



Myra's Wells  
Statement of accounts  
Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021



## MYRA'S WELLS

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities.

Registered Charity number: 1143345

#### Trustees

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#### Governing document

The governing document is the Declaration of Trust dated 15 August 2011 and subsequently modified on 31/7/2019.

#### Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

#### Procedures and policy for charitable distribution of general funds.

During the year the Trustees will meet to discuss and consider requests for wells received from villages and communities. The Trustees will also consider requests from organisations that have approached the charity or which the Trustees have come into contact with, which require financial support in line with the objects and activities of the charity.

#### Trustees' Remuneration

During the year no trustees were paid for their services to the charity.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The Objects of the Trust, as stated in its Trust Deed dated 15 August 2011 as amended on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 are:

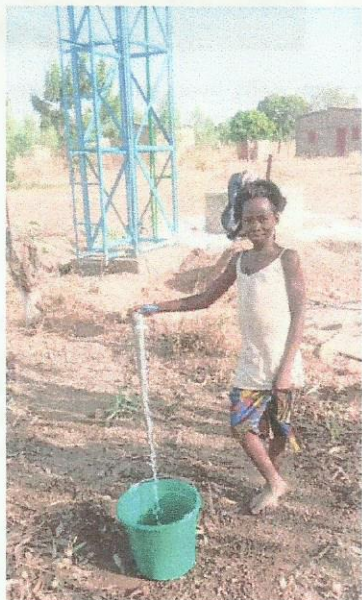
- (i) **to preserve and protect good health** by providing finance for the drilling of wells and the provision of clean water and to ensure wells are maintained and in working order;
- (ii) **to advance education** by providing assistance to schools, in particular but not exclusively through the provision of equipment and supplies for schools; and
- (iii) **to relieve financial hardship** by supporting small agricultural/horticultural projects; and
- (iv) **to advance religion** by passing on gifts for the purchase of Christian literature, including bibles, to churches where poverty makes it impossible for local people to buy them; and
- (v) **to prevent and relieve poverty** and further other charitable purposes (specifically, the social relief, resettlement and rehabilitation of persons under a disability or deprivation) by passing on gifts for the relief of suffering caused by terrorist activity (and consequent population migration), drought or other natural disaster.

### Significant activities

The prime activity continues to be the drilling of wells. All funds are directed to wells projects, unless the donors specifically request that their donation be used towards one of the other Objects set out above.

While new boreholes is the principal activity, Myra's Wells is happy to fund projects to repair and restore non-functioning wells if this is cost effective. When reviewing applications for wells, the question "Are there any non-functioning wells?" is key to a decision about drilling a new borehole.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



### Wells projects

We continue to be amazed at the blessings of God. This year, September 2020 to August 2021, has seen the highest number of wells drilled in any of the 15 years that Myra's Wells has been working.

As in previous years, sites have been grouped by geographic location so that the drilling contractors are able to spend a week, or two weeks, in the same area. As the sites have been far spread, this is clearly the most economical arrangement. The areas where the new boreholes are located are:

#### 1) Koudougou

When the ground had dried up after the rainy season, the first wells to be drilled were near to the town of Koudougou. There are four new wells here.

The wells here included one at a "Centre for the Blind". The grand name belies the fact that this is just a small compound on the edge of a village, where blind people are able to congregate in relative safety. It was started by a Christian lady, herself blind, as somewhere for them to meet. They had only an open well to use. Myra's Wells arranged for a borehole to be drilled and finished with a water tower. This



tower is located outside the compound, but with a tap inside the compound. There is a tap outside for the village people to use so that they benefit from the well too.

Another well here was near to a school so that it benefitted the school children as well as the village.

#### 2) Tenkodogo

We had heard of many places in this area that have great need of water, so a batch of four were planned here, together with one near Koudmi on the way.

Sadly, one of these places resulted in no water being found. However, at one place, the borehole produced a flow rate of 18,000 litres per hour. This is the second or third highest flow rate ever produced in Myra's Wells' history and we spent some time considering the best use of that volume of water. The decision was to erect a large water tower with a 10,000 litre metal tank for water storage. This meant the project was the most expensive single well project that has been done at around £18,000. However, as there is a large population in the area, the potential benefits justified the cost.

#### 3) Kaya

We heard of a refugee camp near to Kaya where many Internally Displaced Persons were resident. There was also another request from a village in the area and we decided to go and drill there. In the event, another charity provided a well at the refugee camp, but we still went and established a good well at the other village.

#### 4) Banfora district

The security situation in this region continues to deteriorate.

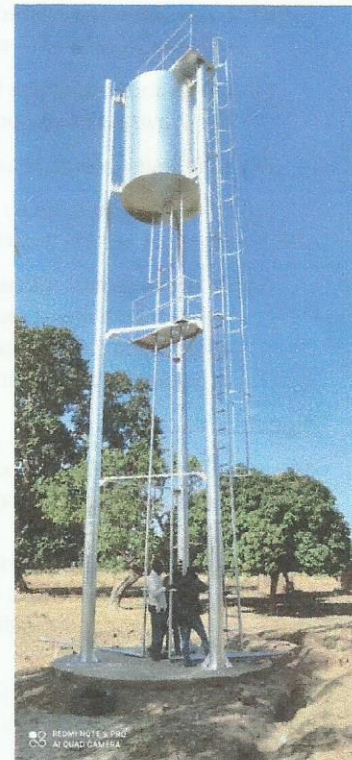
However the drilling contractors were willing to go there. This region of Burkina Faso seems to be somewhat neglected. The photos that we ask for when considering sites showed very poor conditions in general and the water available was nearly always dirty water from open wells, rivers and small lakes. Five wells were planned. Again, one site turned out to be negative, but the other four sites were all positive.

