who either were not selected for A levels, or chose vocational training over A levels. They are studying subjects that we hope will make them employable – clinical medicine, animal health and production, community development, law, public administration, primary teaching and early years teaching. Five of these students completed their diplomas during 2023, with 2 getting First Class and 3 Upper Second Class. Three students also passed their certificates in primary education. We are now very proud to have 3 Choba graduates employed as teachers at Choba Primary School and 1 at Choba Nursery School.

We continue to be very encouraged by these results particularly as the parents realise the success of the children is due to their foundation at Choba Primary and Nursery School.

In addition to exam success, we are proud that our sponsored students are growing up to be hard working, responsible young people with leadership potential. Many are prefects and leaders at their schools and colleges, and at Franciscan Girls' Secondary School 6 of their 8 head girls have been Choba graduates.

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## Section E

## Financial review

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

We aim to keep at least half our annual expenditure in unrestricted reserve at all times.  
We finished this financial year with a total of £141,126 in hand. £37,224 of this is restricted funding and £52,750 designated by the trustees for secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. £51,152 of unrestricted funding remains, which is 67% of our 2023 annual expenditure of £75,603.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

### 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.

Grants were received during the year from the Rotary Club of Bradford on Avon (£1,000 restricted to the purchase of text books) and Royal Commonwealth Society (Bath Branch) (£500 unrestricted). In addition Gift Aid of £10,708 was claimed during the year.  
Sponsorship of specific children for secondary and tertiary education totalling £53,809 was received during the year. This was entirely from individuals who are friends or contacts of the trustees. None of this was from organisations.

## 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)	Valerie	McGivern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	18/4/2024	

**CHILDREN OF CHOBA**

**PERIOD 01/01/2023 TO 31/12/23**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
EXCHANGE RATE USED 1GBP=TZS 3000

	UK	TANZANIA	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL
	Notes	£		Note 9	Note 6	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
DONATIONS FOR SPONSORED STUDENTS	5	49,679	4,130		53,809	53,809
GENERAL DONATIONS		15,422	7,846	23,268		23,268
GRANTS	3	1,500	500	1,000		1,500
FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN COSTS	9,10	12,500		12,500		12,500
TRANSFERRED TO TANZANIA		-120,000	120,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-40,899</b>	<b>131,976</b>	<b>23,768</b>	<b>67,309</b>	<b>91,077</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>DONATIONS TO CHOBA PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL</b>						
CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL SCHOOL RUNNING EXPENSES			6,398	6,398		6,398
SAFARI TO MKOMAZI NATIONAL PARK			628	628		628
TEXT BOOKS	9		1,542		1,542	1,542
MEDICAL EXPENSES DUE TO ACCIDENT AT SCHOOL			227		227	227
			<b>8,795</b>	<b>7,253</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>8,795</b>
CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS						
<b>SPONSORED STUDENTS</b>	5		58,887		58,887	58,887
VOLUNTEERS - FLIGHTS ETC						
	7					
WEBSITE HOSTING		163		163		163
OFFICE EXPENSES	8	0		0	0	0
BANK CHARGES		258		258	0	258
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN</b>						
LAPTOP	10		300		300	300
ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO ACCOMMODATION			3,322		3,322	3,322
CAR EXPENSES			1,187		1,187	1,187
CONTRIBUTION TO LIVING EXPENSES			2,691		2,691	2,691
NIC CONTRIBUTIONS						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>421</b>	<b>75,182</b>	<b>7,674</b>	<b>67,929</b>	<b>0 75,603</b>
<b>NET BALANCE OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>-41,320</b>	<b>56,794</b>	<b>16,094</b>	<b>-620</b>	<b>15,474</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>						
HSBC		71,206		6,482	24,724	40,000 71,206
EXIM BANK TANGA TZS			68,680	43,430	12,500	12,750 68,680
EXIM BANK TANGA GBP			399	399		399
CASH IN HAND			841	841		841
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>71,206</b>	<b>69,920</b>	<b>51,152</b>	<b>37,224</b>	<b>52,750 141,126</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>NONE</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Children of Choba		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1138096
	<b>Set out on pages</b> Accounts Attached – including Notes to the Accounts		
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,</li><li>• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and</li><li>• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</li></ul>		
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>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, and seeking 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.</p>		
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act; and</li><li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met; or</li></ul></li><li>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li></ol>		
<b>Signed:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Date:</b>	23/04/2024
<b>Name:</b>	Martin Coles		
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body</b>	FCMA, MA(Hons)		

