EXETER-ETHIOPIA LINK

England & Wales · Charity number 1154085

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-10-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA, IN PARTICULAR THE TOWN OF NEKEMTE, WELLEGA, AND SURROUNDING AREAS. ALSO THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE IN AND AROUND EXETER, DEVON, ENGLAND ABOUT ETHIOPIA AND ITS NEEDS.

Activities: Exeter-Ethiopia Link was set up in 1987 to promote a community link between the people of Exeter and the people of Nekemte, the principal town in the region of Wollega, Ethiopia. The charity supports projects related to health, water, education, the environment, women and disabled people in Nekemte and surrounding areas. It also provides information to the people of Exeter on life in Ethiopia.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

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Geography

- Ethiopia
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£21,997	£33,732	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,042	£26,127	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,969	£31,758	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,750	£47,626	-	-
2020-12-31	£48,947	£32,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cynthia Palmer		2023-06-22
Elizabeth Horsefield		2021-06-10
George Herbert Dexter		2022-06-25
Kenechukwu Leonard Osanakpo		2023-06-22
Penelope Jane Pullen		2021-06-10
Ruth Janice Ryan		2025-07-17
Selamawit Uma		2023-06-22

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ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2024

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INTRODUCTION FROM SECRETARY

2024 was a year of working within our reduced budget. We consolidated our projects, focussing heavily on our core objective of providing libraries to the area in which we excelled and further extended our reach in both footfall and books lent. We continued our other projects where funding allowed. Huge thanks to Murti and her team. The project committee is to be thanked for their keen attention to the details of the projects and budgeting.

The Year of The Teacher raised £2056 which was a great achievement and covered the cost of 650 books. We chose The Year of Rural Schools as our focus for 2025.

Our newsletter continues to evolve and be a vital form of communication.

Murti is growing our engagement with schools and has restarted the linked schools' initiative. This is an area of great potential and her regular schools newsletter is proving a big success in raising interest.

In Nekemte there continued to be challenges with security issues and we thank the whole team for their resilience and determination to keep projects running where it is safe to do so. Murti has worked tirelessly to ensure the safe and efficient continuation of the work.

We are delighted to have secure two significant grants in 2024. Thanks to Mark and Murti for their skilful proposals.

I would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation across the spectrum of EEL. From our members and supporters through to our board of trustees and treasurer, our project committee, our volunteers Lee and David and our Nekemte team working with our teachers, librarians and local communities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dawn Swettenham

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1) LIBRARIES

- In 2024, EEL supported 40 primary school libraries:
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- **5** librarians were employed by the government (an additional 3 librarians compared to 2 in 2023). The project supports the schools by providing librarian training.
- The libraries had a total average monthly footfall of **27,400 students** and an average of **2,056 books** were lent each month.

LIBRARIES

- We have planned to extend the project agreement for an additional year, starting in June 2025. Under this we are planning to:
  - Support an average of 20,000 students a month to access class libraries
  - Employ 35 librarians each year
  - Carry out support visit to disability associations or parent support groups with VSLAs which were set up in previous years.

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- **12 teachers were trained** in the teaching of early grade reading from four rural schools.
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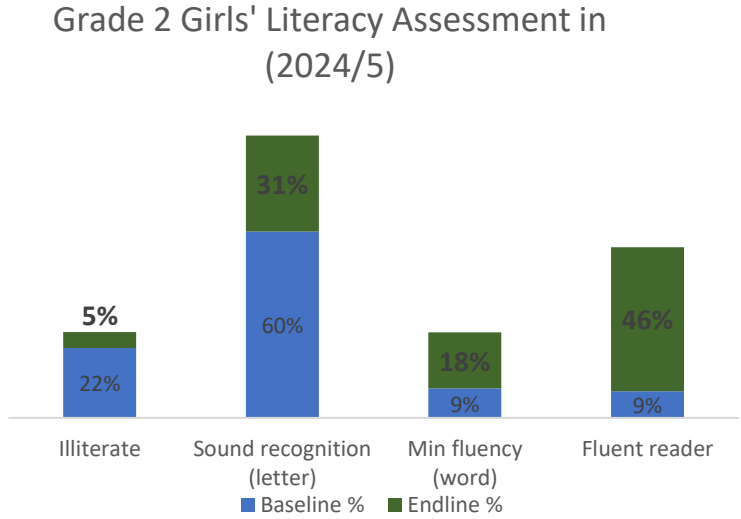
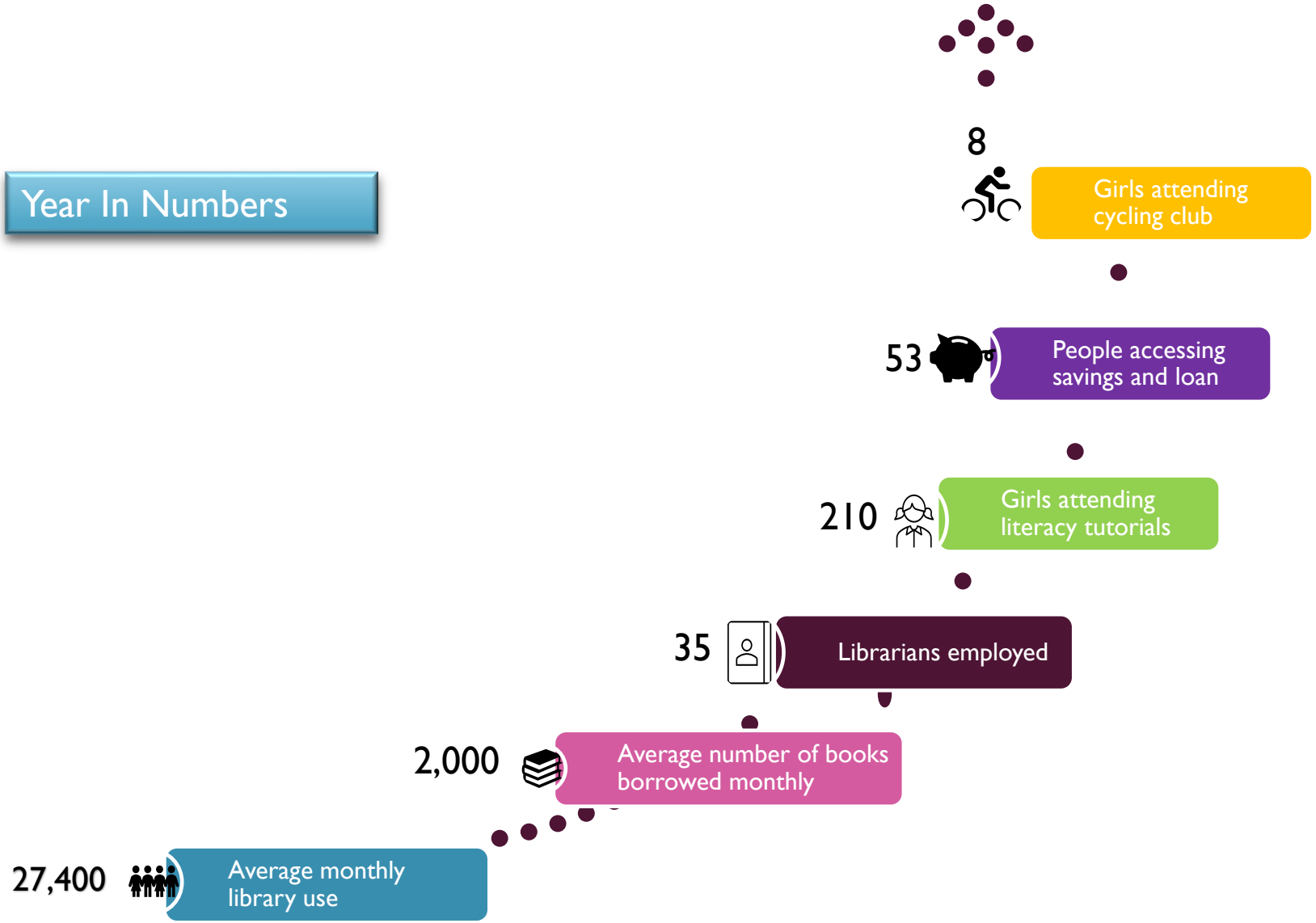


3. GIRLS' BIKE PROJECT

- 8 girls from two secondary school have been training in our girls cycling club. They meet three times a week with Coach Takele, a former professional cyclist, to build their skills and confidence.

