

The Mary Wood Trust

Annual Report- 2020/2021

Charity Name

The Mary Wood Trust

Registration Number ----- 1144311

Registered address --- 9 Handforth Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2LX

Charity Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees

Chairperson --Clare Ramsden

Treasurer — Dr Peter Wood

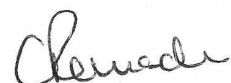
Trustees — Kath Smith, Ann Gover, Pippa Hutchins

Trustee selection method – By personal invitation and approval by existing trustees.

Our Aims and Objectives

- 1.To provide scholarships for education and training with a view to improving disadvantaged young peoples' life skills and opportunities in Uganda.
- 2.To advance education and relieve poverty by providing sponsorship, training, funds or items for disadvantaged children, young people, and those in need in Uganda.
- 3.To develop facilities in Kinkiizi, Kanungu district, in particular but not exclusively, at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School and Ruth Memorial Nursery School, in order to achieve the aims outlined in 1 and 2 above.

This past year has been particularly difficult due to the restrictions surrounding Covid-19. All four of our trustees' meetings have been held on Zoom. Although not being able to meet in person these meetings have been very important and enabled discussions and decisions to take place regarding our various projects in Uganda and how to plan for the future. There is full transparency about how our money is spent, how to promote the charity and keep our supporters informed, and how to communicate fully with our friends and contacts in Uganda. We try our hardest to make sure that the money we send out to Uganda and spent there is fully accounted for, endeavouring to get receipts where possible. Any money sent for student sponsorship or building projects at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School is channelled via the Diocese of Kinkiizi, where the contacts we have there are trusted and reliable, the relationship having been built up over many years. The fees for university and further education tuition are sent directly to the individual respected institutions. Unfortunately, there have been no visits to Uganda by trustees during the past 12 months because of the pandemic. However there has been



regular communication with Kinkiizi Diocese, school staff and further education students, making sure that the strong link we have is maintained.

Activities and Objectives

Activities over the past year

Ruth Memorial Nursery School (RMNS) in Kihiihi continues to provide a basic primary education for approximately 70 young children, aged 2 to 9 years. The founder Ephraim Tumwesigye is the director of the nursery school, and he has a board of Management to help run the nursery school. The school employs a head teacher (who has some nursery qualification) and 4 other ladies who are not qualified. There is also a cook and night watchman. The pandemic has caused chaos to the ability of the nursery school to open. The president has been very strident in his addresses to the nation, laying out the strict rules regarding closures, curfews, and safety protocols, relating to the pandemic. During the times when schools were allowed to open, we provided the necessary temperature gauge and washing stations required. When at school the children continued to receive porridge, pancakes, and milk on a daily basis. However, we were most concerned during the various long closures for the welfare of the children and their families, without this daily food support. To this end we sent money to enable the purchase of maize flour, rice, and beans for all the children who would normally attend RMNS, for their families and for the staff. We continue to be very grateful to a private sponsor who makes this possible.

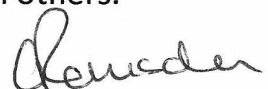
Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School (NGSS)

This Church of Uganda school, which was founded in 1987, is the only girls boarding school under the umbrella of the Diocese of Kinkiizi. Its rural situation, on sometimes impassable roads, makes it very difficult to access, particularly in the wet season. This emphasises the importance of its boarding status as many students live some distance away.

The Mary Wood Trust has been involved with the school since 2002 and has continued to grow in its sponsorship of students and also improving the infrastructure of the school. This is seen by the additional buildings and facilities provided by the MWT over the years.

Once again, the pandemic has caused disruption due to occasional dictated closures of the school. It was decided that we would offer boarding status to the 10 day girls that we support. This now brings our total of sponsored girls to 42.

All the girls we support are chosen because of their need and their poor family backgrounds. Some are more academic than others.



The present head teacher, Molly Musingusi, has developed a good relationship with the staff, the students, and the local community.

During the initial closure of the school to students in April, work was carried out to finally protect the community spring. Pipes were brought to the school, ensuring a regular supply of fresh water. The Mary Wood Trust and WATSAN worked together on this, meaning that girls will no longer have to walk some kilometres away from the school to collect fresh water in the dry season.