**Address:** 14 Dymott Square, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 7RW

**CHILDREN OF CHOBA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138096

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	01	01	2022	<b>To</b>	31	12	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Children of Choba

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1138096

Charity's principal address

20, Horseshoe Walk  
 Bath  
 Postcode BA2 6DE

### 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	Valerie McGivern	Chair		
2	Stephen Walker			
3	Jemma Bartholomew			
4	Abraham Temu			
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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)	Appointed by existing trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li><li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li><li>• relationship with any related parties;</li><li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li></ul>	<p>Children of Choba forms the Education Department of a registered Tanzanian Charitable Trust, Fisherfolks Charitable Development Trust (FCDT) of which Valerie McGivern and Abraham Temu are a trustees.</p> <p>Children of Choba works very closely with the School Committee of Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery School in Tanzania, of which Valerie McGivern is a member on behalf of the donors. Abraham Temu is also a member (Secretary) in his capacity as Head Teacher.</p> <p>Both the above organisations are independent of Children of Choba.</p> <p>As a foreign organisation in Tanzania, Children of Choba is not able to own Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery School. Children of Choba trustees therefore have no legal responsibility (financial or otherwise) to support the school, although we intend to do so for as long as necessary. Our aim at the outset was for the school to eventually be financially independent and we continue to work towards this. We are making good progress and in 2022 the parents contributed 77% of the school running costs.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. To advance the education of the children of Choba and nearby villages by constructing, running and providing the highest standards of teaching and facilities at Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery Schools. (Choba is a hamlet of Boza village, Pangani District, Tanga Region, Tanzania, East Africa)
2. The prevention and relief of poverty in rural Tanzania, particularly Choba.

**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)**

1. We have now completed the essential buildings at Choba Primary School and are making excellent progress at ensuring the sustainability of the schools by asking the parents to contribute to running expenses.
2. We continue to make up the shortfall in running expenses of Children of Choba Primary and Nursery School. The cost of running the school during the year was £22,092 (teachers' salaries) plus £19,864 (running expenses), a total of £41,956 (2021 £40,569). The school was financed by parental contributions (£32,394, approx. 77%), and Children of Choba (£9,562, approx. 23%). Expenses include the following :
  - Salaries (including social security contributions) of 12 primary school teachers, 4 nursery school teachers, 1 office assistant, 3 part time cooks and 4 watchmen
  - Purchase and repair of bicycles for staff and volunteers
  - Text books, exercise books, pens and pencils, stationery
  - Porridge for an average over the period of 385 children every school day
  - Breakfast and lunch for all staff
  - Maintenance of all buildings and assets such as the bore holes and pumps
  - Printing and photocopying of monthly test and exam papers
  - School trips
  - Water and electricity
  - Transport to school for teachers
3. In 2022 we paid (or made a contribution towards) the school fees and boarding costs for 63 secondary school students, 15 college students and 5 university students, totalling £39,704 (2021 £44,979). We have used £5,175 of designated funding (as per 2021 Notes to Accounts) to pay for a few Choba graduates to attend college and one to attend secondary school .The total amount of funding received in 2022 from private individuals for their respective sponsored students was £41,397, but £17,320 of this was not spent in 2022 as some of the donors pay annually in advance and only the fees for the first (of 2) terms were paid in December 2022. We have £24,000 of funding designated to be spent on the fees of 4 school and 6 college students whom we have undertaken to pay for out of unrestricted funds until the completion of their various courses in 1 to 6 years' time. From now on, Children of Choba will be increasing our efforts to fund Choba graduates (who are mostly from families living below the international poverty line) to undertake vocational training in courses that will lead to employment. To this end, the trustees have decided to designate the amount above (£24,000) plus £20,000 from our reserves in 2022, to fund secondary and tertiary education of carefully selected Choba graduates for whom we have been unable to obtain individual sponsorship. The maximum paid to sponsor any one student (who is studying Medical Doctor at university) was £1,843 in 2022.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider all the activities we fund in Tanzania to be of public benefit.

