

## Report of the Trustees for Spirit of Africa charity ( 1141351 ) for The year ending August 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

### **The Charity's work**

The charity operates in the Valley of a Thousand Hills in Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa. Our current project is called Ithembalihle, which means place of hope. We have dormitory buildings and a Pre-school at our project. There is also a church on site

The South African Government now funds the Pre- school.

We have 14-19 children at any one time staying on the project.

Because the children are mainly of an age where they can clean, do some cooking and washing we no longer have a full time housemother. We have a cleaner who helps with all of the mentioned three times a week.

Thandiwe Sibya who operates the project, under a South African registered NGO, lives at the project and supervises the overall care of the children, on a daily basis.

Some of our children stay with us permanently and some are orphaned. Other children, on occasions, visit, a family member during the school holidays

We send our children to two different schools. Most attend Sankontshe Primary, one attends Alexandra Primary in PZB.

In February 2025 we purchased a new 7-seated vehicle. Because the majority of children now walk to their school a 9 seated vehicle was no longer required. Also: because the previous 9 seated vehicle was subject to a vehicle tax, by the Taxi company, we opted for a 7 seated to avoid that cost.

The charity pays for all uniforms and school fees, where required.

The charity pays for all the staff that work on site at Ithembalihle. All money is sent Via Torfx into Thandiwe Sibya's NGO account.

Everything at the project: education, food, children's clothing, and general Maintenance, gas, electricity etc. is paid for by the charity.

We believe all children have the right to have a home, a safe place to live, and good health care, access to education and to be loved. The charity enables all of The mentioned to be provided.

### **Where our money comes from.**

For the last three years we have received an annual donation from a local church. We have regular individual sponsors who donate monthly via Direct Debits. We fund raise with events like: Annual garden party, Dinner and band evenings, Sponsorships from activity events, regular raffles and the sale of African crafts.

### **How we have spent our money**

A monthly payment is made to the project to cover all of the regular expenses

that is incurred at Ithembalihle. The monthly payment varies between £650 - £800 depending on the rate of exchange and any extra expenditure, Incurred, in that month. Extra expenses may include extra payments for school uniform, repairs to the buildings, general maintenance, vehicle tax and repairs.

We send monthly contributions to Ithembalihle, via Thandiwe who is the Registered representative of the NGO in S. Africa. Thandiwe then pays the cleaner/cook. The rest of the monthly donation is used for gas, electricity, food, petrol, medical expenses and cleaning materials. School fees, uniforms, graduation, Christmas party, gifts, vehicle insurance and car Tax, repairs are paid at the same time or in separate payments.

The purchase of a new vehicle.

We have annual charity insurance and licenses to pay.

A Trustee visit to the project is financed by the charity. This usually happens once in the financial year. The annual Trustee visit is paid on expenses bases only. One flight, hire of a vehicle, petrol and accommodation is paid to one Trustee.

## **Aims**

- 1) To generate sufficient funds to pay back the interest free loan, given to purchase a new vehicle by one of our sponsors.
- 2) To continue to provide the funds necessary to meet all of the needs of our children. To secure government identity cards for all of our children.
- 3) To encourage further independence in our older children.
- 4) We now have several children age 18 years. We will be spending time deciding plans for their future care and independence.
- 5) All major building projects, flood defenses and drainage have now been completed. We will continue to maintain those completed projects.
- 6) The commencement of a more sustainable garden area to produce vegetable.
- 7) To make plans for a five year exit plan for the charity. To begin to look at how the project can become more self sufficient.

Report compiled by Carol Tree. Trustee. Witnessed by Andrew Marsh. Trustee

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| TOTAL REVENUE     | 28,766.95        | (before cost of sales and fund raising expenses) |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | <u>23,307.97</u> |  |
|                   | <u>5,458.98</u>  |  |

# Statement of Income & Expenditure to 14th August 2024

|                                     | £             | £             | £                   | Prior Year       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>Donations</u></b>             |               |               |                     |                  |
| Donations Gift Aided                |               | 9,979.00      |                     | 12,860.00        |
| Donations Non Gift Aided            |               | 3,345.25      |                     | 6,094.63         |
| HMRC Gift Aid Repayment             |               | 3,692.43      |                     | 4,765.75         |
| Amazon Smile                        |               | <u>0.00</u>   |                     | <u>7.37</u>      |
|                                     |               | 17,016.68     |                     | <b>23,727.75</b> |
| <b><u>Fund Raising</u></b>          | income        | expenses      |                     |                  |
| Garden Party                        | 1,150.70      | -65.15        | 1,085.55            | 659.97           |
| Sponsored Runs                      | 1,728.94      | -665.00       | 1,063.94            | 3,165.81         |
| Bonus Ball                          | 2,291.02      | -390.00       | 1,901.02            | 1,955.18         |
| May Event                           | 2,820.60      | -1,427.98     | 1,392.62            | 288.06           |
| Café 19                             | 896.00        | -418.25       | 477.75              | 285.85           |
| Raffle                              | 993.00        |               | 993.00              | 2,857.60         |
| Accessory Night                     | 415.90        | -76.77        | 339.13              |                  |
| Clothes Event                       | 140.00        |               | <u>140.00</u>       | <u>10.00</u>     |
|                                     |               |               | 7,393.01            | <b>9,222.47</b>  |
| <b><u>Sale of African Goods</u></b> |               |               |                     |                  |
| Sales                               |               | 1,186.97      |                     | 2,511.32         |
| Opening Stock                       | 300.00        |               |                     | 416.00           |
| Add Purchases                       | 444.46        |               |                     | 760.08           |
| Less Closing Stock                  | <u>300.00</u> |               |                     | <u>300.00</u>    |
| Cost of goods sold                  |               | <u>444.46</u> |                     | <u>876.08</u>    |
| Profit on sale of African Goods     |               |               | 742.51              | <b>1,635.24</b>  |
| Gross Interest Savings Account      |               |               | 127.14              |                  |
| Total Income                        |               |               | <u>25,279.34</u>    | <u>34,585.46</u> |
| <b><u>Expenditure</u></b>           |               |               |                     |                  |
| iThembalhle Core Costs              |               | 7,294.72      |                     | 7,572.85         |
| Education                           |               | 1,416.48      |                     | 2,208.38         |
| Pre School                          |               | 916.88        | (teachers salaries) | -                |
| Car Insurance & Licence             |               | 1,528.77      |                     | 1,162.81         |
| Car Repairs & Service               |               | 1,986.60      |                     | 3,821.01         |
| Petrol                              |               | 930.56        |                     | 1,449.80         |
| Taxi                                |               | 74.95         |                     | 541.36           |
| Building Repairs & Improvements     |               | 2,536.77      |                     | 7,744.12         |
| Depreciation of car                 |               | 1,473.58      |                     | 1,964.78         |
| Travel & Accomodation               | UK            | 1,318.55      |                     | 1,481.22         |
| Charity Insurance                   | UK            | 176.78        |                     | 320.27           |
| Web Site & Admin                    | UK            | 165.72        |                     | 85.04            |
| Great North Run                     | UK            | 0.00          |                     | 581.00           |
|                                     |               |               | <u>19,820.36</u>    | <u>28,932.64</u> |
| Net Income (Loss)                   |               |               | <u>5,458.98</u>     | <u>5,652.82</u>  |



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

SPIRIT OF AFRICA

On accounts for the year  
ended

14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1141351

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Jane Bland

Date:

1.6.2025

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(if any):

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

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**