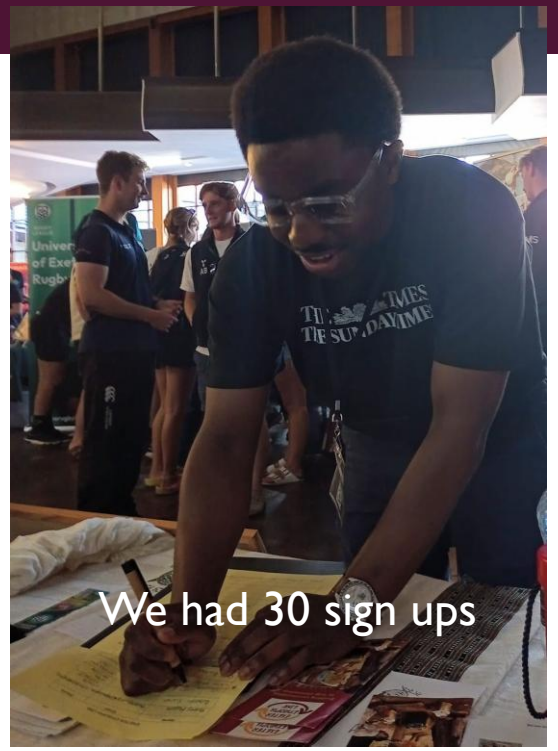
Year In Numbers



Fundraising by Annie Bainbridge and members

Annie, as usual, ran her stall at The Respect Festival. She also organized a walk and talk and attended South Molton Market to sell hand made knitted items kindly donated by a member. Money raised was added to our Big Give campaign and doubled!

Our trustee Ken organized a stand at Exeter University Fresher's Week to raise awareness



We had 30 sign ups

2024 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: UPDATE

£2056 raised

2,680 books donated to libraries

EEL UPDATES:
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

THE LINK

WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN NEKEMTE, ETHIOPIA.

Update: March 2024

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter keeping you up to date with what's going on at EEL and reporting on the progress we are making with our projects in Nekemte, Ethiopia

A big thank you to all our members whose subscriptions help fund our much needed and appreciated projects in and around Nekemte.

We have 20 more members than in 2024 and of course our aim is to increase membership year on year.
The annual fee is £10 single and £15 joint membership. It is easy to subscribe online through our website.

I would also like to thank those who are not members but give their time and energy to the Respect Festival and other fundraising activities.

Please email me if your contact details have changed ....
membsec@exeterethiopialink.org
Annie Bainbridge Membership secretary

CURRENT MEMBERS = 164

We have focused on inviting friends and followers to sign up to our newsletter.
We hope that this is an easy step towards membership.

We currently have 147 people signed up to our newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The trustees have approved the accounts and Emerald Davies in the process of examining our accounts for January to December 2024 in line with financial legislation and submit her report to the Trustees.

Exeter Ethiopia Link has finished 2024 with total funds of £20,384 (2023: £32,119).

We raised a total of £21,997 compared to £20,042 the previous year). This slight increase is mainly due to an additional grant we received. We again carried out a very successful Big Give campaign in which we raised £9,837. Money from this is included in both fundraising and donations lines (from our match funders Ethiopia Aid and Enable Ed CIC) of our Statement of Financial Activities. We spent £33,732 of which 90% went as grants out to Ethiopia and 7% as a stipend and expenses to our volunteer project manager in Ethiopia.

Currently the accounts for Exeter Ethiopia Link are declining, with totals of £12,965 in unrestricted funds and £7,419 in restricted funds (£20,384 in total).

By Mark Smith EEL Treasurer.

EEL has finished 2024 with total funds of £20,384

(See separate Financial Report for detail)

What's Next:

Our projects come to an end in June 2025 but with a recent grant (Feb 2025) of £10,000 from the Waterloo Foundation we will be continuing our projects and Murti is developing a project budget for sign off initially with the project committee.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
OFFICERS:

Role	Officer during 2024:
General Secretary	Dawn Swettenham
Treasurer	Mark Smith
Membership Secretary	Annie Bainbridge
Fundraising, social media, publicity	Lee Davies
Website Editor	David Scarbrough
Project committee chair	George Dexter
Project committee	Penny Pullen, Liz Horsefield, Aynsley Jones Jordan Jones, Sue Parks, Marc Zuiderveen Joanne Keenahan, Sue Parks, Murti Uma, Mark Smith

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
TRUSTEES:

Trustees during 2024	Changes During Year:
Penny Pullen (honorary/ ex officio)	
Liz Horsefield	
Dawn Swettenham	
George Dexter	
Selam Uma	
Cynthia Palmer	
Kenechukwu Leonard	

Trustee Changes at 2025 AGM	
Dawn Swettenham	Standing down
George Dexter	Standing down
Cynthia Palmer	For re election by rotation
Ruth Smith	Nominated to become trustee

Ex-officios	
Selam Uma	Secretary
Mark Smith (Treasurer)	Treasurer (non trustee)

2025/6 STRATEGY

Build on Our Strengths

- Continue empowering partners who work diligently on the ground despite limited staffing.
- Encourage trustees and members to sustain fundraising through community networks and events.
- Strengthen our partnerships with UK schools and explore additional collaborations.
- Support and celebrate the growing number of students using the school.
- Harness the enthusiasm of librarians to further enhance student support.

Seize Opportunities

- Proactively engage with other schools to exchange knowledge and foster collaboration.
- Create more platforms for sharing experiences within and beyond our network.
- Deepen connections with the local community to build mutual trust and support.

2025/6 STRATEGY

Address Weaknesses

- Improve social media presence to enhance visibility and outreach.
- Identify and recruit a dedicated individual or team for fundraising to ensure availability of funding .

Prepare for and Mitigate Threats

- Stay informed and adaptable in the face of political arrests, ensuring the safety of staff in Nekemte.
- Develop strategies to cope with inflation, such as budgeting adjustments and alternative resource sourcing, to keep children at school i.e. attendance and enrolment

2025 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: UPDATE

We have chosen rural schools as our fundraising focus for 2025.

The purpose of our fundraising is to purchase essential classroom equipment such as school desks, blackboards and bookshelves.

We are seeking a volunteer to help us to promote this cause and to organise fundraising events.

Could you organise an event and give the gift of education which will last a lifetime?

Could you support our rural schools?