### 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.

The eventual aim is for Choba Primary and Nursery School to be financed completely by parental contributions so that it can continue long after the present Children of Choba trustees. We are working gradually towards this aim, with the parents contributing 77% of the cost of running the school in 2022 compared to nothing when Children of Choba was founded in 2010. This transition is enabling us to spend more of our funding on the secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. However, the school will always be of supreme importance as the graduates would not obtain places at private secondary schools or colleges without the foundation they receive at Choba Primary School.

Valerie McGivern, Chair of Trustees, spent the entire period in Tanzania (2022). Her responsibilities included the following: -

- Fundraising and publicity for Children of Choba in UK
- Supervising all spending of charity money
- Ensuring that both schools comply with the Child Protection Policy of Children of Choba, a legal requirement for the sponsorship of the schools

During 2021 Valerie was required to retire in Tanzania but she is still able to fulfil the above roles as a trustee of Fisherfolks Charitable Development Trust and a member of the school committee. During this period she has obtained a small amount of restricted funding towards her living expenses – for details please refer to the Notes to Accounts.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

At Choba we are not just building a school, we are trying to give each child the opportunity to maximise his or her potential. This was our ninth year as an independent community school after we passed the strict criteria for registration.

In our eighth year of having a Class 7, we have achieved excellent results again. Choba English Medium Primary School performed very well in the National Primary School Leaving Examinations, with a school average over all subjects of 76% - of our 30 students 7 got an average of A, 22 got B and 1 C. This year, for the first time, NECTA (National Examinations Council of Tanzania) did not publish positions, but we have maintained our marks (in 2021 our overall average was 75%) so it would be reasonable to assume that we maintained our position in the top 5% of Tanzanian primary schools.

Our fourth intake at Choba Primary School (who graduated in 2018) sat their O levels in 2022. We are not in touch with many of the 29 (because they were not studying in Pangani District), but of the 8 who were sponsored by Children of Choba at private schools, all got Division I. 3 further students got Division II, 4 Division III and 5 Division IV.

Ten founder members of Choba Primary School sat A levels in May 2022, and all of them got good enough grades to qualify for university. All 8 who were sponsored by Children of Choba are now at university, 1 studying Medicine, 1 Law, 2 Computer Engineering/Science, 1 Health Systems Management, 1 Project Planning and Management and 2 Education with Arts. They all received government loans but not all of them got 100%. We helped 5 of them financially when their loans were late arriving and continue to support Amina (Medicine) and Hadija (Law) who had a large shortfall.

Children of Choba has also paid for the college education (to diploma or certificate level) of 15 Choba graduates who completed their O level studies in 2019, 2020 or 2021 but who either were not selected for A levels, or chose vocational training over A levels. They are studying subjects that we hope will make them employable – clinical medicine, animal health and production, community development, law, public administration, primary teaching, early years teaching, tour guiding and hotel management. The first sponsored student to complete her college studies is still working at a hotel in Zanzibar, and a second finished her certificate in primary education in May 2022. We immediately employed her at Choba Primary School.

We continue to be very encouraged by these results particularly as the parents realise the success of the children is due to their foundation at Choba Primary and Nursery School.

