

Uganda Lodge Community Projects Trustee Report April 2023 to April 2024

Ruhanga Development School which is fully supported by the UK Charity Uganda Lodge Community Projects continued to flourish during 2023 and opened again February 2024 with nearly 500 children attending, 200 of whom are boarding. The boarders are mostly in Primary 6 & 7 classes or they live a good distance from the school. The cost to the school for a day student is equivalent of £10/month and the cost of a boarder is £20/month. That equates to the cost of running the school of approx. £7,000/month or £84,000 pa.

We try to collect about 50% of this amount from the families in school fees. However, due to the fact that the school is located in an impoverished rural location, many of the families struggle to pay this. So the charity is always looking for new revenue streams to support the regular, ongoing expenses to keep the school and medical centre open.

The medical centre continues to provide free medical care for all our students, and low-cost care to the local villagers who otherwise may not have access to medical support. With some one-off funding we were able to provide additional screening (diabetes, HIV, blood pressure etc) at several outreach clinics during the year as well as the regular monthly baby clinics.

Various maintenance repairs to the gravity-fed fresh water system took place throughout the year, alongside upgrades to the school buildings.

In July we had a 2nd visit from a group of 25 explorer Scouts from Scotland, who again raised many donations towards our building projects & they camped with our own school Scouts

The NGO Director out there was able to take all of P7 children on an overnight educational school trip shortly before their school leaving exams. They visited a tea factory, a fishing village, an irrigation scheme, salt gardens and a hydro-electric production facility and slept in a national park. Many of our school children belong to the scout troop at the school and as they came second in the District Camp two patrols were able to attend the National Camp just outside Kampala, thanks to funding from some volunteers.

Almost a third of our charity's annual income came in the form of donations towards the new build of our vocational training centre with dormitories for vocation students and continuing with building the training kitchen/restaurant.

In September we were also chosen as the Charity of the Year by our local BNI branch and this has provided us with some much needed promotion and additional income.

We have two new trustees last year and are putting together a larger team of volunteers to help us explore new avenues of fundraising and use social media more efficiently to promote our charity and find volunteers and donors.

As our trustees are located throughout the UK, our committee meetings have been held via Zoom on a regular basis to discuss finances, planning and the way forward.

ULCP Charity Commission Final Accounts		April 6th 2023 to April 5th 2024	
INCOMES			
Opening Bank Accounts	£386.48		
Sponsorship Gift-Aided	£11,462.00		
Sponsorship (Non-GiftAided)	£4,560.29		
Other Donations (Gift-Aided)	£29,035.00		
Other Donations (Non-Gift-Aided)	£35,884.38		
Accommodation & Safaris (Lodge)	£0.00		
Gift Aid from HMRC	£10,359.12		
Refunds	£0.00		
TOTAL INCOMES	£91,300.79	£91,687.27	
EXPENSES			
Transferred to Uganda (For NGO)	£88,884.06		
Justgiving charges	£0.00		
Bank Charges	£0.00		
Transferred to Ruhanga Resource Account (Lodge)	£0.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	£88,884.06		
Closing Bank Balances	£2,803.21		

Uganda Lodge Accounts	
April 2023 to March 2024	
INCOMES	
	UGL Safaris/Accom
Opening Bank Accounts	0.00
Sponsorship Gift-Aided	
Sponsorship (Non-GiftAided)	
Other Donations (Gift-Aided)	
Other Donations (Non-Gift-Aided)	
Donations for Clinic (McNeil)	
Donations for training restaurant (Bolton Halwa Centre)	
Donations from LTHT	
Gift Aid from HMRC	
Gift Aid for LTHT	
Transfer from Lodge Account	
Safaris & Accommodation for Ruhanga Resource Centre	
Refund from Bank	
TOTAL INCOMES	0.00
EXPENSES	
Tfr to Ruhanga Resource Centre account(Safari & Accommodation)	
Transferred to Uganda (For NGO)	
Justgiving charges	
Bank Charges	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00
Closing Bank Balance	0.00

ULCP	TOTALS		Adjustments (For Lodge Income)	Adjustments (For Interco Trfs)	
386.48	386.48				
11,462.00	11,462.00				
4,560.29	4,560.29				
29,035.00	29,035.00				
33,134.38	33,134.38				
2,500.00	2,500.00				
250.00	250.00				
0.00	0.00				
10,359.12	10,359.12				
0.00	0.00				
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0.00	0.00			0.00	
0.00	0.00				
91,300.79	91,300.79		0.00	0.00	
0.00	0.00			0.00	
88,884.06	88,884.06				
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Total NGO Income
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30th April 2024

The Trustees of Uganda Lodge Community Projects
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Dear Sirs,

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on the adjoining page/s.

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention that have not been met; and

- 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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- 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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