A sponsored event :

- An opportunity to reach a personal goal
- An opportunity to improve your fitness

A coffee morning / book swap or supper:

- An opportunity to meet up with friends

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Charity Number 1154085

Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31 December 2024

Unaudited Accounts

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Independent examiner's report on the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024

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 Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:
examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state
whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 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 Charities Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed: Emerald Thomas

Dated: 12th July 2025

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO Charity Information

Charity Address:

333A Willenhall Road
Wolverhampton
WV1 2HD

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Trustees

Dawn Swettenham
Annie Bainbridge
George Dexter
Penelope Pullen
Elizabeth Horsefield
Selam Uma
Kenechukwu Osanakpo
Cynthia Palmer

Independent Examiner

Emerald Thomas MAAT FCCA

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO
Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2024

	Notes	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Current Assets		£	£
Bank Account ...5188		18,528	26,549
Bank Account …7900		1,857	5,570
		20,384	32,119
Creditors			
Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year		-	-
Net Assets		**20,384**	**32,119**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		12,966	21,259
Restricted funds		7,418	10,860
Total Funds		**20,384**	**32,119**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17/7/2025

and signed on its behalf by

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31/12/2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
Grants Received			5,000	5,000	2,200
Donations			4,500	4,500	5,064
Subscriptions		3,144		3,144	3,132
Fundraising			6,659	6,659	5,478
Gift Aid		2,694		2,694	4,168
Total Income		**5,838**	**16,159**	**21,997**	**20,042**
Expenditure on:					
Fundraising costs		504		504	280
Grants out		11,277	18,990	30,267	23,664
Travel costs Ethiopia		91	610	701	-
Volunteer Stipend		1,800		1,800	1,470
Volunteer Expenses				0	191
Room Hire+ Refreshments		148		148	241
Insurance		242		242	251
Donation		70		70	30
Total Expenditure		**14,132**	**19,600**	**33,732**	**26,127**
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(8,294)	(3,441)	(11,735)	(6,085)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought Forward		21,259	10,860	32,119	38,204
Total Funds carried Forward		12,966	7,419	20,384	32,119

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK CIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Accounting policies

1.1 These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 effective 1st January 2019

Project Fund Balances

Below are the fund balances. Trustees took the decision to simplify the project lines. In the Unrestricted Funds, funds were merged into one. For Restricted funds a number of fund lines were spent out. If future grants are obtained, these will be managed on separate project lines.

	Jan-24	Income	Expenditure	Dec-24
Unrestricted Funds				
General	21,259	5,838	14,131	12,966
	21,259	5,838	14,131	12,966
Restricted Funds				
Ferguson		5,000	3,000	2,000
Souter Charitable Trust	2,041		2041	0
Sponsorships	580		580	0
Travel Fund	610		610	0
Librarians	3,553	8,866	7,000	5,419
Year of Teacher		936	936	0
EEL Project Fund	4,076	1357	5,433	0
	10,860	16,159	19,600	7,419
Total Funds	32,119	21,997	33,731	20,384

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INTRODUCTION FROM SECRETARY

2023 was the second year of our 2 year small scale education project. Much of the hard work had been done and this was a year to consolidate. The project committee is to be thanked for their keen attention to the details of the projects and budgeting.

The Year of Reading proved to be difficult from a fund raising perspective but our initiative of the coffee book swap inspired two very successful and enjoyable fund raising events. We chose the Year of the Teacher for our 2024 focus.

In 2023 we aimed to improve communication by more "story telling" around the lives of individuals in Nekemte. Murti sent us some excellent and vivid accounts of day to day life and, in particular, the impact of the libraries on students and the positive consequence of employment as a librarian. Our newsletter continues to evolve and be a vital form of communication.

We held our first face to face meeting since Covid in November. This was a great success with much enthusiasm and many ideas for fundraising and engagement. This will be the springboard for more face to face engagements which will enhance our sense of community and catalyse our fundraising.

In August 2023 we were very sad to hear the news of the passing of Dick Benn. Dick was treasure of EEL for 15 years and he will be remembered with affection, not just for his dedication to EEL but for his kind and understanding manner, his consideration and thoughtfulness.

In Nekemte there continued to be huge challenges with security issues and the bravery and determination of teachers, librarians and our own team is to be credited. Murti has worked tirelessly to ensure the safe and efficient continuation of the work within safe limits and her communication between the team and our project committee has been outstanding and essential.

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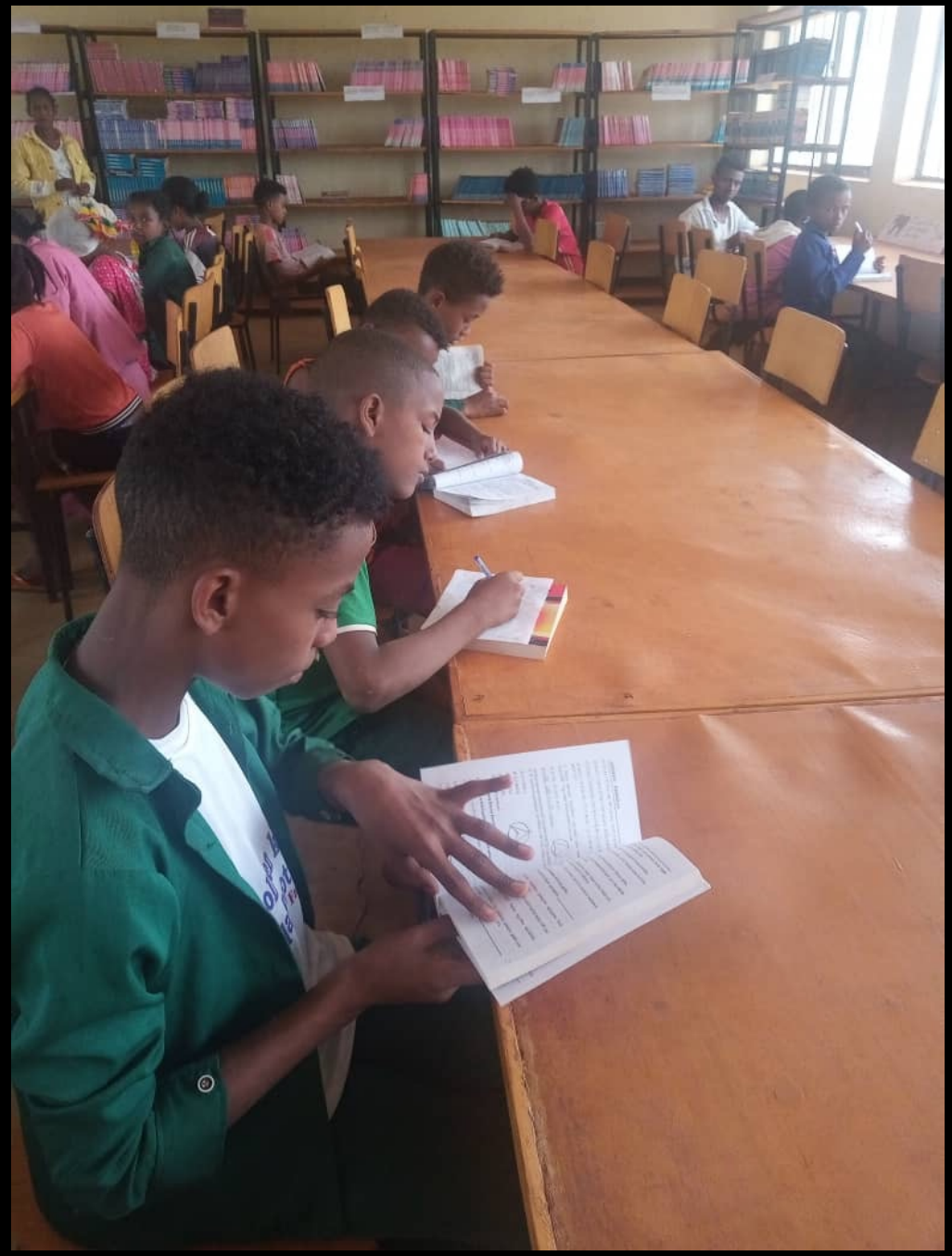

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- We **supported 20 deaf** students in secondary school through additional tutorials on key subjects (English,Maths and Science subjects).

3. GIRLS' BIKE PROJECT

- 12 girls from two secondary school were selected to practice cycling. In addition, **three girls** from this project took part in regional under 17 **cycling competition** in June 2023.
  - In solo events, they earned **9 silver medals**, and in team competitions, they secured **a bronze medal** individually, totaling 10 medals overall.