In addition to exam success, we are proud that our sponsored students are growing up to be hard working, responsible young people with leadership potential. Many are prefects and leaders at their schools and colleges, and at Franciscan Girls' Secondary School 6 of their 8 head girls have been Choba graduates.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

We aim to keep at least half our annual expenditure in reserve at all times.  
We finished this financial year with a total of £127,166 in hand. £27,708 of this is restricted funding and £44,000 designated by the trustees for secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. £55,458 of unrestricted funding remains, which is 96% of our 2022 annual expenditure. However, our expenditure in 2022 was considerably lower than usual as we did not pay school fees for the second term of the following year (in this case 2023), which we usually do. The reason for this was due to the poor exchange rate at the year-end which we expect to improve during 2023.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

### 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.

Grants were received during the year from the Cumber Family Trust (£2,000), Rotary Club of Bradford on Avon (£2,000) and Royal Commonwealth Society (Bath Branch) (£500). In addition Gift Aid of £12,525 was claimed during the year.  
Parental contributions towards the cost of running the school of £24,721 were received. Sponsorship of specific children for secondary and tertiary education totalling £41,397 was received during the year. This was entirely from individuals who are friends or contacts of the trustees. None of this was from organisations.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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## 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)	Valerie	McGivern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date

**CHILDREN OF CHOBA**

**PERIOD 01/01/2022 TO 31/12/2022**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

EXCHANGE RATE USED - £1 = TZS2845

	UK	TANZANIA	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL
			Note 10	Note 7		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
	Notes	£				
DONATIONS FOR SPONSORED STUDENTS	2	41,397		41,397		41,397
GENERAL DONATIONS		34,123	12,293	46,416		46,416
GRANTS	3	4,500	2,500	2,000		4,500
PART FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN		12,500		12,500		12,500
TRANSFERRED TO TANZANIA		-51,810	51,810			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40,710</b>	<b>64,103</b>	<b>48,916</b>	<b>55,897</b>	<b>104,813</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	4	-32,394		-32,394		-32,394
TEACHERS' SALARIES		22,092	22,092			22,092
SCHOOL RUNNING EXPENSES	5	19,864	18,752	1,112		19,864
<b>NET SCHOOL OPERATING COST</b>		<b>9,562</b>	<b>40,844</b>	<b>-31,282</b>		<b>9,562</b>
CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS						
<b>SPONSORED STUDENTS</b>	6,7	39,704		41,397	-1,693	39,704
VOLUNTEERS - FLIGHTS ETC						
	8					
WEBSITE HOSTING		144	144			144
OFFICE EXPENSES	9	0	0	0		0
BANK CHARGES		203	203	0		203
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN</b>						
LEGAL EXPENSES	11	1,239		1,239		1,239
CAR EXPENSES	11	1,820		1,820		1,820
CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL LIVING EXPENSES	10,11	4,310		4,310		4,310
NIC CONTRIBUTIONS	11	690		690		690
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,037</b>	<b>56,635</b>	<b>41,191</b>	<b>-1,693</b>	<b>57,672</b>
<b>NET BALANCE OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>39,673</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>7,725</b>	<b>37,723</b>	<b>1,693</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>						
HSBC		112,526	49,832	18,694	44,000	112,526
EXIM BANK, TANGA		3,087	3,087			3,087
NMB, PANGANI		1,514		1,514		1,514
CASH IN HAND		2,539	2,539			2,539
ALLOWANCE FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN C/FWD TO 2023	11	7,500		7,500		7,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>112,526</b>	<b>14,640</b>	<b>55,458</b>	<b>27,708</b>	<b>127,166</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>NONE</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Children of Choba		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1138096
	<b>Set out on pages</b> Accounts Attached – including Notes to the Accounts		

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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, and seeking 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

7/6/2023

**Name:**

Martin Coles

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body**

FCMA, MA(Hons)

**Address:**

14 Dymott Square, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 7RW



**CHILDREN OF CHOBA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138096

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2021		31	December	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Children of Choba

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1138096

Charity's principal address

20, Horseshoe Walk  
 Bath  
 Postcode BA2 6DE

### 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	Valerie McGivern	Chair		
2	Stephen Walker			
3	Jemma Bartholomew			
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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)	Appointed by existing 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;
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- relationship with any related parties;
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Children of Choba works very closely with the School Committee of Choba English Medium Primary and Nursery School in Tanzania, of which Valerie McGivern is a member on behalf of the donors. Abraham Temu is also a member (Secretary) in his capacity as Head Teacher.

