

Trustees' Annual Report for Butale Project, for the year ended 30 November 2023
Registered charity number: 1145614

Charity's principal address:

14 Back Road, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0BA

Trustees (all served throughout the year, unless otherwise stated):

Miriam Sawyer

David Sawyer

Louise James

Nikki Dargan

Julie Pointer

Darren O'Connor

Lucy Sawyer

Type of governing document: Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted: Trust

Trustee selection method: Appointed by existing trustees

Summary of the objects of the charity

The main objects of the charity are to advance education and educational facilities in Butale, Uganda, and also to relieve poverty, sickness, and financial hardship by the provision of funds, goods or services. The charity also seeks to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways in Butale, Uganda, as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Our activities continued focusing on supporting the families of all the children attending the school, as well as the teachers. During the 12 month period, the charity continued to fund the feeding programme at the school. Every child receiving 2 meals a day.

Team Visit

We had a team visit in February 2023, our first return since covid. There were 6 adults on the team. The main focus of the trip was to reconnect with the school and the community after a long absence. The teachers were given a day out to a local lake.

Sponsorship Scheme

All sponsored children were given a home or school visit and given a gift from their sponsor/charity. We met other children/families that were requesting sponsorship. 25 more children were taken on to the sponsorship scheme during the trip or shortly after returning.

Medical Fund - Money was raised for a child to receive emergency surgery. This didn't happen so the funds have been used to establish a medical fund for any children at the school to receive medical support. A connection has been made with local medical centre.

Building/Maintenance Programme

The flushing toilet was built.

A P7 classroom was created upstairs

Boys dormitory created

Security wall around dormitory area

Installation of 2 water tanks

The charity manager completed his studies in construction and graduated

We continue to grow maize and beans to provide food for the school at the Lwanda site. We are also growing Eucalyptus at Lwanda which has produced its first harvest. The Eucalyptus growing project on the school site now produces 3 harvests a year. This provides the school with an additional income.

In acting as trustees of Butale Project and planning the activities for the year, we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. All children of primary education age in Butale, Uganda, and the surrounding area, are equally entitled to benefit from the work undertaken in Butale School.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We funded the school feeding programmed

We sponsored approx. 80 students in primary, secondary and vocational studies.

We support teachers/staff in further studies

We continued to distributed clothing and materials from the container that arrived Dec 2022

We sent a team of 6 adults for 3 weeks in Feb 2023.

Financial Review

The charity does not have a formal policy on reserves. The charity held reserves of £20,063 as at the year end (2022: £8,745).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name *Miriam Sawyer*

Position *Chairperson*

Date *08/08/24*

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Butale Project

I report on the accounts of Butale Project ('the charity') for the year ended 30 November 2023, which are set out on page 1.

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 Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

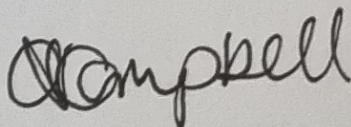
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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2nd September 2024
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