Another building project that took place during the closure of the school was the building of a new kitchen and store at the school. This project had been under discussion for a number of years, and it was wonderful to be in a position to facilitate this. Again, we acknowledge the generous contributions of a number of donors. This new kitchen, with three ovens and an attached food store, will be put to full use once the school is properly back in session again.

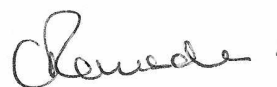
O and A Level candidates returned to their studies in October, with strict safety protocols in place- face masks for all, hand sanitizers and washing stations, temperature gauges and social distancing. The return of other students was phased.

As always, we provide mosquito nets for all girls at the school, and we understand that the school is monitoring their use.

The Sick Bay, dining shelter and solar lighting all continue to be used and much appreciated.

On the last trustees' visit to the school, it was noted that some of the infrastructure of the school was in need of repair. Again, taking advantage of the school closure, we enabled maintenance work to be carried out, repairing some of the broken verandas and replacing crumbling bricks. There is more to do when funds allow.

The Cliff Smith Sewing Room is very popular with the students. Before the chaos of the pandemic, 13 girls signed up to study tailoring and sewing to O level standard. The second phase of the I Stand project, originally initiated by Jess Leigh, meant the girls produced 80 Ugandan cotton bags to be sold in the UK. The profits from these allowed the school to buy 5 more reconditioned sewing machines and an overlocker. With 13 machines now in situ the school is well set up to give the girls a skill and also help them develop a good business sense.

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The Fine Arts Room was in need of art supplies (paper, paints, pencils and pens), as well as textbooks on Art history. We were able to provide these with the proceeds of items sold on e bay, donated specifically for this use.

We still contribute to the Samaritan Fund, which offers support to girls who cannot afford the basic needs at school, e.g., sanitary towels, toilet paper, soap, items of school uniform, eye check-ups and glasses. We ask for a record from the head teacher as to how the money is spent.

The Male Staff Houses, Derek 1 and Derek 2, continue to provide good and individual accommodation for the male teachers. By providing this purpose built accommodation the hope is that the staff will feel appreciated and cared for and in turn they will endeavour to inspire their students.

The female staff accommodation, Mary Hall, has been a subject of discussion for a while. When the school is in session 3 or 4 female teachers stay there. However, it does not quite provide the independent living that they would prefer. Discussions will be had with the teachers and the head to see whether we might be able to provide more suitable accommodation in the future once the school returns to normal after the pandemic. This will require major financial commitment.

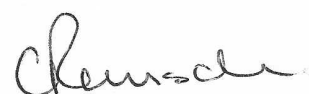
Our concern for the school during this last pandemic year has not only involved the students and their irregular schooling and the physical fabric of the school, but also the teachers and support staff. Many of the staff are on local contracts and during the school closures this meant that they were not receiving their salaries. Realising how important it is to support the staff we sent money in September, as a gesture of our concern for them and their families. It has been much appreciated.

Nyakatare Health Centre (NHC)

Situated in Kanungu Town, NHC is a Diocesan Health Centre and provides good quality medical care to the local community.

The clinical officer, Nexon Tusiime, keeps in regular contact and he is working hard to keep the facility running smoothly. It provides regular immunisation clinics and check ups for mothers and babies as well as inpatient care. We understand that he and his health workers were among some of the first to be vaccinated.

We trust that the microscope, flowing water in the laboratory, the generator and the patients washing and latrine facility, all of which we have financed over the years, are in good working order.



The Dental Unit continues to struggle, with only a dental nurse in attendance. This limits the procedures that can be offered. We understand that some of the dental equipment is in need of repair.

A new maternity hospital was opened in Kanungu during the year. This has freed up the maternity ward at NHC. The plan now is to re-purpose that ward and make 4 separate private rooms when finances allow. Hopefully this will provide better facilities and an added income for the centre.

Past Students

Our support for suitable MWT sponsored girls at further education institutions continues. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer this support to all girls who are capable.

One girl has completed her degree course this year- at Kabale University - attaining a lower second class. We have six others who are at various stages of their degree studies at Bishop Barham Christian University in Kabale this year, and one other girl who is soon to complete her nursing certificate course.