#### 5) Bobo Dioulasso

The circumstances of the three planned boreholes here were somewhat exceptional.

One project was a joint project with another UK charity (Jacob's Well Appeal) which runs a school in Bobo Dioulasso, catering mainly for refugees and orphans. Jacob's Well had purchased a small holding on the edge of the city which they wanted to use to grow vegetables to feed the children in the school. For this, an irrigation system was needed. There is also a growing area of houses close to the smallholding and Jacob's Well wanted to make water available to the people there. At Jacob's Well's request, Myra's Wells arranged the borehole and they arranged for a water tower to be erected.

Two other wells were also drilled here including another one where the finishing option was a water tower.





#### 6) Sud-Ouest region



This is another area where there is great need for clean water.

Five new wells have been provided in the area, including two places where the surveyor said that they were the worst conditions he had seen. In these two places, ladies were walking up to 7km to fetch water from a muddy pond. It is a real pleasure to be able to provide wells in places like these.

One of these two villages was so remote that the drilling contractors almost gave up trying to reach the village when they were just 3 km away. It was only when the men from the village arrived and cut a path through the bush with machetes that the drills could get there.

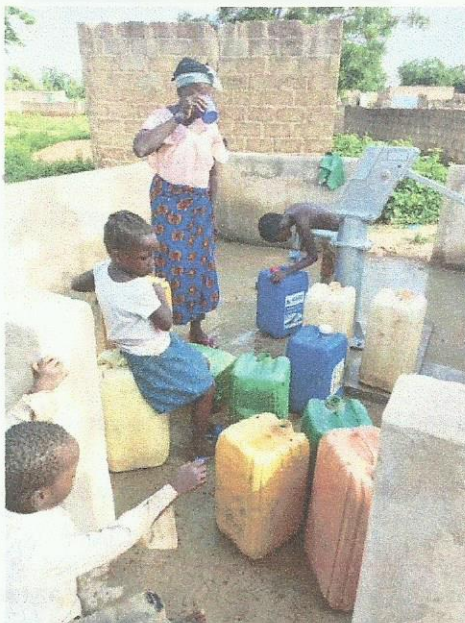


#### 7) Other places

Further wells have been completed closer to Ouagadougou, then more in the Centre-Est region and one more in Haut Bassins region.

Another unusual well project was at the school at Natiera. (See Non-Well Projects below). Myra's Wells provided some of the finance for this Christian school. The school arranged for a well to be drilled and asked if Myra's Wells would help by funding a water tower. This tower is furnished with a 5000 litre tank.

#### 8) And some more wells in July



As funds were available, it was decided to try to drill a few wells in some of the expanding towns 20 km south of Ouagadougou. With many people fleeing from the extremist activity in the north, these areas are seeing expanded populations without the provision of water.

It is unusual to be able to drill in the rainy season, but there was a window of opportunity before the worst of the rains started. Five more wells were drilled, four of which were finished with water towers.

Of the 38 wells drilled in the year, 16 have plaques indicating that they have been funded by individuals or other charitable organisations.

As a Christian charity, we recognise the goodness of God in all that has been done.



## Water Towers



It may be noted in the above that Myra's Wells has constructed a number of water towers this year. Water towers, fed by solar powered pumps, are more expensive as finishing options than hand pumps. However, there are benefits in having water available from the taps that are then fitted. Not least is that it takes less than 1 minute to fill a container from a tap compared with up to 4 minutes by using a hand pump.

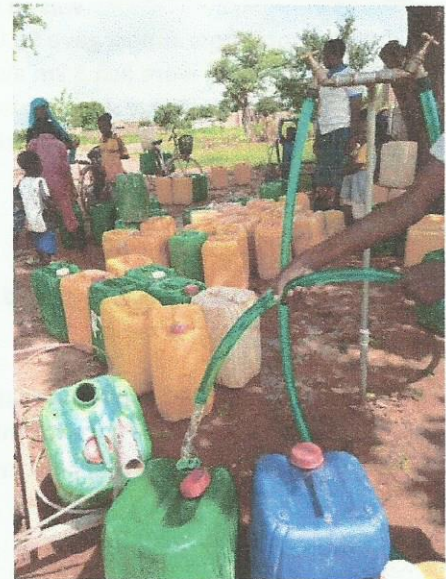
There is clearly a cost/benefit judgment in deciding to spend more money at individual locations.

In some cases, a water tower has been installed because the flow rate (measure of sustainability) has been good – sometimes

amazingly good. In these cases, the local circumstances have to be assessed and a judgment made to ensure that the local people will be able to make use of the facility.

