

BUILDING MALAWI

England & Wales · Charity number 1145965

Details

Other names	BUILDING MALAWI
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2012-02-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, RELIEVE POVERTY AND TO RELIEVE THOSE IN NEED IN MALAWI IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY SUCH CHARITABLE MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME INCLUDING:(A) PROVIDING THEM WITH SCHOOL AND LIBRARY BUILDINGS;(B) PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THEIR BENEFIT; AND(C) SUPPORTING THEM AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, IN NEED OF EDUCATION, TRAINING OR RELIEF FROM THE EFFECTS OF POVERTY.(2) TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: BUILDING MALAWI WILL PROVIDE SCHOOL AND LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN MALAWI. IN MOST CASES BUILDING MALAWI WILL EMPLOY A MALAWIAN BUILDER TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES AND THE RUNNING OF THESE FACILITIES WILL TYPICALLY BE EXECUTED BY PARTNER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE OF MALAWI.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MALAWI
- Malawi

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£57,047	£71,789	-	-
2023-12-31	£150,794	£118,362	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,316	£26,694	-	-
2021-12-31	£121,478	£124,762	-	-
2020-12-31	£44,931	£38,568	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLINE BOWDEN	Chair	2012-02-17
Corin Haines		2023-09-15
KEITH FISHER		2012-02-17
MICHAEL DUNN		2012-01-29
Thomas Bowden		2012-01-29

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Report from Chair of Building Malawi for 2024

The focus of the charity is to provide the infrastructure to enable the education of children and communities in Malawi (building libraries, community halls and school buildings).

The ongoing current project is the development of an area of land on which we have built a secondary school, library, police post and a community hall. The secondary school is now complete and has been in use for 3 years. The charity continues to support the school financially until such a time as it is able to be self-sustaining.

The following activities took place at the Lingadzi Academy Site near Lilongwe, Malawi in 2024.

- Work continued on the registration of the charity in Malawi.
- Ascent Soccer (a charity partner) had requested and provided funding for a primary school on the site. This project was being completed, along with the connection of electricity to the site.
- A bamboo structure to be used as a hall for the use of the students of Ascent Soccer for education and for accommodating other teams for home matches including a kitchen was built with the help of funding from Ascent Soccer.
- Ongoing work was carried out to obtain and move the aircraft to the site (a private donation had been made for this purpose).
- A replacement water pump and roof repairs had to be funded as ongoing costs.
- An abandoned bus was purchased and moved to the site to be re-worked into a classroom/reading room.
- Throughout the year more planting took place to provide shade and to enhance the site.

Signed:Caroline Bowden.....

Caroline Bowden

Chair

Building Malawi

22 August 2025

Building Malawi

Financial Statement 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

General Account

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Rotary Colchester	7,643	Roof repairs	6,500
Private donations	12,395	Elec connection	1,600
Corporate donations	2,500	Water pump	2,533
Just Giving	1,584	School support	9,153
CAF	20	Just Giving	215
	24,142	Bus	2,500
		Tree planting	500
			23,001
		Opening balance	21,798
		Income less expenditure	1,141
		Closing balance	22,939

Ascent

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Project payment	32,905	Rebate	4,806
	32,905	Elec connection	10,300
		Bamboo hall	27,372
			42,478
		Opening balance	4,000
		Income less expenditure	-9,573
		Closing balance	-5,573

Plane/library

Income	£	Expenditure	£
	0	Special project	810
	0	Special project	4,000
	0	Others	1,500
	0		6,310
		Opening balance	12500
		Income less expenditure	-6,310
		Closing balance	6,190

Total income = £57,047 Total expenditure = £71,789 Change over the period -£14,742

Opening bank balance on 1 Jan 24 £38,298 Closing balance at 31 Dec 24 £23,556

Chair
C Bowden

Hon Treasurer
K R Fisher

[Signature]
20 July 2025

77 St Cyrus Road

Colchester

Essex

CO4 0LR

1st August 2025

Dear Keith

Re: Building Malawi Accounts for 2024

Having undertaken an independent review of the Building Malawi Accounts for 2024, along with supporting documentation, as presented by Mr Keith R Fisher, I am pleased to confirm that I consider they represent a fair and honest account of the activities of the charity.

Yours sincerely



Philip M L Howell

BUILDING MALAWI

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As always, our focus is on providing the infrastructure to enable the education of children and communities in Malawi (building libraries, community halls and school buildings).

Our current project is the development of an area of land on which we have built a secondary school, library, police post and a community hall. The funding provision for the secondary school had the proviso that we remain involved in the funding of the running of the school for 2 years which has now elapsed, but we have continued to support it financially while it becomes more independent.