Both the above organisations are independent of Children of Choba.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. To advance the education of the children of Choba and nearby villages by constructing, running and providing the highest standards of teaching and facilities at Children of Choba Primary and Nursery School. (Choba is a hamlet of Boza village, Pangani District, Tanga Region, Tanzania, East Africa)
2. The prevention and relief of poverty in rural Tanzania, particularly Choba.

**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)**

1. We continue to pay running expenses of Children of Choba Primary and Nursery School. The cost of running the school during the year was £19,231 (teachers' salaries) plus £21,338 (running expenses), a total of £40,569. The school was financed by parental contributions (£24,721, approx. 61%), and Children of Choba (£15,848, approx. 39%). Expenses include the following :
  - Salaries (including social security contributions) of 12 primary school teachers, 4 nursery school teachers, 1 office assistant, 3 part time cooks and 4 watchmen
  - Purchase and repair of bicycles for staff and volunteers
  - Text books, exercise books, pens and pencils, stationery
  - Porridge for an average over the period of 385 children every school day
  - Breakfast and lunch for all staff
  - Maintenance of all buildings and assets such as the bore holes and pumps
  - Printing and photocopying of monthly test and exam papers
  - School trips
  - Water bill (Primary School)
  - Transport to school for teachers

2. In 2021 we have paid (or made a contribution towards) the school fees and boarding costs for 60 secondary school students and 15 college students, totalling £44,979. For the first time this year we have used some unrestricted funding to pay for a few Choba graduates to attend college and one to attend secondary school. The maximum paid to sponsor any one student was £1,500 in 2021.

3 The eventual aim is for Choba Primary and Nursery School to be financed completely by parental contributions so that it can continue long after the present Children of Choba trustees. We are working gradually towards this aim, with the parents contributing 61% of the cost of running the school in 2021 compared to nothing when Children of Choba was founded in 2010. This transition is enabling us to spend more of our funding on the secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. However, the school will always be of supreme importance as the graduates would not obtain places at private secondary schools or colleges without the foundation they receive at Choba Primary School.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider all the activities we fund in Tanzania to be of public benefit.

## 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.

Valerie McGivern, Chair of Trustees, spent the entire period in Tanzania (2021). Her responsibilities included the following: -

- Fundraising and publicity for Children of Choba in UK
- Supervising all spending of charity money
- Ensuring that both schools comply with the Child Protection Policy of Children of Choba, a legal requirement for the sponsorship of the schools

During 2021 Valerie was required to retire in Tanzania but she is still able to fulfil the above roles as a trustee of Fisherfolks Charitable Development Trust. During this period she has obtained a small amount of restricted funding towards her living expenses – for details please refer to the Notes to Accounts.

There were no other volunteers during the year due to Covid

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

At Choba we are not just building a school, we are trying to give each child the opportunity to maximise his or her potential. This was our eighth year as an independent community school after we passed the strict criteria for registration.

In our seventh year of having a Class 7, we have achieved excellent results again. Choba English Medium Primary School performed very well in the National Primary School Leaving Examinations, with a school average over all subjects of 75% - of our 25 students 6 got an average of A and 19 got B. We came 2nd in Pangani District by 1 mark in 300 (beaten by a private school in Pangani Town), and in the top 2.5% of Tanga Region. We were also in the top 5% of the 17,573 primary schools in Tanzania despite the children doing all exams in English. This was a considerable achievement – 72% of the class are village children, most of whom live below the International poverty line.

3 Choba students were selected for government “special” secondary schools outside Pangani as a result of their excellent performance. Children of Choba has obtained sponsors for a further 6 children this year to study at 2 nearby private schools (Franciscan Girls’ and Capuchin Boys’) starting in January 2022. In 2021 we supported a total of 39 Choba graduates at various secondary schools in the 4 years to O level.

Children of Choba is paying for 10 Choba graduates to study for A level at private schools and supporting to various degrees 6 at government schools. 2022 will be a very interesting year for us as the founder members of Choba Primary school will sit their A levels in May and will be looking towards gaining university places in October.