LIBRARIES AND LITERACY

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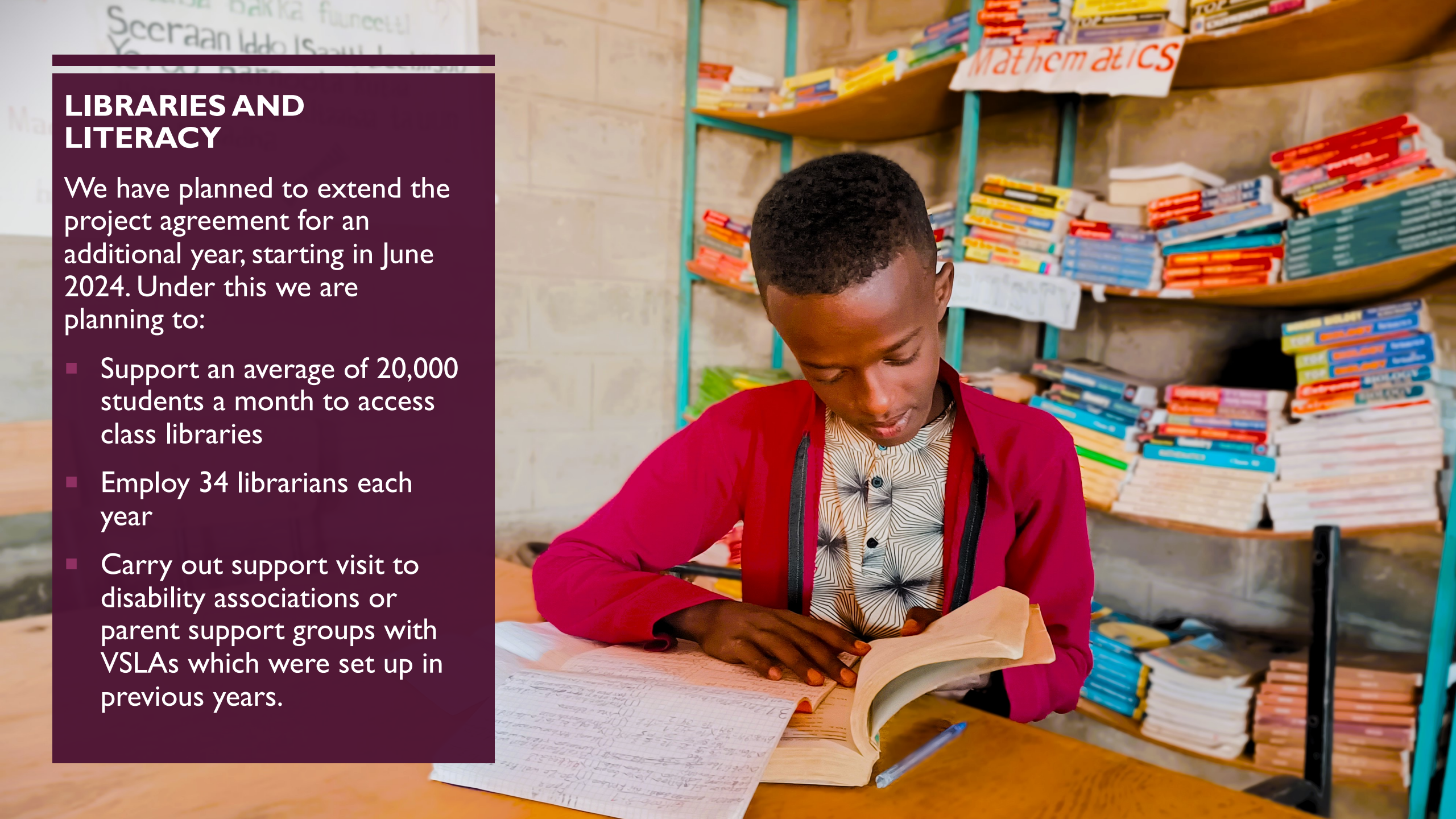


Once again Annie Bainbridge organized our stall at the Exeter Respect Festival which was well supported by.

We had 20 new sign ups to the newsletter and raised £200

£1,041 was raised by Coffee Morning Book Swaps

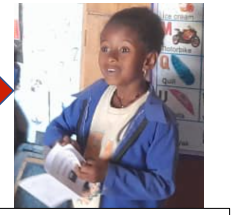
The Year of Reading Book swap fundraiser March 3rd – 5th

To celebrate World Book Day please invite your friends and family to come together to exchange books and enjoy a cup of coffee (preferably Ethiopian ☺).

We are asking your guests to help us raise funds for books and reading tutorials in Nekemte, Ethiopia
£3 (the price of a cup of coffee) will buy one book
£20 will provide tutorials sufficient to teach one child to read

A donation of £3

A donation of £20



For more information and to donate visit www.exeterethiopialink.org
To make an even bigger difference, consider making your donation monthly. THANK YOU.

- **Funds raised were spent on Literacy Tutorials to support children to read**

EEL UPDATES:
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

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Annie Bainbridge Membership secretary

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THE LINK

WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN NEKEMTE, ETHIOPIA.

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The Link has finished 2023 with total funds of £32,119 (2022: £38,204).

We raised a total of £20,042 compared to £26,968 the previous year). This decrease is in part due to reduced funder grants and part due to decreased fundraising. We again carried out a very successful Big Give campaign in which we raised £9106. Money from this is included in both fundraising and donations lines (from our match funders Ethiopia Aid and Enable Ed CIC) of our Statement of Financial Activities. We spent £26,127 of which 91% went as grants out to Ethiopia and 6% as a stipend to our volunteer project manager in Ethiopia

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By Mark Smith EEL Treasurer.

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(2022: £38,204).

(See separate Financial Report for detail)

What's Next:

Our projects come to an end in June 2024 and given the financial position, trustees took the decision to sign a one year extension project with EECMY CS DASSC with approximate expenditure of £21,500 over the next 12 months. This will be made up of approximately £18,500 new funding from EEL and £3000 in underspend already sent to our project partner DASSC.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
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Project committee	Penny Pullen, Liz Horsefield, Aynsley Jones Jordan Jones, Sue Parks, Marc Zuiderveen Joanne Keenahan, Sue Parks, Murti Uma

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES

TRUSTEES:

Trustees during 2023	Changes During Year:
Penny Pullen	Appoionted honorary trustee at AGM June 2023
Kirsten Pullen	
Annie Bainbridge	
Liz Horsefield	
Dawn Swettenham	
Ella Sadler	Resigned June 2023
George Dexter	
Selam Uma	Appointed at AGM June 2023
Cynthia Palmer	Appointed at AGM June 2023
Kenechukwu Leonard	Appointed at AGM June 2023

Trustee Changes at 2024 AGM	Trustees Standing Down
Kirsten Pullen	Standing down
Annie Bainbridge	Standing down
Liz Horsefield	For re election by rotation

Ex-officios	
Dawn Swettenham	Secretary
Mark Smith (Treasurer)	Treasurer (non trustee)

2024/5 STRATEGY

Our 2023 accounts show a decrease of £6926 in funds raised. As a consequence we are being cautious about our commitment to projects in 2024. Our core project has been identified as the libraries. Additional projects will be linked to funds raised.

1. FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING

HOW:

1. Encourage monthly donations
2. Identify specific needs which is more inspiring to both potential fundraisers and donors
3. Encourage participation in the fundraising conversation. A lot of people raising a small amount makes a BIG difference.
4. Trustee Cynthia Palmer will co ordinate fundraising ideas together with support from Dawn, David (website and newsletter support) and Lee (social media and advertising design).
5. The Big Give will be repeated in December 2024.

2. SCHOOL LINKING

Murti has taken over the schools linking programme. She has now produced our first schools newsletter.

We will be sharing this with our linked schools.

The aim is to recruit more schools across the country

Once we have a school engaged there will be the opportunity for new members and fundraising.

3. GRANT FUNDS

We will continue to submit applications for grant funding.

Mark Smith has successfully secured one grant for £2000 from the Waterloo Trust

5. UNIVERSITIES

Our trustee Ken is engaging with Exeter University with the aim of organising an event during Fresher's Week.

We hope to engage students and encourage them to organise a community of interested students to spread the word of EEL, organise fundraisers and provide some new ideas.

5. NEW TRUSTEES

We now have vacancies for TWO trustees.

The recruitment of two active trustees will be a huge help towards steering our charity forward.

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Charity Number 1154085

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Dated: 31/08/2024

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		32,119	38,804
Creditors			
Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year		-	600
Net Assets		**32,119**	**38,204**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		21,259	15,788
Restricted funds		10,860	22,416
Total Funds		**32,119**	**38,204**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

and signed on its behalf by

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31/12/2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Income					
Grants Received		-	2,200	2,200	6,625
Donations		634	4,430	5,064	6,133
Subscriptions		3,132	-	3,132	3,397
Fundraising		-	5,478	5,478	10,803
Bank Interest & misc credit		-	-	-	10
Gift Aid		4,168	-	4,168	-
Total Income		**7,934**	**12,108**	**20,042**	**26,968**
Expenditure on:					
Accountancy		-	-	-	470
Fundraising costs		280	-	280	80
Grants out		-	23,664	23,664	26,008
Travel costs Ethiopia		-	-	-	1,235
Volunteer Stipend		1,470	-	1,470	1,700
Volunteer Expenses		191	-	191	-
Room Hire+ Refreshments		241	-	241	74
Insurance		251	-	251	251
Evaluation Costs		-	-	-	1,750
Grant Repayment		-	-	-	190
Donation		30	-	30	-
Total Expenditure		**2,463**	**23,664**	**26,127**	**31,758**
Net Income/(Expenditure)		5,471	(11,556)	(6,085)	(4,790)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought Forward		15,788	22,416	38,204	42,994
Total Funds carried Forward		21,259	10,860	32,119	38,204

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK CIO
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General	15,788	7,934	2,463	21,259
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Restricted Funds				
IEP	5,580	-	5,580	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	2,200	159	2,041
Linked Schools	635	-	635	-
Sponsorships	1,391	480	1,291	580
Travel Fund	610	-	-	610
Librarians	6,002	8,207	10,656	3,553
The Bike Project	524	-	524	-
Year of Reading	-	1,041	1,041	-
EEL Project Fund	7,674	180	3,778	4,076
	22,416	12,108	23,664	10,860
Total Funds	38,204	20,042	26,127	32,119

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Accounts

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK

Enabling communities to help themselves

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022

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INTRODUCTION FROM SECRETARY

I believe that we come to this year's AGM in a much stronger position than last year. In 2022 we were faced with the huge challenge of budgeting for and setting up our own projects, forming a team in Nekemte and putting in place monitoring and evaluation. We needed to commit to the funding in the absence of grant opportunities.

All of this, and more, has been achieved through a huge team effort. We took the decision to commit to a 2 year project as this provides more efficient use of funds and also more stability for our project team, partners and beneficiaries.

I would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation across the spectrum of EEL. From our members and supporters through to our board of trustees and treasurer, our project committee, our volunteers Lee and David and our Nekemte team, Murti, Temesgen, Tesema and Gobena working with our teachers, librarians and local communities. Each one of these people is what makes us a whole.

The formation of the project committee under the chairmanship of George Dexter and the level of expertise and knowledge within it has had a huge impact on our ability to manage the projects and our ability to move forward.

Following covid, Nekemte has faced the challenge of political unrest and security issues. Our partners have shown great resilience and courage, over and above our expectations. These issues also have an impact on the opening of schools which makes our tutorials and libraries even more valuable. With this in mind, we chose The Year of Reading as our focus for 2023.

Our increasing use of our library buildings and our librarians to deliver education and provide safe spaces is an inspired way to maximise our resources. The projects with the deaf students and the bike project continue. Every person involved in the UK is a volunteer and so, other than a small number of required fees, every penny is spent in Ethiopia.

During the year we took the decision to stop the Link up meetings. We have however continued with The Link newsletter thanks to David. Lee sends out regular updates on social media. We aim to keep our members as involved and informed as possible.

We have a growing number of people involved in this wonderful charity. This is our future and what will sustain us. Thank you for your continued support.

Dawn

2022 PROJECT UPDATES:

2022, like 2021, was a hugely challenging year because of the political and security situation in and around Nekemte with regular armed conflict around and at times in Nekemte.

Nekemte was declared (and still is) an area which the FCDO advises against all travel to. As a result, some NGOs have chosen to withdraw from projects in the area.

However, EEL is continuing to work with the EECMY CS-DASSC. It puts the security of the team as a total priority but uses local knowledge to identify areas where it is safe.

Thank you from the team in Nekemte & Librarians

LIBRARIES & LITERACY

In 2022, our Libraries and Literacy Project funded by UK AID came to an end. This was evaluated and the results verified by UK AID. We were delighted to receive an A+ grade for the project from UK AID. Some of the key achievements from the 2 year project were

- **24** school libraries were supported with additional **furniture and books**
- **35 librarians were employed** (21 Females) in the context of the area where the unemployment rate is 30%. This enabled them to access a monthly income often paying for their studies
- The libraries had a total average monthly footfall of **23,000 students** and an average of **3000 books** were lent each month.

Deaf Students Making Books

LIBRARIES & LITERACY

- **118 teachers were trained** in the teaching of early grade reading.
- We set up **girl's tutorials to support literacy**. This resulted in an additional 208 girls who otherwise were not achieving literacy in mainstream classrooms to reach a minimum word level of literacy and 136 girls to become fluent in reading.
- We **supported 34 deaf students** who were attending secondary school to earn a small income in making teaching and learning aids. This prevented them from dropping out and also enabled them to complete secondary school.

Two videos which tell the story of the project can be found here

The Story of the Project:
https://vimeo.com/745401432

Librarian Stories:
https://vimeo.com/745455494

Teacher Training

LIBRARIES AND LITERACY

In September 2022, we signed a new 2 year project agreement. Under this we are planning over the 2 years

- Support 200 girls to become literate through our girls' tutorials programme
- Support an average of 15,000 students a month to access class libraries
- Employ 34 librarians each year
- Build girl's sanitary facilities to support over 1000 girls in a secondary school
- Support 20 deaf students to continue and successfully finish secondary education
- Set up 2 new disability associations or parent support groups with VSLAs
- Improve sporting opportunities for girls

Libraries

To reduce inequality and promote health, safety and wellbeing for girls living in the Nekemte area of Ethiopia.

£3,049 was raised over the year (+ £7,870 from the Big Give for Librarians)

Girls Tutorials

Funds raised were spent on:

- ✓ **Improving sanitary conditions for girls** in a secondary school, benefitting 1013 girls. (Lela Nekemte School) (See Picture)
- ✓ **21 Female Librarians were employed**, where the unemployment rate is 30%. This enabled them to access a monthly income often paying for their studies
- ✓ **Tutorials** were provided for girls to support improvements in their own literacy. As part of that in 2021/22 academic year 314 girls received tutorials in literacy (original target 100)... 88% showed improvements and 72% (226 girls) reached a minimum level of literacy which will ensure they can access the curriculum. In 2023, we are continuing our tutorials and currently 141 girls are accessing tutorials.
- ✓ In addition the employment of librarians enables a large number of **girls to access books** and a safe place to study. For example in December 2022, our 34 libraries were visited 9733 by girls (and this is in fact more than boys).
- **16 deaf girls** were supported as part of our Libraries and Literacy Project with enabled them to earn money to support their secondary education and provided tutorials to support them to pass their exams. All passed their exams.
- Our **bike project for girls** is continuing with 12 girls accessing regular bike lessons and in 2023 we hope to start other sporting activities for girls such as football.