In other cases, it is deemed that a water tower is needed for pragmatic reasons. This is the case, particularly, nearer to Ouagadougou. Other agencies are installing water towers. If Myra's Wells drills a borehole in these areas and then finishes with a hand pump, there is a risk that it will not be used as people will prefer to walk further to a water tower.

Of the 38 boreholes, 10 have been finished with water towers in this year. The average cost of this as a finishing option is about £350 more than a hand pump in the immediate Ouagadougou area. Further away, the cost is greater.



## Cost of Wells

The average cost of wells has increased this year. A small part of this is the increased price of pumps. A bigger factor has been because we have finished more wells with solar powered pumps and a water tower with taps.

The overall average cost of each well project was £5,500 over the 38 positive completed projects.

This average includes the cost of:

- 27 positive projects which were finished with hand pumps.
- 9 projects where Myra's wells undertook the drilling and finishing with a water tower
- 1 project where Myra's Wells undertook the survey and drilling, and another agency undertook the finishing (with a water tower)
- 1 project where Myra's Wells undertook the finishing with a water tower after another agency had already undertaken the survey and drilling. This was at the school at Natiera where Myra's Wells had already helped with the construction costs.



- There were 3 projects where drilling was unsuccessful where the costs were the survey and the negative boreholes.

More detailed analysis shows:

- The average cost of the 27 wells finished with hand pumps was £4833
- The average cost of wells the 9 projects finished with water towers was £7467

#### *Notes about projects finished with Water Towers*

It should be noted that the figure above is skewed by the cost of one project at Saatenga. Here, the flow rate of 18,000 was exceptional and the trustees deemed it right to use a 10,000 litre water tank as the water would be made more useful to the whole village of over 10,000 people. The cost of this one project was £18225.

- Considering just the other 8 projects finished with water towers, the average cost was £5742.
- 5 of these 8 projects were within the "greater" Ouagadougou area. These projects were all finished with 5,000 litre plastic tanks. Partly due to decreased travelling costs, the average of these 5 projects was £5278. This is only £350 more than the average for using a hand pump.

As stated in the previous section, it likely that water towers with 5000 litre plastic tanks will become the norm in the Ouagadougou area.

#### *Well maintenance*

The maintenance regime, in the hands of a local committee, continues to be used. The committee at each well consists of five, six or seven local people who agree to take on responsibility for the maintenance and proper use of the well. The committee members cover the roles of:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Maintenance supervisor
- Health advisor

The treasurer is responsible for collecting very small monetary amounts, from those who use the well regularly, which is kept towards the cost of routine maintenance. In the unlikely event of the pump developing a problem, there should be enough in the funds to cover most repairs.

Training in the use of the pump, cleanliness of the pump area and personal hygiene, is given to as many of the village people as possible. In areas where some children have never washed, this advice is very necessary.

The committee, together with as many as possible from the village, receive basic training from a professional trainer.

If the well is completed with a hand pump, after the training is given, a small kit of grease and other parts is left with the committee member(s) responsible for the pump maintenance.

Well committees are established irrespective of whether the finishing is a hand pump or a water tower.



## Non-water projects

There was just one non-water related project during the year. Following the provision of a well in a village called Natiera in November 2019, the local church was given a piece of land on which to build a senior school. This was to be an extension of the education work already being provided by an existing primary school in a village which had no senior education available.

They were able to provide good proportion of the costs but asked Myra's Wells to help with the balance. This turned out to be £20,500. In line with the Object (ii), the trustees agreed to do this. A special fund received gifts for this project as all 'normal' gifts go to wells, and almost all of this expense was paid from within the trustees.



The school is now completed and operational. The running of the school is being overseen by the local churches.

## Contacts

Our main contacts, in the process of finding the most needy villages, continues to be our church and mission contacts in Burkina Faso, together with retired missionaries who have their own trusted contacts still in Burkina Faso.

For the Rotary International wells, the sources of information are the local authority offices in the various districts.

## Containers

In line with the Trustees' decision reported previously, no containers have been sent to Burkina Faso this financial year.

## Prospective 4x4 purchase

There is a proposal to buy a new 4x4 vehicle during the next financial year.

A second hand 4x4 was sent to Burkina Faso some years ago in a container and it has served well. However there are two circumstances that make it necessary to replace it:

- 1) It has been well used and the cost of maintenance is now too high;
- 2) More emphasis is being placed on site visitation before and after wells are drilled.

Toyota have a dealer in Gibraltar who is experienced in supplying vehicles to charities in Africa and it is expected that a new vehicle will be purchased soon. This vehicle will be paid for by Myra's Wells UK, but will be owned by Myra's Wells (Burkina Faso). As it will be used in the process of preparation before, and inspection after drilling, the maintenance costs will continue to be paid by Myra's Wells (UK) and will be treated as an essential part of the cost of drilling wells.

## Trustees visit to Burkina Faso

The normal plan for visits to Burkina Faso is for two or three trustees, and sometimes one or two others, to visit Burkina Faso in the month of January. Despite the pandemic, there was a plan for Eddie Martin to go as usual in January 2021, accompanied by a friend. However, the Air Maroc flights that had been booked some time previously were cancelled due to Coronavirus.

