



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 Jan 2023	To	31 Dec 23

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Magda Gobran			
2	Geoffrey Hopper	Treasurer		
3	Heather Shakespeare			
4	Simon Smith			
5	Graham White	Chairperson		
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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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed dated 29 th September 2010
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the 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;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience and skills. They are people who are prepared to take an active interest in running the charity, and are in agreement with its vision and values.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world 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.

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statements of belief.

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)

The charity supports the work of charities in Egypt which operate for the benefit of disadvantaged children and their families. This work has been in existence since 1989 and cares for children, many of whom live in extreme poverty.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trust made grants for the work of Stephen's Children in Egypt which works with poor and needy children.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trust's policy is to hold a reserve of £2,500, which is enough to cover several months of operating costs in case of fluctuations in incoming donations. As donations accumulate beyond the £2,500 they are sent periodically as grants to Egypt. The size and frequency of the grants takes into account the desire to get the grants to the beneficiaries as soon as possible, balanced against the cost of each overseas funds transfer.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

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)	Graham White	
Full name(s)	Graham White	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Trustee
Date	16-10-24	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

STEPHEN'S CHILDREN

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1142392

Set out on pages

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**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 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: *T. Brydon*

Date: 11th October 2024

Name: TANYA BRYDON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired Finance Manager

Address: 9 Great Lime Kilns
Southwater
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Stephen's Children

Registered charity number 1142392

Receipts & payments account

for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Receipts:				
Donations received - unrestricted	66,376		66,376	84,313
Gift Aid tax reclaim - unrestricted	5,826		5,826	5,793
Donations received - restricted, for website / social media	0	0	0	1,350
Interest received	294		294	62
Total receipts	72,496	0	72,496	91,519
Payments:				
Grants to Stephen's Children Egypt	69,000		69,000	87,000
Newsletter expenses	2,304		2,304	2,162
Website / social media costs	0	0	0	344
General admin expenses	691		691	472
Bank charges	66		66	86
Foreign exchange payment charges	50		50	50
Total payments	72,111	0	72,111	90,114
Net receipts	385	0	385	1,405
Cash funds last year-end	3,749	1,106	4,855	3,450
Cash funds this year-end	4,134	1,106	5,240	4,855

Statement of assets & liabilities

as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Cash funds:				
Bank accounts	2,588	1,106	3,694	3,565
Cheques in hand	126	0	126	350
Charity vouchers in hand	0	0	0	0
Cash in hand	0	0	0	0
Postage stamps in hand	1,420	0	1,420	940
Total assets	4,134	1,106	5,240	4,855
Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Net assets	4,134	1,106	5,240	4,855

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signature	Name	Date
<i>Graham White</i>	Graham White	16/10/2024
<i>Tanya Brydon</i>	Tanya Brydon	11/10/2024

Signed by the Independent Examiner: