

Trustees' Annual Report for Butale Project, for the year ended 30 November 2024
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

Shelley Pritchard (Appointed 14th March 2024)

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.

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.

Team Visit

We had a team visit in February 2024. There were 6 adults on the team. As usual, we visited the families of sponsored children. In addition we:

- completed a range of practical tasks at the school including setting up the school shop, redeveloping the library and store room, and painting some of the school buildings.
- took all the children on school trips - the older children to Kampala zoo, and the younger children on a ferry trip to an island.
- had a special community day for the men of the villages.
- took the teachers for an evening out.
- established a connection with the Wellspring medical centre to enable our pupils to get better medical support.

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. A small number of children were taken on to the sponsorship scheme during the trip or shortly after returning.

General

In addition to the tasks undertaken on the team visit, general maintenance was carried out on the school site throughout the year.

We continue to grow maize and beans to provide food for the school at the Lwanda site. The Eucalyptus project at Lwanda is doing well and continues to produce 3 harvests a year. This provides the school with an additional income.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- We funded the school feeding programme.
- We sponsored approx. 95 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 2 weeks in Feb 2024.

Trustee changes

Shelley Pritchard was voted on to the board of Trustees with specific responsibility for primary school sponsorship programme.

Financial Review

The charity does not have a formal policy on reserves. The charity held reserves of £14,824 as at the year end (2023: £20,063).

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miriam Sawyer', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Full name *Miriam Sawyer*

Position *Chairperson*

Date *28/08/25*

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 2024, 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.

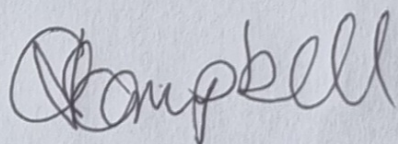
Independent examiner's statement

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.



Charlotte Campbell ACA
27th September 2025
Stroma, Dunnet
Thurso
SN14 8YD