The following activities took place at the Lingadzi Academy Site near Lilongwe, Malawi in 2023.

- There was the continuing work on the registration of the charity in Malawi.
- February 2023 - there was a snail infestation on the site, with trees and shrubs around the school buildings being destroyed, so funding was provided to eradicate the snails with salt.
- In February 2023 a memorial site (in memory of a recent loss of a family member) was set up on the site which was funded by a private donor. This included the planting of many trees and shrubs including roses.
- In February 2023 the roof blew off one of the buildings and funding was provided to provide a replacement.
- In April 2023 a contribution to the salaries of staff and running costs at the secondary school on site was made.
- In April 2023 the site was connected to the electricity grid, enabling power to be provided in the secondary school. This was partially funded by the Centurion Rotary Club of Colchester.
- In July 2023 a contribution to the staff salaries and running costs at the secondary school was made.
- In August 2023 a sum of money was contributed by Ascent Soccer to build a primary school facility and hall on the Lingadzi Academy Site. Work started on building the primary school classrooms and toilets and showers. This was to consist of 4 large classrooms which were constructed with earthbags with tin roofs, and the toilets and showers were traditionally built with thatched roofs. The planting of trees and shrubs were to be integral to the design of the school.
- In August 2023 a further payment was made to the secondary school to pay the pension fund for the teachers.
- In September funds were sent to fund the continuing build of the primary school.
- In October funds were sent to fund the continuing build of the primary school.
- In October funds were sent to supply the secondary school with extra desks which were required for the number of pupil admissions.
- In November further funds were sent for the build of the primary school.
- In late November a further payment was received for the second phase of the build of the primary school facility, and phase 2 was commenced.
- In December the building inspector inspected and passed the build.
- In December more tree planting took place over the whole site to maintain greenery and shade.

Caroline Bowden

Signed:

Caroline Bowden
Chair
Building Malawi

10 September 2024

Date:

Building Malawi

Financial Statement 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

General Account

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	<u>Surplus</u>
Private donations	9,287	Electricity connection	8,025	
Corporate donations	9,862	School Salaries and PAYE	5,472	
Just Giving	3,775	School Pensions	2,425	
Rotary	10,250	Roof repairs	1,000	
HMRC	2,270	Memorial and misc.	1,155	
Ascent (Rent)	2,400	Legal fees	559	
Sub Total	<u>37,844</u>	Snails	400	
		Gate repair	160	
		Just Giving fees	216	
		School desks	2,500	
		Sub Total	<u>21,912</u>	15,932

Ascent School Project

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
	100,450		96,450
			4,000

Aeroplane Project

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Private donations	10,000		0
HMRC	2,500		0
	<u>12,500</u>		<u>12,500</u>
		Total surplus	<u>32,432</u>

Opening bank balance on 1 Jan 23

£5,866

Closing balance 31 December 2023

£38,298

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Philip M L Howell

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Building Malawi Trustee Report 2022

Vision and Mission

Vision

To help create a Malawi where everyone has access to libraries, sports facilities and educational facilities

Mission

To contribute to access to libraries, educational and sports facilities by raising money to fund their construction, commissioning builders to build them and developing partnerships with Malawian organisations to run them.

Key Objectives

Provide capital and management to build school facilities, libraries and sports facilities in Malawi

Empower local people and organisations to run these facilities as sustainable projects.

Identify and establish ways that the projects can become financially self-sufficient.

Organise and run projects in a professional and cost efficient manner

Ethos of BM

Small, focussed, flexible, Malawian run projects, experienced, past success, empowering, supportive, benevolent landlord, honest, professional, open & transparent, working as a team, meeting the needs of the community, small, dynamic, sustainable, successful, efficient, value for money, focus on infrastructure, all of the money donated goes to the cause and into tangible items such as libraries and schools with minimal UK running costs.

What do we do

Raise money through organising charity events, sponsored activities, commercial sponsorship and just giving.

Identify projects in Malawi using a robust needs assessment.

We employ Malawian builders and locally sourced materials to build infrastructure such as schools, libraries and sports facilities.

Establish partnerships with Malawian organisations to run these facilities.

The schools, libraries and sports facilities fund their own running costs - they

don't depend on our continuing support. This means that they are self sustainable.