Children of Choba has also paid for the college education (to diploma or certificate level) of 12 Choba graduates who completed their O level studies in 2019 and 2020 but who were not selected for A level. They are studying subjects that we hope will make them employable - community development, law, public administration, primary teaching, early years teaching, tour guiding and hotel management. The only sponsored student to finish her studies so far was immediately employed by a hotel in Zanzibar.

Our third intake at Choba Primary School (in 2011) sat their O levels in 2021 and all 23 passed. 7 got Division I, 5 got Division II, 6 Division III and 5 Division IV. No Choba graduate failed (12.7% failed nationally). 78% got Division I, II or III compared to 35% in Tanzania as a whole. These 18 will go on to A levels or government colleges.

We continue to be very encouraged by these results particularly as the parents realise the success of their children is due to their foundation at Choba Primary School.

Our sponsored university student Hadija Kibamba completed a postgraduate degree to become a Master of Public Health at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in December 2021. She continues to lead the way for Choba graduates to follow and is currently employed by an NGO in Arusha.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

We aim to keep at least half our annual expenditure in reserve at all times.  
We finished this financial year with a total of £80,025 in hand. £9,679 of this is restricted funding and £32,218 designated by the trustees for secondary and tertiary education of Choba graduates. £38,128 of unrestricted funding remains, which is 53% of our annual expenditure.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

### 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.

Grants were received during the year from Tula Trust (£2,000), Rotary Club of Bradford on Avon (£1,620) and Royal Commonwealth Society (Bath Branch) (£500).  
In addition Gift Aid of £10,193 was claimed during the year.

Parental contributions towards the cost of running the school of £24,721 were received.  
Sponsorship of specific children for secondary and tertiary education totalling £44,472 was received during the year. This was entirely from individuals who are friends or contacts of the trustees. None of this was from organisations.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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## 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)	Valerie	McGivern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		

CHILDREN OF CHOBA

PERIOD 01/01/2021 31/12/21

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	UK	TANZANIA	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL
	Notes	£		Note 10		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
DONATIONS	2,7	66,613	12,836	51,847	8,718	73,401
GRANTS	3	4,120	2,500	1,620		4,120
TRANSFERRED TO TANZANIA		-50,000				0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,733</b>	<b>15,336</b>	<b>53,467</b>	<b>8,718</b>	<b>77,521</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	4			-24,721		-24,721
TEACHERS' SALARIES			19,231			19,231
SCHOOL RUNNING EXPENSES	5		19,718	1,620		21,338
<b>NET SCHOOL OPERATING COST</b>		<b>15,848</b>	<b>40,569</b>	<b>-24,721</b>		<b>15,848</b>
SPONSORED STUDENTS	6,10		44,979	507	44,472	44,979
HELP TO OTHER CHOBA PEOPLE						
VOLUNTEERS	8					
FLIGHTS						
REPAYMENT OF LOAN	12		2,000	0	2,000	2,000
CAR EXPENSES	10,11		7,420	0	7,420	7,420
WEBSITE HOSTING		145		145	0	145
OFFICE EXPENSES	9	0		0	0	0
BANK CHARGES		140		140	0	140
RESTRICTED FUNDING FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN	10,11		896		896	896
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>285</b>	<b>71,143</b>	<b>41,361</b>	<b>30,067</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET BALANCE OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>20,448</b>	<b>-14,355</b>	<b>-26,025</b>	<b>23,400</b>	<b>8,718</b>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<b>CASH FUNDS</b>						
HSBC	7	72,854		34,016	6,620	32,218
EXIM BANK, TANGA			1,053	1,053		1,053
NMB, PANGANI			1,122	1,122		1,122
CASH IN HAND			1,937	1,937		1,937
2020 ALLOWANCE FOR VALERIE MCGIVERN	11		3,059		3,059	3,059
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72,854</b>	<b>7,171</b>	<b>38,128</b>	<b>9,679</b>	<b>32,218</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
NONE		0	0			0



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Children of Choba		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1138096
	<b>Set out on pages</b> Accounts Attached – including Notes to the Accounts		

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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, and seeking 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body**

**Address:**