Travel was almost, but not quite, impossible, and so when Air France restarted flights in March, Eddie was able to visit for almost 2 weeks. Jeremy Nash travelled separately and was still there when Eddie arrived. From the planning stage and throughout the visit, things were very different from normal. It was not



possible to obtain visas prior to travel, but we did get special permission to obtain visas on arrival. The rules regarding travel were very restrictive, as travel needed to be officially approved, and PCR tests taken. Eddie's local surgery co-operated by arranging his COVID vaccines before the trip, and a plus point was that there was not, and so far has not been, any significant outbreak of the virus in Burkina. So, in the end, the travel was possible, if not stressful, especially when changing flights in Paris.

In Burkina, the big problem was the heat. Most days it was over 40 degrees C, which made really long trips just unwise and very uncomfortable due to the heat, lack of air conditioning, and the state of the roads. Hopefully in 2022 we will have the benefit of a new 4 x 4.

The time in Burkina was spent largely as it usually is, although scaled back on account of the heat. It was good to meet the local Myra's Wells' volunteers, and visit several new wells and sites for potential wells. The "highlight" when it came to new wells was to see the well and the water tower at the Blind Centre, near Koudougou, and also 'Simon's Well' at Ramongho, where, in addition to providing a well, we were able to take Bibles to a local Christian School.

Partly due to the heat, Eddie and Jeremy visited different places. Jeremy went to the distant Tenkodogo area to look at many potential sites and also recently completed wells, e.g. at Basbedo, and Eddie stayed nearer to Ouagadougou, and visited Palpagdo and Sinsinguisie, and other places in the Koubri area, places where we had either been able to put a well and a water tower, or were contemplating drilling.

During the time in Ouagadougou, the church had arranged a celebration of the 100 year's anniversary of missionary work in Burkina Faso. At this event, Eddie was thrilled to "accidentally" meet, among the many thousands present, a pastor from the East of the country where we had been able to install a well and a 10,000-litre tank. It is hard to describe his joy and happiness.

The visit was an encouragement to the Myra's Wells (Burkina Faso) trustees and volunteers.

#### Well site selection

It continues to be difficult to obtain information required to make decisions about which sites to drill. Much of this seems to be down to literacy rates amongst those who are responsible in the villages. However, the redesign of the "Application Form" was completed near to the end of the financial year. It is awaiting translation into French and will soon be in use in Burkina Faso.

Some questions have been removed and others have been rephrased, asking for the time it takes to reach existing water sources, rather than the distance. A new "Instructions" sheet has been incorporated and more emphasis has been laid on photographs of existing sources and the spot where the new well is proposed.

We will also be asking for site visits to be made. To this end, it is expected that a number of reliable contacts will be confirmed covering areas of the country. These contacts will be given a small allowance for petrol to enable them to visit sites, take photographs and validate the information given on the forms.

#### Fundraising

As in previous years, there have been no significant fundraising events this year. As a Christian charity, we acknowledge the funds are made available as God prompts people to give. As this year has seen the highest income in the charity's history, we give God the glory.

#### Communication with supporters



Report meetings using Zoom have been held for supporters. These have been well attended and well received. There have also been Zoom report meetings that have been for specific churches.

The regular quarterly newsletter continues by email (using Mailchimp) and by post. At the end of the financial year, there were 367 recipients for the emails and about 30/35 regular recipients for the posted newsletters. The printed newsletters are also used as "promotional" material when speaking to others about the work.

The "open rate" for the emails was between 55% and 65%, as reported by Mailchimp.

In addition, a sub-set of those on the mailing list have asked for more regular updates. These are sent when there is a specific request for prayer – or answer to prayer. The "open rate" for this sub-set is usually in excess of 85%.

## RISKS

### Risk assessment

A Risk Assessment document is available upon request.

### Covid-19

As in the previous year, Covid-19 has had very little impact on the charitable activities of Myra's Wells. The infection rate in Burkina Faso has been very low. There are no travel restrictions in place in Burkina Faso at this time and it is anticipated that drilling will be restarted in late October. However Covid 19 has had an effect for Myra's Wells in the UK as we have not been able to give reports at churches and other venues.

UK and Burkina Faso travel rules meant that the Trustees' visit in 2021 was delayed and had additional costs attached for tests etc. In line with the "100% to projects" mantra, the extra costs were covered by donations from trustees. At the time of writing this report, some of these restrictions have been lifted and Royal Air Maroc have restarted operating to Ouagadougou.

### Security and Terrorism

The news agencies continue to report terrorist activity in the north and east of Burkina Faso. As in previous years, this has prevented drilling in some of these areas where shortage of water is a very real problem for many people. In particular, it is not possible to drill in the Sahel region. Some parts of Centre-Nord and the province of Sanmatenga are also not accessible, along with parts of Est region beyond Fada N'Gouma.

Unfortunately, there have also been reports of more terrorist activity in the south-west along the border with Côte d'Ivoire. Indeed, one village where we drilled this year has since been visited by the extremists.

The situation is being monitored and advice is taken from the local people before asking for wells to be drilled in these and other areas. This may impact decisions about where drilling takes place during the next year.