Raise awareness of BM through the website, social media sites, email marketing and word of mouth

Provide information to people that want to visit our projects in Malawi

Encourage interested people to visit our projects

Stakeholders

Malawi National Library Service

Malawi Ascent Soccer

Malawi Department of Education

Malawi Department of Gender

Malawi Police Force

Lingadzi Academy Directors

Churches

Schools

Teachers

Malawi Lodge

The Community

Children and families

Other NGOs

Volunteers/ Visitors

Beneficiaries

UK Donors

Our fund raising strategy

Colchester Blues and Rock in the Garden mini festival (average £8,000/£9000 income)

Multiple just giving pages set up by fundraisers

In memoriam donations

Application to funding bodies (grants) - Rotary Clubs in England and Scotland, Lets Build (Norway), Turing Trust

Professional and open financial management

The Treasurer presents accounts at our quarterly trustee meetings as well as submitting them to the Charity Commission annually.

Decision making

4 trustees make decisions with the guidance of a larger committee where appropriate.

There must be written confirmation from at least a trustee, the chair and the treasurer that states that they are agreed to an amount of money being

released. This can be made in a meeting or in the case where decisions need to be made outside of a meeting, via email.

Management Team Roles and Responsibilities

Building Malawi is operated by a UK trustee group of 5 with a further group of meeting attendees that are invited to contribute to discussions about the charity and support with fundraising. All decisions are made by a vote of the 5 trustees

Caroline Bowden - Chair - responsible for calling meetings and ensuring due process is followed

Keith Fisher - Treasurer - responsible for finances

Tom Bowden - Project Manager - responsible for the implementation of projects in Malawi including communication with Malawian partners

Mike Dunn - responsible for inbound charity correspondence

Wider committee

Des Bowden

Joy Magna

And others, depending on the project

Frequency of meetings

Quarterly (or more frequently as appropriate)

Guidelines for any money that is spent

Full transparency

Have a Memorandum of Understanding or contract for each donation with a set term (with review dates)

Organisations we work with must demonstrate transparency of their accounts

Organisations we work with must demonstrate aptitude and work under our ethical standards

That none of our criteria will exclude the illiterate or very poor with no accounting skills

To use local builders and resources

In each project we must demonstrate an exit strategy

In each project we must demonstrate a need for our involvement (needs assessment)

Establish a method of measuring the success or failure of the project

Guidelines for organisations wishing to partner with us or wishing to

donate to us

We do not accept money for projects that are outside our aims and objectives

A memorandum of understanding should be in place for all large donations which states the intentions for the money

Should it be the case on a building project that has been funded by a single donor that money be used outside of a builder's contract (for example the costs of a site visit) we shall demonstrate this to the donor.

We must issue a report on work done and a thank you letter

How do we manage the Malawi end of the operation?

Tom Bowden is the Project Manager and is responsible for the delivery of projects in Malawi and he liaises regularly with our Malawian partners.

Partners in Malawi

The National Library Service of Malawi

Ascent Soccer

The Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Sport

The Ministry of Gender

Directors of Lingadzi Academy

Progress 2020/21

A large piece of land on the outskirts of Lilongwe was purchased by the charity over a period of some years. A library was built and some excellent quality soccer pitches were prepared as well as a hard netball court.

The soccer pitches, shower block and classrooms are utilised by a local charitable organisation, Ascent Soccer for elite sports boys and girls.

There are also informal soccer pitches/play areas which are heavily utilised by the local community. Large musical events have taken place on the land, run by the local community.

Last year a large community hall was built (a Hall for All) which has had a considerable amount of use by the local population for meetings and other events.

In preparation for further development on the site, a perimeter wall was completed.

Funding was provided for a tree project which was started up with a large number of trees which are now reaching maturity. There is a local manager of the nurseries employed by Building Malawi.

During the latter part of the year 2021 funding was provided by Let's Build (Norway) for school buildings to be built on the site. Four large classrooms were built using an earthbag technique which is more ecological (not requiring bricks to be fired by wood fires).

The school was opened at the beginning of 2022 with a full compliment of teachers and half capacity of students (years 2 and 4 initially) to start off the first year. The school will begin the academic year 2022/23 at full capacity with 4 classes and approximately 200 pupils altogether. There is an IT room as well as a laboratory serving the school. Furniture has been provided by funding from Rotary Clubs in UK, and IT equipment from the Turing Trust Charity (UK). Applications have been made for the funding of laboratory equipment.