Newsletters and raising awareness

We have distributed 4 updates to our supporters this year, including a Christmas letter in December and there have been 2 articles in St Bartholomew's Parish Magazine.

Future Plans

As mentioned above, the fabric of the school requires regular maintenance. We will try and encourage NGSS to look at this in more detail and see whether we can offer further help and advice.

Accommodation for the female staff at NGSS needs to be reassessed. Further consultation is needed with the female staff and the head teacher to find out exactly what new accommodation would be most appropriate for them. We will try to assist the building of new accommodation if funds allow.

Financial Review

Overview of the year

During this financial year we have continued to be blessed by a regular income from many longstanding and some new faithful regular donors. We have also received several larger gifts for specific projects. We are very thankful for all these gifts and work hard to ensure that they are used wisely. We were hampered by Covid - 19. It meant that we had to



think imaginatively as to how to enable the money that we received to be used in a good way whilst maintaining some degree of oversight to ensure that it was used appropriately.

Principal sources of funds

Our overall income decreased by £2459 to £43,473.

The vast majority of this has been personal donations either directly through the bank (£23,897) or via PayPal (£3,135) or Stewardship (£500).

Church donations fell by £335 to £1075, Charitable Trust receipts were £8,150 (Linden Trust - £8,000 (2 donations), Red Setter Trust - £150), and eBay Sales have increased from £1,254, to £2,432, which represents many sales. We have continued to receive Gift Aid from the UK government, for which we are very grateful £3,388 (£4543 in 2019 - 2020).

Expenditure

This year our expenditure remained fairly stable. Although we sent less money to support the students at school and for further education, we did send money for some refurbishment, the building of a new kitchen (£8,128) and purchased a large number of temperature probes for the schools and diocese in their fight against Covid - 19, sourcing these from China and importing them directly to Uganda and so saving a few thousand pounds in the process. We are thankful to Joint Medical Stores in Kampala who assisted us in this venture.

We are careful to ensure that monies are accounted for; we are grateful that the Treasurer of Kinkiizi Diocese can assist us in this.

We continue to support

NGSS - £ 4,905 (£6,595 in 2019 -2020),


Ruth Memorial Nursery School - £2,500 (£4,247 in 2019 -2020)

and Further Education Students - £5,648 (£11,049 in 2019 -2020) and several other students at schools in the area.

These amounts have been less than usual as result of the schools being closed for some considerable time.

Part of the money sent to both NGSS and RMNS was to support the teachers at both institutions and students' families at RMNS. We were concerned that in view of the fact that both schools were closed that they would not be receiving their salaries and the young children, and their families would struggle to be fed. This assistance was gratefully received.

We have continued to use Western Union to send money to Uganda when paying institutions and started to use Remitly to send money to support the individual F E students in their personal needs. This is a more efficient way for the students to receive their support and gives a better rate of exchange.



Fundraising

Face to face fundraising this year has not been possible because of Covid 19. However, selling donated items through e bay and Marketplace has continued throughout the pandemic.

Also buying on the internet via Every Click, Amazon smile, schemes, raises a small amount of money.

Financial Policy

We have written a financial policy for the Trust which states how money is handled. This is available on request. It will be reviewed in the next financial year.

Reserve funds

We have £20,000 reserved to help provide a regular on-going income to support 10 girls at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School, and a further £5,000 reserved to help provide regular on-going support for the students pursuing further education, in the unlikely closure of the charity.

We have £5,000 reserved in case the funding for food and porridge at RMNS should cease. This would enable the nursery school to run for a year before the money runs out.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

By providing sponsorship for 42 girls boarding at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School, all of whom come from needy backgrounds, we are helping to ensure that they have a good secondary education and therefore a good start in life. This in turn will improve the standard of their own families and hopefully uplift their whole communities.

By providing mosquito nets and the sick bay and nurse, we are ensuring that the girls are being cared for when sick and hopefully learning to keep themselves safe.

The improvements to the fabric of both NGSS and RMNS will give a clean and safe environment for the children and young people to learn in.

By providing daily porridge and milk, we are ensuring that the children have daily nourishment. Although not completely possible during the school's closures due to Covid-19 we have also tried to help the families of the children who would normally attend RMNS.

Our ability to support some girls beyond NGSS is hopefully going to produce useful and educated and informed citizens who will make a difference in their own families and the community beyond.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

In line with the new GDPR regulations that came into force in the EU, we have tried to ensure that we comply to the regulations. We have obtained



consent using a customised GDPR Consent Form, from most of our supporters. This has enabled us to ensure that we are only communicating with those who have expressed consent for us to do so. We will endeavour to ensure that this is kept up to date. The data we hold is kept up to date.

Privacy Policy

The Mary Wood Trust has a Privacy Policy which is available to view on our website.

Rebecca



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	The Mary Wood Trust	No (if any)	1144311
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	06/04/2020	To	05/04/2021

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
AMAZON SMILE	23	-	-	23	15
CHARITABLE TRUSTS	5,000	3,150	-	8,150	1,925
CHURCH DONATIONS	-	1,075	-	1,075	1,410
EVERYCLICK	-	-	-	-	54
FUND RAISING	-	-	-	-	805
GIVE AS YOU LIVE/CASHBACK	89	-	-	89	-
HMRC	940	2,448	-	3,388	4,543
INTEREST	784	-	-	784	476
LEGACY	-	-	-	-	467
PAYPAL GIVING FUND	-	2,432	-	2,432	1,254
PERSONAL	6,303	17,594	-	23,897	29,128
PERSONAL DONATIONS VIA PAYPAL	186	2,949	-	3,135	1,898
PERSONAL VIA CAF BANK	-	-	-	-	255
STEWARDSHIP	-	500	-	500	3,702
Sub total (Gross income for AY)	13,325	30,148	-	43,473	45,932
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,325	30,148	-	43,473	45,932
A3 Payments					
CLARE'S BIRTHDAY PROJECT	-	-	-	-	262
FURTHER ED GOOD SAMARITAN FUND	-	-	-	-	189
FURTHER EDUCATION	-	5,648	-	5,648	11,049
KINKIIZI (Dental & NHC)	-	1,318	-	1,318	751
KINKIIZI STUDENT SUPPORT	-	204	-	204	944
KINKIIZI TEMPERATURE PROBES	-	3,072	-	3,072	-
KINKIIZI COVID-19 SUPPORT	-	850	-	850	-
KISIIZI STUDENT SUPPORT	-	60	-	60	223
LIGHTS	-	-	-	-	73
NGSS FINE ARTS	-	1,142	-	1,142	-
NGSS KITCHEN	-	8,128	-	8,128	-
NGSS MUSIC	-	-	-	-	1,124
NGSS NETS	-	-	-	-	290
NGSS SAMARITAN FUND	-	-	-	-	167
NGSS SEWING ROOM	-	1,138	-	1,138	379
NGSS SUPPORT	-	4,905	-	4,905	6,595
RMS PORRIDGE	-	2,500	-	2,500	4,247
RMS GENERAL	-	220	-	220	2,423
UGANDA TRIPS	-	-	-	-	3,223
GENERAL	2,960	-	-	2,960	580
Sub total	2,960	29,185	-	32,145	32,519
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,960	29,185	-	32,145	32,519
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,365	963	-	11,328	13,413
A5 Transfers between funds	(5,889)	5,889	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,994	37,889	-	82,883	69,471
Cash funds this year end	49,470	44,741	-	94,211	82,883

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CO-OP BANK (CURRENT)	9,228	47	-
	CO-OP BANK (SAVINGS)	-	19,012	-
	REDWOOD BANK (SAVINGS)	30,000	-	-
	SHAWBROOK BANK (SAVINGS)	10,242	25,681	-
	VIRGIN MONEY (SAVINGS)	-	1	-
	Total cash funds	49,470	44,741	

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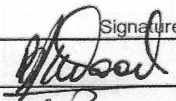
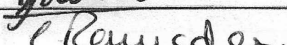
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Peter Wood	05/11/2021
	Clare Ramsden	05/11/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

5th April 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1144311

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(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 05/04/2021.

**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:

Date:

5/11/2021

Name:

George Large

**Relevant professional
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