Once again, the situation with security threats will have an effect on the decisions about visiting (and which areas) in January 2022.



## Data protection and Child Protection policies

These policies are available upon request, and exist for both Myra's Wells UK and Myra's Wells Burkina Faso.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### Relationship with Myra's Wells (Burkina Faso)

Myra's Wells (Burkina Faso) (**MWBF**) is a charity registered in Burkina Faso to carry out operations there. This operates in the same way as the Myra's Wells. Nobody involved in the charity receives any remuneration, although small amounts are paid for expenses (telephone calls and travelling in connection with making arrangements for the drilling operation). The Trustees are all Christians who give their time voluntarily.

Requests for wells are collected by **MWBF** and forwarded to Myra's Wells Trustees. The decisions about which villages should be included in the drilling program are made in the UK. When these decisions are made, **MWBF** volunteers make the arrangements.

Funds from the UK are deposited in the bank account of **MWBF**. Burkina Faso is very much a cash society. Drilling contractors, surveyors, builders, pump suppliers etc are all paid "cash on the nail". Receipts are obtained and copies of these are sent to the UK to demonstrate that money has been properly used.

**MWBF** owns a minibus and a 4x4, which was donated in UK and shipped to Africa, and is used for transporting people during the drilling process. This includes any site visits before and after the drilling process. Myra's Wells regards costs associated with this minibus to be part of the cost of drilling wells. It is this 4x4 which is planned to be replaced in the next financial year.

### NGO status

At the end of the financial year, the registration of Myra's Wells as an NGO in Burkina Faso was completed. One of the main benefits of this registration is that import duties will either be waived or considerably reduced. The decision to buy the new 4x4 was delayed until this process was completed.

The cost of this process has been paid by the UK trustees.

### Workload in Burkina Faso

We continue to encourage the Trustees of **MWBF** to find more people to help with the administration.

Plans are now in place during 2021/22 to recruit a small number of volunteers, in different areas of the country, who are prepared to travel to prospective sites to obtain photographs and validate the information given on the application forms. These people will be paid an allowance to cover the cost of travelling.

Another volunteer – a lady English teacher – has volunteered to help with vetting the application forms.

This is helped by **MWBF** (now recognised as an NGO) being provided with an office in a room at a church building of Assemblies of God in Ouagadougou.

### Trustees

There have been no changes to the trustees during the year.



## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Summary of finances

#### *Income*

Total income in the year was £221,934.

#### *Donated for wells*

£198,845 was donated for Wells projects during the course of the year. This was £92,000 more than the previous year. 16 of the wells that have been finished were paid for by individuals and other trust funds. After adjustments for a large amount donated before the year end, but not used until after the year end appears in the accounts as £174,606 with £20,000 being shown in the creditors section of the accounts. (See the Major Donors) paragraph below.

#### *Major Donors*

One major donor this year was the Rotary Club (North Berwick). As part of an ongoing project, we received £20,000 from Rotary in this financial year. Because of difficulties in obtaining information about possible sites, none was spent in this financial year, although some has been sent to Burkina Faso in anticipation of a site in September. As of the end of the financial year, the full £20,000 is shown as in the creditors section of the balance sheet.

With the donations being substantially up, GiftAid was also up and this resulted in £29,410 being claimed.

#### *Donated for other purposes*

£20,500 was donated towards the school at Natiera. This was mainly from 3 individuals.

#### *Donated for administration*

£5,333 was donated (almost all by trustees) to cover all administration costs. This includes travel, publicity, governance, stationery and postage etc. After adjustment for prepayments etc., this appears as £5,608 in the accounts.

#### *Expenditure*

During the year, £206,184 was sent to Burkina Faso for wells projects. £20,500 for schools was also sent. At the end of the year, the amount still in the bank accounts in Ouagadougou was 3,344,305 CFA – approximately £4,644.

Spending on administration was £4778. This was £2000 less than the previous year. The main difference was in Publicity which was high the previous year because of the redesigned leaflet and diaries of the visit to Burkina. There is still a large stock of leaflets and this year's visit resulted in a much smaller diary. There was also a large exceptional last year in the form of backdated JustGiving charges.

#### *Exceptional costs*

The only real exceptional cost was the £20,500 used for the school at Natiera.

#### *Funds carried forwards*

Although we were able to drill five wells in July/August, donations that came from about April onwards mean that there is an amount of approximately £85,850 being carried forward into next year. This



amount includes £20,000 which has been given by the Rotary Club (North Berwick) to fund wells for them.

Of this "carried forward" amount, £1125 is for administrative costs. The balance of £84,725 is available for wells projects. These funds will be used as soon as possible in Autumn 2021, starting when the ground dries out sufficiently for drills to be taken to villages.

#### *Rotary International project*

The loan of £4200 to Rotary Club in the previous year has been repaid. Indeed, as noted above, Myra's Wells holds funds now donated by the Rotary club. These funds will be used as soon as possible in the new financial year.

In order to be able to report the use of Rotary funds, a separate bank account has been set up in Burkina Faso. The accounting in UK will be done by keeping separate records of funds sent and spent.