Signed: Caroline Bowden

Chair Building Malawi

Date: 26 September 2022

Building Malawi
Financial Statement 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021

INCOME

Lets Build	£	95,321
Big Foot	£	6,000
Rotary Colchester	£	6,901
Ardent	£	2,000
Dan Gascoyne	£	853
CAF	£	502
Blues & Rock	£	4,701
Ascent soccer	£	2,400
Just Giving	£	1,530
Sue Fisher	£	1,000
John Kohler	£	50
V Hallif	£	120
Other	£	100
Total	£	<u>121,478</u>

EXPENDITURE

School building	£	95,320
School development	£	10,000
Trees	£	910
Water tower	£	9,507
HS Salary	£	1,360
Decoration	£	150
Just Giving fees	£	216
School inspection	£	755
Desks		1090
Teacher Salaries		5454
	£	<u>124,762</u>

Opening balance	£	11,527
Income	£	121,478
Less expenditure	-£	124,762
Closing balance	£	<u>8,243</u>

To the trustees of Building Malawi

I, Dan Gascoyne have undertaken an independent examination of the following:

I have reviewed the minutes of meetings of charity trustees.

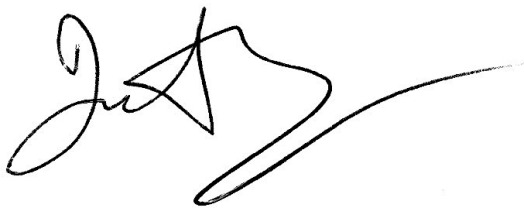
I have compared the accounts with the underlying accounting records.

I have made sure bank reconciliations and petty cash reconciliations have been undertaken including at the year-end and assessed the financial information relating to the year in question.

I am satisfied that proper accounting records were kept.

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Signed:

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Dan Gascoyne
Maitlands South
Distillery Lane
CO2 8EZ

October 2022

BUILDING MALAWI

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In this year a large community hall has been built which has already had a considerable amount of use by the local population.

In preparation for further development on the site, a perimeter wall has been completed.

A tree project was started up with a large number of trees being purchased, the nursery being carefully managed as a priority.

Signed: *Caroline Bowden*

Chair Building Malawi

Date: 8 October 2021

To the trustees of Building Malawi

As a governor to Alresford Primary School with an experience of record keeping, I have undertaken an independent examination of the following:

- I have reviewed the minutes of meetings of charity trustees.
- I have compared the accounts with the underlying accounting records.
- I have checked a sample of entries in the accounting records to source documentation (e.g. payments checked to invoices or bills that the charity has received)
- I have made sure bank reconciliations and petty cash reconciliations have been undertaken including at the year-end and assessed the financial information relating to the year in question.

I am satisfied that proper accounting records were kept.

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I have found no matters that I need to highlight in my independent examiners report.

Kind Regards,

David Roscoe

David Roscoe (Oct 1, 2021 09:59 GMT+1)

David Roscoe

Dallmara

Tenpenny Hill

Thorrington

Colchester

Essex

CO7 8JG

30th September 2021

Building Malawi accounts for year ended 31 December 2020

INCOME

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Just Giving	£ 3,773	£ 7,214
Ardent	£ 1,550	£ 5,700
Word wide action		£ 4,200
St Edwards Sch		£ 1,115
Footprint Digital	£ 8,000	
Rotary	£ 10,130	
G Research	£ 13,776	
Helensburgh	£ 2,239	
Orwell Offshore	£ 2,500	
Mike Dunn	£ 1,500	
Trenchant Ltd	£ 400	
V Hallif DD	£ 120	£ 120
CAF	£ 251	£ 501
Giving.com SAF	£ 612	
Cash paid in	£ 80	£ 50
Total Income	A <u>£ 44,931</u>	<u>£ 18,900</u>
Monies in Bank at 31/12/2020	C	£ 11,527
Cash in Hand	D	£ -
Opening Balance 1/1/2019		<u>£ 5,164</u>
Income - Expenditure	A - B	<u>£ 6,363</u>
Closing balance	=	<u>£ 11,527</u>
Total Reserves	C + D	11,527

EXPENDITURE

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Just Giving fees	£ 216	£ 216
<u>Lingadzi Project</u>		
Perimeter wall	£ 13,576	
Hall4 All	£ 10,908	
Roof and rendering	£ 6,384	
Corner wall	£ 2,103	
Tree project	£ 2,131	
Thatch removal	£ 150	
Roof repairs	£ 100	
Legal fees	£ 3,000	£ 275
Earthbag classroom		£ 20,050
Shower block		£ 570
Netball court		£ 103
Grading pitch 2		£ 900
Maguire		£ 550
Total Expenditure	B <u>£ 38,568</u>	<u>£ 22,664</u>

Honorary Treasurer - Mr K R Fisher

Chair - C Bowden

Date:

