

Poole-Wau Partnership Charitable Trust

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Section	Comment
Charity Name	Poole-Wau Partnership Charitable Trust
Registered Charity No.	1147425
Principal Address	St Dunstan's Church Office Poole Road, Upton, Poole. Dorset BH16 5JA
Names of Charity Trustees	Chairman: Jeffrey Neagle Secretary: Rev Penny Draper Richard Tazewell Mark Rathbone
Name and address of Independent Examiner	Paul Jarvis, 23 Landers Reach, Lytchett Matravers, Poole BH16 6NB
Type of Governing Document	Trust Deed (adopted 6 th October 2011) Objects amended by Trust Deed (adopted 11 May 2020)
How the charity is constituted	Trust (see above).
Charity Trustee selection methods	Appointed, by the existing trustees, from Churches within the Church of England Deanery of Poole and North Bournemouth, unless specialist skills are required
The objects of the charity (as from 11 May 2020) – as set out in its governing document	The Charity supports the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS), Diocese of Wau, in the Republic of South Sudan. The objects of the Charity ("the Objects"), in respect of the Diocese of Wau, are: 1. The advancement of religion a. through the development of partner relationships between the Deanery of Poole and North Bournemouth in the Diocese of Salisbury in the Church of England and the Church in Wau as defined below. b. enabling visits between the UK and Wau c. helping the church in Wau to build, extend and maintain premises, to pay staff, to acquire or maintain equipment and to maintain a technological presence and d. financial support for theological training 2. The advancement of education through the purchase of books, school materials and other equipment, the construction and maintenance of educational establishments and through the training, support and funding of teachers and students. 3. The relief of poverty through: a. financial assistance for working and retired clergy and lay members of the Church in Wau; and b. the provision of humanitarian and development aid 4. The advancement of human rights and promotion of racial harmony by encouraging inter-factional understanding and dialogue. 5. The advancement of health through the provision of medical resources and through funding and facilitating the training of medical professionals. The principal area of benefit is the Internal Province of Northern Bahr el Gazal of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan which contains the Diocese

	of Wau and whose centre is the town of Wau in the Republic of South Sudan ("the Church in Wau") and the inhabitants of this area. The Charity may also support the inhabitants in nearby states and in the United Kingdom. For Object 5 the area of benefit is the whole of South Sudan and its people.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Fundraising, funding of projects, making grants to the ECSS Wau diocese, communication with the Wau diocese, visiting Wau (when practicable) to teach and monitor projects, and welcoming Wau clergy on visits to the UK.

Summary of the main achievements in relation to these objects	The year October 2024 to October 2025 has been a significant year for Poole-Wau partnership in a number of senses. Our last visit to Wau was in 2018 and then only 2 trustees went. This meant that 4 of our working group had never been to Wau and another had not been since 2013. Discussion began at the 4 July 2024 meeting and by September an outline plan was made for a visit in February 2025. By the November 2024 meeting plans were well developed and the flights to Juba booked. All 6 members of our working committee including the 4 trustees were committed to the visit. It was planned that 3 of us would do a teaching programme on Lukes's gospel and the other 3 had specific roles in terms of IT support and planning for future projects. Each person going was self-funded and there were no costs taken from the charity's funds for the visit. The visit was to be timed to coincide with the opening ceremony for the St John's Extension building that PWP had funded. £4000 was sent in September 2024 to build a Veranda to the building and on 8th January 2025 a final £5000 was sent to paint the building inside and out. This was cutting it fine, and the building was still being painted while we were in Wau – it was in fact finished the day before the opening ceremony. We were very impressed with the size and quality of the Extension building – it made all our efforts in fund-raising for it worthwhile. The visit was very successful in every respect apart from one or two difficulties which were overcome with the help of our friends in Wau. Bishop Abraham, who was the acting Archbishop, stayed with us during our stay in Wau and also escorted us on the return journey to Juba. We got to know him well. Although we had had many dealings with Philip, the Principal of St John's college, for some time this was also the first time we were able to meet him in person. We were very impressed by both these gentlemen and also by others in their teams. On our return journey we met Archbishop Moses in Juba. The visit has enlightened and strengthened everyone in the committee and cemented our relationship with our contacts in Wau. It was fortunate that we were able to spend this time with Bishop Abraham as, in August 2025, his position of acting Archbishop of Northern Bar el Ghazal was made permanent. We had had a strong relationship with the outgoing Archbishop Moses since the very start of the Poole-Wau Partnership and we hope that this will continue as he now has a permanent peace-keeping role for the church in their interactions with the S. Sudanese Government. We will continue to stay in touch with Moses and support him where we can. The most significant financial event of the period was the donation of £40,000 plus gift aid to PWP from a single donor. This was in response to one of our committee members speaking at the St John's, Broadstone church about the need for a Bore Hole at St John's in Wau. This was a game changer as otherwise, given our normal income, we would not have been able to consider the drilling of a Bore Hole. Our contacts in Wau were requested to get quotes for the Bore Hole which they duly did and at the time of this report we were considering them.
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While this was the most significant event of the year it should also be noted that we sent £18,000 to support the running of St John's. £2400 to was donated fund seeds for the famers in Warrap and Wanyok states where there had been considerable flooding and crops had been destroyed. We subsequently received detailed reports of the seed purchased and their distribution among the farmers. £2600 were donated to pay for the studies of Peter Akook. The funds for the latter were provided by the Presbyterian church in N Ireland and were a legacy provision left by K. Hearn who supported South Sudan for many years before his death. Further small sums were donated to support the attendance of a key individual in Wau at a work-related course and the maintenance of several church related websites in Wau.

In terms of regular income, the annual Holes Bay sponsored walk on 12th July provided a record £5244 (including gift aid) and J Hudson's sale of produce at 2 garden parties raised £867. Other regular income came from the churches within the deanery and several individuals who donated by direct debits.

During the period of this report we held 4 trustee meetings and had further had ad hoc meetings with respect to our visit to Wau in February 2025. We ran a Teaching Day at a local church in October 2025 utilising the material we had taught at the Wau conference. We additionally held a 'Vision Day' meeting in May 2025 to review our progress as a charity and consider our future. This is the first time we had done this, and it was immensely valuable. In terms of communications, we continued to provide regular Newsletter to our supporters and provided an up-to-date website. Several of our committee members also provided talks on our work to local churches. We continued to be represented at the Poole Deanery meetings by our trustees, Mark Rathbone and Rev Penny Draper, who made a number of presentations on our activities. Our Partnership is underpinned by prayer and we held monthly prayer meetings throughout the deanery during the year.

Signatures

Chairperson - JJ Neagle

Date 29 January 2026

Trustee - Richard Tazwell

Date 5th March 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 6th October 2025

		Year ending 6th October 2025			Prior Year
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income - from individuals	1	5,785	49,579	55,364	4,700
Voluntary Income - gift aid received	1	11,600		11,600	3,445
Voluntary Income - from organisations	1	8,257	2,598	10,854	14,359
Activities for generating funds	1	4,473		4,473	3,416
Sundry Income				0	0
Total Incoming Resources	3	30,115 ✓	52,177 ✓	82,292 ✓	25,920
Resources Expended					
Theological Education - St Johns		18,228	7,503	25,731	42,960
Theological Education - General			2,598	2,598	0
Education - School				0	0
Education - Other				0	998
Humanitarian Aid		669	2,079	2,748	0
Hardship Relief				0	0
Support for Wau Diocese		1,430	250	1,681	360
Bank Charges		223		223	123
Administration Costs		61		61	61
Total Resources Expended	3	20,612 ✓	12,430 ✓	33,042 ✓	44,502
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	3	-6	6	0	0
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Funds		9,497 ✓	39,753 ✓	49,250 ✓	-18,582
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward	3 & 4	11,518 ✓	247 ✓	11,765 ✓	30,348
Total Funds Carried Forward	2	21,015 ✓	40,000 ✓	61,015 ✓	11,766

Notes

- Given the nature of the charity's income, income is generally recognised when received. An exception is made for Gift Aid income, which will be recognised when then claim is agreed by HM Revenue & Customs.
- The Reserves Policy of the charity is to maintain reserves of at least £500, but not exceeding £22,500 (two and a half times the half-yearly contribution that the charity voluntarily makes to St John's Theological College in Wau).
- Donations given for specific purposes are shown as Restriced Funds. Movements in Restricted Funds are analysed in a detailed note (3), following the Balance Sheet.
- Rounding discrepancies on funds brought forward of £1 to £2 are due to each amount being rounded to £ before input in previous years. Going forward, all amounts will be input to the penny, and "displayed" as a whole number of pounds. That way the underlying value of all calculations and totalling on these accounts will be accurate to the penny and then "displayed" as a whole number of pounds.

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Balance Sheet as at 6th October 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		60,741	11,645
Cash in hand		0	0
Gift Aid due from HM Revenue & Customs	1	0	0
Cheques & vouchers not yet paid in		274	120
		61,015	11,765
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
		61,015	11,765
Net Assets / (Liabilities)			
Restricted income funds	3	40,000	247
Unrestricted funds		21,015	11,518
Total Funds		61,015	11,765

Note 3 - Movement in Restricted Funds During the Year

	Funds Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from Unrestricted	Funds Carried Forward
Theological Education - St Johns					
Female Students Feeding Fund	3	0	0	-3	0
St John's Extension	124	5,802	5,926		0
Travel for Wau Visit (non-GA)	0	1,577	1,577	0	0
Peter Akook UCU gift	0	2,598	2,598		0
St John's borehole	0	40,000	0		40,000
Humanitarian Aid					
Humanitarian Aid	120	1,950	2,079	9	0
Support for Wau Diocese					
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Total Restricted Funds	247	52,177	12,430	6	40,000

Expenditure on restricted purposes may be topped-up from Unrestricted Funds (a) to reflect small exchange rate differences; (b) to cover bank charges on transfers; and (c) where donors have requested that Gift Aid relating to donations is put towards the restricted purpose.

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant information and records.


 Jeffrey Neagle (Chairperson) Dated: 29 January 2026.
 For and on behalf of Poole-Wau Partnership Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1147425)

 SR. MAIL 2026

Paul Jarvis
23 Landers Reach
Lytchett Matravers
Poole BH16 6NB
24/03/2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Independent Review of the Poole-Wau Partnership Charities Trust 1147425 Accounts for period 7 October 2024 to 6 October 2025.

I have independently reviewed the Poole-Wau Partnership Accounts and supporting documents for the year to 6 October 2025.

The records for this year show that the Trustees have kept robust records for all of this year's transactions. These include email trails and supporting receipts for expenditure and sponsorship forms for income. Details were also provided to explain the purpose and acknowledge the dangers of payments made to personal accounts and demonstrated diligence in checking the source of a large donation.

Six members visited Sudan to further develop relationships and to attend the opening ceremony of the facilities paid for by fundraising by the charity. All members self-funded their trip and it is hoped this will invigorate the work of the charity in the future.

Donations to Wau paid for building and painting work; the salaries of teaching staff at St. Johns College and the Christian studies of Peter Akook. The charity responded quickly when sending financial assistance for vital food flood relief in a time of great need. These activities all meet with the stated aims of the charity.

There has been a continued active profile in local churches and newsletters issued. It is also noted that a 'Vision Day' was held to consider how the charity was progressing with its aims and to make future plans.

Financially the funds available to the Poole-Wau Partnership have grown during the year to 6 October 2025. It should however be noted that a large portion of this is 'Restricted' for particular projects.

The work of the Poole-Wau Partnership appears to be well organised with excellent financial record keeping. The funds are hugely helpful to those it supports.

I have checked the following:

Income

- The income Excel spreadsheet entries match the bank statements.
- The income end of year total £82,292 has been correctly totalled and included in the accounts.
- Cash & cheques have been banked.
- Gift aid and Peoples Fundraising documents support sums banked.
- The income appears to have been raised in the manner described in the annual report.

Expenditure

- The expenditure Excel spreadsheet entries match the bank statements.
- This expenditure end of year total £33,041.94 is correctly included in the accounts.
- The expenditure appears to match the stated aims of the Charitable Trust.
- The amounts paid are supported by documents and photos which clearly demonstrate how the funds have been spent.
- Expenses to named persons in the UK and Sudan were checked. The Trustees showed that they are very aware that these payments should be verifiable and wholly spent in ways that meet the Charities aims.

Accounts

- The funds brought forward (£11,766) plus the Net increase in funds (£49,250) are correctly shown at £61,015. This matches the sum held at the CO-OP bank on the 6 October 2025 of £60,741. An additional £274 peoples fundraising does not appear to have been deposited during this year. Checks should be made to confirm this has been received.
- The email trails and other correspondence do not suggest that there are unrecorded transactions.
- Details of the movement of Restricted funds have been explained.

In summary there does not appear to be errors or omissions in the accounts. The accounting records are therefore considered to be a true reflection of the Poole-Wau Partnerships finances for this year.

Kind Regards



Paul Jarvis