#### *Pledge: "100% goes to wells"*

Myra's Wells continues to honour the pledge that all monies received from donors, and all tax reclaimed, will be used to finance the well projects, unless otherwise specified. The trustees personally fund all other expenses.

Gift Aid and VAT, reclaimed on donations made by trustees for administration costs, will normally be used for wells projects. On occasions, however, a portion of this reclaimed tax may be used for administration costs.

#### *Bank Accounts*

Myra's Wells' bank has been Lloyds since the charity was registered. The main bank accounts are still with Lloyds.

During the year, Myra's Wells has opened an account at Currency Cloud using the portal provided by Jackson Swiss Ltd. Accounts are open for GBP, EUR and USD. This has made the process of transferring money to Burkina easier as well as a route for receiving donations in USD. More importantly, it enables us to buy Euros at a time when rates are advantageous rather than having to use the rates that are available when we need to transfer money to Burkina.

Myra's Wells shows Cashflow as two separate accounts with Lloyds plc., and two accounts held at Currency Cloud.

The accounts at Lloyds are:

#### *Wells account*

All donations are deposited in this account, including standing orders, cheques, cash and payments through on-line giving sites. The only exception to this is on occasions when the donor requests that the donation be used for a specific purpose other than the provision of wells.

#### *Admin account*

This account is used for:

- Gifts received for administration and publicity;
- Gifts specifically designated for visits to Burkina Faso;



- o Gifts specifically designated for projects which are not wells.

**The trustees** make regular and one-off payments into the Admin account to cover the costs of administration travel and publicity.

**On occasions**, a part of the GiftAid repayment which has been reclaimed in connection with the cost of containers (which cost has been met by donations from the trustees) may be put into the Admin account. GiftAid received on all other donations is put into the Wells account and used towards wells projects.

**Any transfers** between the two funds are fully documented for the Accounts Examiner and details can be provided for anyone who would like to know more.

### Currency Cloud Account

There are two accounts held here:

#### GBP account

Funds are kept here waiting for a "target order" to be triggered to buy Euros at advantageous rates. Normally, transfers into the account will be from the "Wells" account at Lloyds.

#### EUR account

When Euros are bought, they are kept here to be sent to Burkina Faso.

## FUTURE PLANS

### Well projects

It is anticipated that about 15-18 wells will be attempted during October, November and December 2021. These are likely to be in three or four areas of Burkina Faso, including the south west, south east and the Ouagadougou area. As there has been more terrorist activity in (particularly) the south west, these plans will inevitably be subject to the situation in the immediate vicinity of the villages where drilling is planned. Advice will be sought from the local gendarmerie and other security agencies when the time comes.

As noted previously, we anticipate that more boreholes will be equipped with solar powered pumps and water towers going forwards. The benefits that this brings, in reducing waiting times and increasing the uses of water, justifies the increased costs associated with these projects.

## TRANSPARENCY OF REPORTING

Myra's Wells has a policy of complete transparency in all aspects of the work they do. Should there be any questions about any part of this annual report, including the finance, you are welcome to email us at [info@myraswells.org](mailto:info@myraswells.org), whether your interest is as a donor, supporter or a casual reader.

## TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;



- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report was approved by the Trustees on ..... 30 DEC 2021

and signed by:

..... Trustee



## Myra's Wells

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Myra's Wells

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 17 to 24.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Myra's Wells 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 Myra's Wells's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Myra's Wells as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

.....  
Sue Wintle  
Independent examiner  
Association of Accounting Technicians

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Date: 22-12-2021



## Myra's Wells

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	221,934	5,608	227,542	130,873
Total income	<u>221,934</u>	<u>5,608</u>	<u>227,542</u>	<u>130,873</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	-	(798)	(798)	(4,087)
Charitable activities	(226,684)	(3,995)	(230,679)	(135,279)
Total expenditure	<u>(226,684)</u>	<u>(4,793)</u>	<u>(231,477)</u>	<u>(139,366)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(4,750)</u>	<u>815</u>	<u>(3,935)</u>	<u>(8,493)</u>
Net movement in funds	(4,750)	815	(3,935)	(8,493)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	<u>76,763</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>77,009</u>	<u>8,493</u>
Total funds carried forward 10	<u><u>72,013</u></u>	<u><u>1,061</u></u>	<u><u>73,074</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 10.

The notes on pages 19 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.



# Myra's Wells

(Registration number: 1143345)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	7,550	14,462
Cash at bank and in hand	8	<u>85,858</u>	<u>62,898</u>
		93,408	77,360
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(20,334)</u>	<u>(351)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>73,074</u>	<u>77,009</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds	10	1,061	246
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>72,013</u>	<u>76,763</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	10	<u>73,074</u>	<u>77,009</u>

The financial statements on pages 17 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
E Martin  
Chairman and Trustee

## **Myra's Wells**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Myra's Wells meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

##### **Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

##### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.



## **Myra's Wells**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Trade creditors**

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## Myra's Wells

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	195,166	5,608	200,774
Gift aid reclaimed	26,768	-	26,768
<b>Total for 2021</b>	<u>221,934</u>	<u>5,608</u>	<u>227,542</u>
<b>Total for 2020</b>	<u>125,054</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>130,873</u>

#### 3 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Marketing and publicity		798	798
<b>Total for 2021</b>		<u>798</u>	<u>798</u>
<b>Total for 2020</b>		<u>4,087</u>	<u>4,087</u>
			<b>Total costs £</b>

#### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Well drilling and related costs	206,124	4,793	210,917
Schools and pupils support	20,560	-	20,560
<b>Total for 2021</b>	<u>226,684</u>	<u>4,793</u>	<u>231,477</u>
<b>Total for 2020</b>	<u>132,548</u>	<u>2,731</u>	<u>135,279</u>



## Myra's Wells

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

#### 5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 7 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued income	-	4,238
VAT recoverable	-	33
Other debtors	7,550	10,191
	<u>7,550</u>	<u>14,462</u>
Other debtors:		
Gift Aid reclaimable £1,516		
Funds held in Burkina Faso £6,034		
Total £7,550		

2021  
£

#### 8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	85,858	62,898

#### 9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	-	51
Payments on account on long term contracts	20,000	-
Other creditors	2	-
Accruals	332	300
	<u>20,334</u>	<u>351</u>

# Myra's Wells

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

### 10 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted funds	76,763	221,934	(226,684)	72,013
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Administration costs	<u>246</u>	<u>5,608</u>	<u>(4,793)</u>	<u>1,061</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>77,009</u>	<u>227,542</u>	<u>(231,477)</u>	<u>73,074</u>
	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted funds	84,257	125,054	(132,548)	76,763
<b>Restricted</b>				
Administration costs	<u>1,245</u>	<u>5,819</u>	<u>(6,818)</u>	<u>246</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>85,502</u>	<u>130,873</u>	<u>(139,366)</u>	<u>77,009</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Administration fund: This fund holds funds specifically donated to cover the general administration costs of the charity



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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

### 11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2021 £
Current assets	92,392	1,016	93,408
Current liabilities	(20,334)	-	(20,334)
Total net assets	<u>72,058</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>73,074</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2020 £
Current assets	77,114	246	77,360
Current liabilities	(351)	-	(351)
Total net assets	<u>76,763</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>77,009</u>

## Appendix

### Myra's Wells – List of Wells as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

No.	Location	Plaque
1	Zongo Boulimiougou (School)	Myra's Well
2	Bingo Village, Arbole	Myra's Well
3	Kasson	Nellie's Well
4	Gatougou	
5	Village of Hope, Yimdi (Childrens' Village)	
6	Zimzemdougou	
7	Myra	Eddie's Well
8	Taparkou	
9	Mangagou	
10	Laaro (Farm)	
11	Fanka	George's Well
12	Zanquengin (orphanage)	
13	Ousi village, Nadiala	
14	Laado	
15	Sabou/Gounghin Village	Isobel's Well
16	Dapani, Bogande	Jean's Well
17	Kankanssi, Bogande	James' Well
18	Bilanga Bible College	
19	Boukou / Sigle ( proposed secondary school)	
20	Tanghin Dassouri (Taonsgho)	
21	Leo	
22	Monda (near Tenkodogo Bible College)	
23	Kumbre/Dori	
24	Silmaguie/Dori	Sylvia's Well
25	Watinoma at Tanghin Dassouri	
26	Villa at Sabou	
27	Bilanga	

28	Bilanga aviation East of Burkina	
29	Matiakoali	
30	Gonsin (Called Gonse in the past)	Lauren's Well
31	Zouma at Toma	
32	Ouezala at Dedougou	
33	Souris at Dedougou	
34	Zangore /Dano	
35	Kimidougou	Jack's Well
36	Loumbila (college des jeunes filles de Loumbila)	Helga's Well
37	Village de Timbila Tenkodogo	
38	Village de Mogtedo	
39	Village de Zorgho	
40	Village de Tambetin	Edgar's Well
41	Tanghin Rail	
42	Village de Salmossi	
43	Village de Chekol Kooba	
44	Village de Zaabanega	
45	Village de Tita Napone	
46	Village de Kamssi	Hope Church Well
47	Village de Nana	Connie's Well
48	Village de Dimkoura	
49	Village de Tiargou II	
50	Village de Solenzo	
51	Village de Zaara	
52	Village de Bouton	
53	Village de Nebrou-Est	
54	Village de Kasso	
55	Village de Kou	
56	University/Yimdi	
57	GOGO/Komsilga	



58	Bassimyam	
59	Village de Gorom-Gorom	
60	Village de SAPELO	
61	Village de Nedego	
62	Village de Goghin	
63	Village de RONDO	
64	SATE/LINOUGHIN	
65	Sabtenga/Ouagadougou	
66	Bilandjari	Genesis Well
67	Margou/Piela	
68	Bango/Wadengo	Moiras Well
69	Ziga de Zorgho	Ivor's Well
70	Guemssou/Mane	Moiras Well
71	Tigendalgue/Ouagadougou	
72	Komki Ipala	Moiras Well
73	College Protestante Annexe (Water tower)	Ron & Iris's Well
74	College de Dapelgo, Oubritenga	
75	Laado Peulh/Pibaore	Hedley's Well
76	Nagerforrinni/Bogande	
77	Viou/Komki Ipala	Jo and Jamie's Well
78	Silmiougou/Ouagadougou	George's Well
79	Kouri/Piella	
80	Bendogo/Kaya	Gwen's Well
81	Kamboissin - Wobregre	Ashli's Well
82	Kankamsse	Angela's Well
83	Kondissi	
84	Basanwara	Philip's Well
85	Vara/To	

86	Gabou	Faangre Koom
87	Noagtenga	Glenda's Well
88	Toukon	Stan's Well
89	Kuinkinkuilga	VIIM KOOM Zä 4:14
90	Kenassoumbou	Sylvia's Well
91	Potimanga	Sylvia's Well
92	Sans Fil	
93	Secteur 1	
94	Weedou, Dori	Sylvia's Well
95	Wabaode	
96	Kokin	
97	Mopinga	
98	Yerganga	Cross Country Trains
99	Debere	
100	Tangseega	Ebenezer
101	Nagare	Sylvia's Well
102	Boundougui	
103	Yambassi	Sylvia's Well
104	Siguivousse	Mary's Well
105	Manssila	
106	Kioura/Ganwogde	
107	Kourkour	ICG
108	Godogo	
109	Benda Toega/Yagma	
110	Valleé du Kou, quartier 4	
111	Toeg Yamba	Robert's Well
112	Naf-Banka	Pam's Well
113	Saaba/Darsalam	Sylvia's Well
114	Likinkelse	Meg's Well
115	Yipaala	Roger's Well
116	Rouko	



117	Loukar	John & Sylvia's Well
118	Banamba	John & Sylvia's Well
119	Koumboura	John & Sylvia's Well
120	Windpagouri	Harry's Well
121	Nadjengoala	
122	Torokauro	
123	Passakongo	
124	Fouti	Eilleen's Well
125	Tanhoko	John's Well
126	Nassougou	John & Sylvia's Well
127	Bougrala	Ivor & Evelyn's Well
128	Yonbtenga	
129	Yambelga Djomga	John & Sylvia's Well
130	Sigr Bila	
131	Sapala	
132	Yil-Yaale/Grande Samba	Betty's Well
133	Pelit Samba	
134	Sissamba	
135	Riyalo	
136	Koutoumtenga	
137	Yargho/Kinkirgho	
138	Songdin	
139	Bendego-Pelle	
140	Loripeni Secteur 2	
141	Balantira-Nabara	
142	Gbomkoro	
143	Hougarou/Ougarou	
144	Lierideni	
145	Tambifagou	
146	Fandjora	Charles' Well
147	Fafo	
148	Wouskossogo	

149	Tonon	
150	Dakola	Silverdale
151	Nigtinga (Nigtuiga/Nigtiuga)	
152	Pougneerkougri	Rosemary's Well
153	Roumtenga/Bouryiri	
154	Laongo	Victor's Well
155	Legbanon	Ron and Mary
156	Natiera	Awesome Adam
157	Gnangbanan	
158	Kassigra	Margaret's Well
159	Sanatine	
160	Larpar	Gladys' Well
161	Danguindougou	Lena's Well
162	Tierkora	
163	Tioyo	Ray & Ruth's Well
164	Ouadardou	Sylvia's Well
165	Zorkoum	Margaret's Well
166	Tougre-Napalgué	
167	Dem	
168	Kaogo	
169	Bondoukuy	
170	Gosson	
171	Zone Colline, Tougan	
172	Wakuy	
173	Nabzingem/Padre/Yagma	Beryl's Well
174	Diebougou - repair	
175	Zagtouli - repair	
176	Roumtenga	
177	Yimdi 3	
178	Yimdi (Retreat)	
179	Kamsandin	Honest People's Well
180	Ramongho	Simon's Well



181	Simtenga	Don's Well
182	Zinguendinguin (Blind centre)	Tony and Winifred's Well
183	Koudmi	Lena's Well
184	Saatenga Kamona	Ruth's Well
185	Bantougri/Sanrin	Colin's Well
186	Yabo	Souter
187	Basbedo/Nebnooma	Roe's Well
188	Koure	Georgina's Well
189	Gbadou	Ron and Mary's Well
190	Tierdeni	Sylvia's Well
191	Djefla/Diefoula	Sylvia's Well
192	Leguema	
193	ABC School farm	
194	Boby Secteur 3	Sherborne GH
195	Bakonon	N'YAO NDEEG
196	Kora	Joyce's Well
197	Kamelekogodougou	Hope Well
198	Kerkou	Newsham GH
199	Quartier Planteur	
200	Palpagdo	SML Poole
201	Sinsinguene	D & D's Well
202	Tanvi	
203	Kuizili	John & Jennie's Well
204	Villy/Kalsogo	
205	Toanga	
206	Sampogretenga	
207	Dimpaltenga	
208	Dabaré	
209	Tougri	
210	Koadara	
211	Natiera School Water Tower	
212	Boasia	

213	Bassor	
214	Tigundalbué	
215	Bissighin/Saaba	
216	Koanda de Gompela	
217	Tabtenga	

Wells marked in green are wells that were drilled in the year 2020/21. Wells marked in pink have been drilled subsequently.