Lela Nekemte Sanitary Facilities

EEL UPDATES:
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

- A big thank you to all our members for your continued support.
- Membership currently stands at **105** members.
- For a variety of reasons a few members have decided not to renew their subscription this year.
- To those I have spoken to, I know that your decision has not been taken lightly and thank you for your commitment to Exeter Ethiopia Link over the past years
- Although our numbers have dropped slightly there has been an increase in people, *Friends of EEL,* who prefer to make a donation or help with fund raising events rather than become a member.

So thank you to everyone who has supported us over the year

CURRENT MEMBERS = 105

TREASURER'S REPORT

Emerald Davies has examined our accounts for January to December 2022 in line with financial legislation, and submitted her report to the Trustees.

The Link has finished 2022 with total funds of £38,204 (2021: £42,994).

This decrease is in part due to the funding cycle of our ongoing projects. We have received the last of the monies for the Schools, Libraries and Literacy Project funded by UKAID and did not receive any additional project grants. However, we have carried out our own fundraising, including the very successful Big Give campaign in which we raised £7870. Money from this is included in both fundraising and donations lines (from our match funders Ethiopia Aid and Enable Ed CIC) of our Statement of Financial Activities. Our Year of the Girl raised £2,989 which was spent to fund improved sanitary conditions for girls in a secondary school benefitting 1013 girls.

Currently the accounts for the Exeter Ethiopia Link are healthy, with totals of £15,848 in unrestricted funds and £22,356 in restricted funds (£38,204 total).

By Mark Smith EEL Treasurer.

The Link has finished 2022 with total funds of

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(See separate Financial Report for detail)

What's Next:

Our projects came to an end in June 2022 and given the healthy position in September 2022, trustees took the decision to sign a new two year project with EECMY CS DASSC with funding of £54,320 over the 24 months. £12,851 was sent in 2022 with the remaining in 2023/24. We recognise that to meet this we will have to raise additional funds but our financial forecast would suggest this is achievable.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS APPROVAL

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
OFFICERS:

Role	Officer during 2022:
General Secretary	Dawn Swettenham
Treasurer	Kirsten Pullen Jan 2022 - June 2022, Mark Smith June 2022 - present
Membership Secretary	Annie Bainbridge
Fundraising, social media, publicity	Lee Davies
Website Editor	David Scarbrough
Projects Coordination	Enable-Ed
Treasury Team	Kirsten Pullen & Oscarine Barukh & Hannah Swettenham
Volunteers	Sue Parks

PROJECT COMMITTEE
FORMED SEPTEMBER 2022

Chairperson	Penny Pullen September 2022- November 2022 George Dexter November 2022 - present
Members	Penny Pullen Liz Horsefield Sue Parks Marc Zuiderveen Joanne Keenahan Murti Uma

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
TRUSTEES:

Trustees during 2022	Changes During Year:
Penny Pullen	
Annie Bainbridge	
Liz Horsefield	
Dawn Swettenham	
Ella Sadler	
George Dexter	Appointed @ June 2022 AGM

Ex-officios	
Dawn Swettenham (Secretary)	
Kirsten Pullen (Treasurer)	Stepped down as Treasurer & remained Trustee
Mark Smith (Treasurer)	Took over Treasurer role as a non trustee

Trustee Changes at next AGM	Trustees Standing Down
Ella Sadler	@ 2023 AGM
Kirsten Pullen	Standing down by rotation, up for re-election @ 2023 AGM
Penny Pullen	Proposed as Honorary Trustee @ 2023 AGM

New Trustee's Up for Election at next AGM (See blurbs next slide)	
Selam Uma	
Cynthia Palmer	
Kenechukwu Leonard	

2023 AGM PROPOSED NEW TRUSTEES

Selam:

My name is Selam Uma born and bred in Nekemte where I started my career as a project manager with EECMY DASSC.
I met Penny many years ago on an EEL trip. I was project manager of the school for the deaf and Nekemte Disability Project.
Over the years when I was in Ethiopia I was responsible for running projects funded by EEL. This included support for students who were deaf, the setting up of disability associations with saving associations and facilitating surgery (eg fistula, eye care, club foot) and assistive devices for disabled students and adults.
I was also working with government schools encouraging them to enrol disabled children and the rolling out of inclusive education.

I believe I will be of value as a member of the board of trustees as I have direct experience and know the area where EEL works. I also have direct experience having worked for and been an employee of your partner EECMY DASSC. Moreover, I my current knowledge beyond disability for example in developing small businesses, job creation and the agriculture sector in Ethiopia could be a value for the team.

Cynthia:
My name is Cynthia Palmer. I am a retired Health and Safety Advisor, previously working in the education and charity sectors. I live near Exeter. Since having the opportunity to visit Ethiopia in 1999. 2011 and 2012, I have taken a keen interest in the country, and specifically charity partnerships supporting Ethiopia.

In 1994 met Bekuma, a mature student from Addis Ababa, when he was here on vocational training and visited my church. After he returned home, I set up a small fund for the congregation to enable a regular money transfer to support his family. This continued for 15 years, resulting in his four children progressing through to higher education and their careers in banking, teaching and two of them becoming IT professionals.

Following my last visit in 2012, when I was lucky to be able to travel through the country, including the Oromo region and Nekempte, I worked with George Dexter to gather school books and computer equipment. We sent this to Addis Abeba, as aid for Future Generation Hope Schools. This proved problematic, to actually get the goods intact, through customs and on to the destination. It taught us to join with and support other, larger charities. Hence the reason for my interest in joining the EEL board.

My other experience has been as Vice-chair of the Lutheran Women's Guild of Great Britain, supporting overseas missions and as Chair of the church Buildings and Maintenance committee.
I currently volunteer in Exeter with the Salvation Army, working weekly with the Employment Plus support and cooking meals once a month for the homeless in the city.

Kenechukwu:

My name is Kenechukwu Osanakpo (Ken for short) and I am a qualified legal practitioner, recognised by the Nigerian Bar.

Following primary and secondary school education in Nigeria, I came to the UK for a foundation programme in law. I also completed an undergraduate degree in International Relations and Law at the University of Exeter. In 2014, I returned to my home country to attend the Nigerian Law School and was called to the Bar in 2015. Back in the UK, I pursued a master's in Transnational Criminal Justice.

From 2017 and 2020, I enrolled on a PhD programme in Security and Intelligence Studies – in a topic
I am particularly interested in and keen to learn more about. I am due to complete the programme in December 2023.

Coming from a Nigerian background, I believe my knowledge of neighbouring countries and their cultures, as well as my awareness of the challenges faced by different communities across the continent, makes me well positioned to help provide insights and recommended solutions to challenges and issues.

I've always had a keen interest in culture, current affairs and politics. Alongside this, I have a strong desire to make a difference in the world; using my knowledge, life experiences and skillset to improve the quality of life of people in less privileged communities, sharing resources and knowledge, and helping amplify the voices of underrepresented groups. I believe that through working with EEL I'll have the opportunity to do this whilst also picking up some very valuable career skills.

2023 STRATEGY

1. FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING

To strengthen the future of the charity, we will be focusing on our income and fundraising activities.

HOW:
Firstly, by inspiring members and supporters to increase contributions and, secondly, by increasing our membership and support base. To support this aim we hope to set up a fundraising committee. We invite any member who is interested in participating to contact us through the website.

We have already taken steps to encourage regular monthly donations which gives us increased confidence in our projected budget. We will be trying to improve our marketing of this idea. The Big Give has been a brilliant source of match funding and this will be repeated in December 2023. There are various possible events, both face to face and online, which could raise funds and these will be explored.

2. SHOWCASE IMPACT & STORYTELLING

HOW:
Our website has been updated by David Scarborough and we will continue to use this and social media to showcase our results.

Our project manager Murti has received training on ethical storytelling. We are already using these stories to enhance the project reports received from Nekemte and the real life stories demonstrate the positive impact of the projects. We hope that this will inspire further donations and new members.

3. INCREASE REACH ACROSS UK

Our strategy in 2022 was to increase the reach of EEL across the country.

One key to this aim is our schools programme which we hoped to develop. Unfortunately, mainly due to time, we have been unable to progress this and so we carry over this ambition into 2023.

HOW:
We do have some schools involved and so the first step will be to form the scheme into a written process. Informing children in the UK about life in Ethiopia is incredibly valuable and we hope to achieve this in a fun and interesting way. Once we have a school engaged there will be the opportunity for new members and fundraising.

4. INVESTIGATE GRANT FUNDS

We will also continue to submit applications for grant funding.

Since covid 19, there are many fewer grants available for small international development charities as many funders prefer to support UK projects. As a result of this, the competition for overseas grants has significantly increased.

In the past we have received 3 large multiyear project grants, two from the UK government and one from Comic Relief. These streams of grant funding are no longer available.

Despite this we will continue to investigate whatever grant funding opportunities are available.

5. EXPLORE NAME CHANGE

The board has been discussing whether the name "Exeter Ethiopia Link" is a hindrance to us reaching out to areas of the UK outside of the Southwest.

HOW:
We will be asking members at the AGM for their comments and if they will give us their permission to explore the possible benefits and risks of a name change.

6. SECURE FUNDS FOR CORE PROJECTS

Our priority is to guarantee funding for our "core" projects and beneficiaries. For example, our librarians rely on their salaries.
Once we have this funding secured beyond the end of our two year project we hope to support additional "one off" projects.

The project committee have within their remit to seek out new opportunities for funding. Their close links to the project team means that they are ideally suited to understand the needs of the communities.

We are expecting to welcome new trustees onto the board at the AGM. These individuals will bring valuable new perspective and ideas to the charity.

2023 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: UPDATE

By providing books and supporting librarians, children of all ages will have the chance to become better readers.

Some will enjoy reading just for the sake of it, for many it will give them improved skills to follow written instructions, read signs and enhance their employability, but most of all, improved reading skills will underpin overall educational achievement.

Fund Raising: We have already raised nearly £1300

What we have achieved so far:

Focus on Libraries for March 2023

School	Location	Books lent in March	Students accessing the library in March		
			Female	Male	Total
Fayinera	Nekemte Town	400	746	723	1469
Cheleleki	Nekemte Town	0	1885	1745	3630
Migna Kilili	20km east of Nekemte	356	892	960	1852

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Signed: *EThomas*

Dated: 25/6/2023

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Subscriptions		3,397	-	3,397	3,746
Fundraising		-	10,803	10,803	4,136
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General	12,194	3,407	544	731	15,788
Just Trust	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
Education	1,931	-	1,200	(731)	-
	17,125	3,407	4,744	-	15,788
Restricted Funds					
IEP	6,625	6,625	7,670	-	5,580
Education- restricted	558	-	558	-	-
Linked Schools	1,075	-	440	-	635
Health & Welfare	973	-	973	-	-
Women & Vulnerable People	2,651	-	2,651	-	-
Sponsorships	2,251	480	1,340	-	1,391
Travel Fund	610	-	-	-	610
Librarians	8,376	5,733	8,107	-	6,002
The Bike Project	2,750	-	2,226	-	524
Year of the Girl	-	3,049	3,049	-	-
EEL Project Fund	-	7,675	-	-	7,675
	25,869	23,561	27,014	-	22,417
Total Funds	42,994	26,968	31,758	-	38,204

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Charity Number 1154085

Annual Accounts and Financial Statements
for the Year Ending 31 December 2022

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Signed: *EThomas*

Dated: 25/6/2023

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

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Annie Bainbridge	
Eloise Sadler	
George Dexter	Appointed 25th June 2022
Emma Sarton	Resigned 25th June 2022
Penelope Pullen	
Elizabeth Horsefield	

Independent Examiner

Emerald Thomas MAAT FCCA CTA
5 Sansaw Road
Clive
SY4 3JT

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO
Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2022

	Notes	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Current Assets		£	£
Bank Account ...5188		26,673	33,504
Bank Account …7900		12,131	9,490
		38,804	42,994
Creditors			
Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year		600	-
Net Assets		**38,204**	**42,994**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		15,848	17,125
Restricted funds		22,356	25,869
Total Funds		**38,204**	**42,994**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22.06.2023

and signed on its behalf by

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31/12/2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Income					
Grants Received		-	6,625	6,625	27,933
Donations		-	6,133	6,133	2,935
Subscriptions		3,397	-	3,397	3,746
Fundraising		-	10,803	10,803	4,136
Bank interest+ Miscellaneous Credit		10	-	10	-
Total Income		**3,407**	**23,562**	**26,969**	**38,750**
Expenditure on:					
Accountancy		470	-	470	482
Fundraising costs		-	80	80	30
Grants out		3,000	23,008	26,008	46,863
Travel costs Ethiopia		600	635	1,235	-
Volunteer Stipend		600	1,100	1,700	-
Room Hire+ Refreshments		74	-	74	-
Insurance		-	251	251	251
Evaluation Costs		-	1,750	1,750	-
Grant Repayment		-	190	190	-
Total Expenditure		**4,744**	**27,014**	**31,758**	**47,626**
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(1,337)	(3,452)	(4,789)	(8,876)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought Forward		17,125	25,869	42,994	51,870
Total Funds carried Forward		15,848	22,356	38,204	42,994

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK CIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Project Fund Balances

Below are the fund balances. Trustees took the decision to simplify the project lines. In the Unrestricted Funds, funds were merged into one. For Restricted funds, a number of fund lines were spent out If future grants are obtained, these will be managed on separate project lines.

	Jan-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Dec-22
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General	12,194	3,407	544	731	15,788
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ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021

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INTRODUCTION FROM SECRETARY

I want to say a huge thank you to the individuals which make up our team:

- Trustees who give so freely their time. Emma Sarton is resigning from the board at this meeting and we thank her for her long service and contribution.
- Thanks to Mark & Enable-Ed for your expert project management, invaluable knowledge and Enable-Ed for sponsoring the Big Give.
- This year we have continued to be heavily reliant on the internet for our communications. This is definitely not the same as meeting face to face but it has meant that we could recruit trustees from across the country. I want to thank our volunteers Lee and David for the many hours they contribute to the social media website and newsletter. Regrettably the Link Up meetings have had to be suspended as we have no one to run them. We hope that we can organise more face to face meetings moving forward and welcome any suggestions.
- Thank you to you our members and followers who have once again been most generous with your financial contributions and your time and effort in fundraising.
- Of course our partners in Nekemte are the people on the ground who make things happen. This year has been incredibly difficult for them with the political unrest and now the huge rise in inflation. Our volunteer Murti has been an absolute hero in delivering our projects and keeping us updated. Huge thanks to Murti and Tesema and the whole DASCC team.
- One of our objectives as we move forward as a charity is to engage more closely with our project workers and beneficiaries in Nekemte. It was with a heavy heart that it has been necessary to terminate our contracts with the project workers as the large, funded UKAid projects have drawn to a close. We thank them for their achievements.

The charity is very much in a state of transition with the disappearance of large funding opportunities, a reduction in active volunteers and a reduced number of board members.
We see this as an opportunity to bring in new people and develop closer links with our projects. *By Dawn.*

2021 UPDATES:

- 2021 was a hugely challenging year because of the political situation with the projects not being able to work in rural areas because of the presence of security threats.
- Where possible we pivoted support to town schools and other local easier to reach schools (although the team often carried out monitoring visits on foot on 3 to 4 hour round trips).

Libraries and Literacy

- We have supported librarians in 34 libraries, with over 50% being females.
- On average approximately 18,000 students access our libraries per month and over 1000 books are borrowed monthly.
- Our data shows that those students who access the library regularly improve their grades.
- We have also improved 11 schools libraries with more books and furniture.

Some of our Librarians

Libraries and Literacy

Continued…

- We have piloted girl's tutorials in six schools to improve girl's literacy.
- We are waiting for full results in but for three schools where the teachers delivered the tutorials (in three others librarians delivered the tutorials) it is looking like it has been tremendously successful. Huge well done to them.

The Inclusive Education Project

- This continued though on a much smaller scale because our UK Aid grant came to an end.
- We were very pleased as it was acknowledged that our project met our outcomes/outputs proposed and in a number of areas UK AID, in particular for primary education, our project greatly exceeded its targets.
- A small amount of additional funding was received from the Waterloo Foundation to help continue the project.

In 2021:

- ✓ 6 more *disability clubs* were set up supporting 56 disabled children
- ✓ 28 *Deaf Students* were provided with tutorials in grade 9-12 in Biftu Nekemte
- ✓ 12 Students were provided *assistive devices*
- ✓ 78 disabled adults and parents of disabled children accessed two new *Savings and Loan Associations* and over the year they saved ETB £12000 (approx. £200)

- **Case Studies overleaf…**

DEAF STUDENT CASE STUDY

Name: Ermiyas Solomon
Age: 18
Gender: Male
School: Biftu Nekemte

Ermiyas is an active and outstanding student. He came from West Wollega to Nekemte School for the Deaf, and then went onto Biftu Nekemte school. He is from a very poor family, his father has been in bed for several years paralyzed. He had been going to a normal school, with no translation/sign support, where he could only lip read.

Ermiyas is a brilliant student with a special gift which started on the day he joined Nekemte School for the Deaf. Now in secondary school- he came 3rd in exams in his whole class.

Exeter Ethiopia Links Involvement:

- ✓ TUTORIALS FOR THE DEAF: 3 months prior EEL's Inclusive Education Project started to provide tutorial classes for 12th, 11th and 9th grade deaf students of Biftu Nekemte secondary school, in key subjects, Ermiyas wrote an application letter for support. We agreeded to support this clever student.
- ✓ EMPLOYMENT: Ermiyas is now employed through EEL funding as the Deaf Student Librarian for the school, earning ETB.1200.00 a month.

DISABLED STUDENT CASE STUDY

Name: Saron Adugna
Age: 10
Gender: Female
School: Merkefa Primary School

Saron is physically disabled, using crutches to get around. She has a spinal cord problem.
Despite her physical disability, she is sociable, has good memory skills, is a hard worker,, with a gentle manor.

Saron is a role model for other disabled children at her school.

Her academic performance shows that she stood 1st in her class for 2 years continuously and has received two awards from Inclusive Education project.

Exeter Ethiopia Links Involvement:

- ✓ DISABILITY GROUP / SAVING & LOANS GROUP: Saron is from a very poor family. She & her parents benefited from our Disability Club and the Parent Support Group (which are official legal organisations, offering loans & saving opportunities) these have enabled Saron to continue to attend school.

The Bike Project

- Our little bike club launched in 2021 has gone from strength to strength with it getting considerable media attention.
- Some new bikes have been bought, existing ones repaired and all the girls now have a bike outfit

The Bike Project:

The bike club has even appeared on the BBC and Voice of America

BBC NEWS | AFAAN OROMOO

Oduu Itoophiyaa Viidiyoo Jajjaboo

Shamarreen Ingilaand turte akkamiin Naqamteetti kilaba saayikilii shamarranii hundeessite?

6 Guraandhala 2022

Shamarree Murtii Dhugaa Sanyii Magaala Naqamteetti dhalattee kan guddatte yoo ta'u, biyya Inglaand keessatti kilaba saayikilii hawaasummaa 'Pelsall Social Cycling Club' jedhamu keessatti hirmaachaa turte.

Amma gara biyyaatti deebii'uun manneen barnootaa lama keessaa shamarran 13 calaluun kilaba saayikilii shamarranii hundeessite.

Yeroo ammaatti gara biyyaa deebi'uun kilaba saayikilii hundeessuun cinatti hojiilee tola ooltummaa hojjechaa akka jirtus BBCti himteerti.

Gaafiifi deebiin BBCn shamarree Murtii Dhugaa Sanyii waliin taasise kunooti.

BBC: *Gara biyya Ingilaand maaliif deemte ati?*

Murtii Dhugaa: Gara biyya alaa kanin deemef maatiinkoo achi jiraachaa waan

Isin hin darbiin

KALLATTIIN Waraana Raashiyaan Yuukireen irratti banteen namoonni saddet ajjeefaman

'Lammiileen Itoophiyaa Yuukireen gara daangaa Poolaanditti baqatan jiru'-Lammii Itoophiyaa Kiyeev jirtu
Sa'aatii 2 dura

Yuukireen keessa qabatamaaan amatti maaltu ta'aa jira?
Daqiiqaa 53 dura

Maaltu haasa'ama?

Masrii fi Sudaan hidhi haaromsaa anniisaa maddisiisuu eegaluun 'waliigaltee faallessa' jedhan
21 Guraandhala 2022

Oduu BBC Afaan Oromoo
30 Amajjii 2020

YEAR OF THE TREE

- In a promising start to the Year of The tree in January 2020 members and friends of EEL participated in the planting of an oak tree in Belmont Park, Exeter. Unfortunately, Covid-19 meant future fundraising events had to be cancelled. One such event was the Taste of Ethiopia Banquet but thanks to the generosity of people not requiring refunds we have money to go towards are next project.
- A tree, planted in memory of John Rainger, an active member of Exeter Ethiopia Link for many years was thought be a fitting end to the Year of The Tree. Again the pandemic prevented such plans but in cooperation with the people of Kings Nympton on the 2nd June of this year a Crabb Apple (John's favourite) was planted prior to lighting the beacon as part of the Queen's Jubilee.

Some of the wonderful trees drawn by the children from Burka Bekumsa School in preparation for the short lived but fruitful Year of The Tree.

EEL UPDATES:
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

- A big thank you to all our members who continue to subscribe to EEL and to those who donate to specific projects throughout the year.
- Membership currently stands at 102 members.
- With your help we hope that this will increase over the next year.
- So please spread the word:

  EEL Enabling Communities to Help Themselves

CURRENT MEMBERS = 102

TREASURER'S REPORT

Von Mathieson from Exeter Community Accounting has examined our accounts for January to December 2021 in line with financial legislation, and submitted her report to the Trustees.

The Link has finished 2021 with total funds of £42,993.00 (2020: £51,869.73). This decrease is in part due to the funding cycle of our ongoing projects. We have received the last of the monies for the ongoing Inclusive Education Project and the Schools, Libraries and Literacy Project. In addition we have carried out fund raising, including the very successful Big Give towards the end of 2021 (This is reflected in the restricted line for "Librarians"). Some of the monies raised through the Big Give were transferred to our accounts at the beginning of 2022, and so have not come into this account reporting.

Covid and the current socio-political situation in Ethiopia has impacted activities in Nekemte again. This has lead to some alteration in activities in line with the goals of the funded projects. This has allowed us to continue with the project objectives and is reflected in the expenditure of £763.28 (general funds) and £46,863.15 (restricted funds).

Further expenditure on the projects has continued in the first half of this year, and will be accounted for in the accounts for 2022 (these will be presented in the 2023 AGM).

Currently the accounts for the Exeter Ethiopia Link are healthy, with totals of £16,864.88 in unrestricted funds and £26129.13 in restricted funds (£42,993.00 total).

The Link has finished 2021 with total funds of

£42,993

(2020: £51,869).

(See separate Financial Report for detail)

What's Next:

We have reached the end of funding from the government Small Charities Challenge Funding for our projects around inclusive education and libraries and literacy (and librarians). This may mean that forward planning of projects and activities will need a close eye, with targets matching the reduction of funds coming in. However, we are financially in a good place to focus on key activities, and increase fundraising efforts to keep our contributions to Nekemte effective.

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES

TRUSTEES:

Continuing Trustees	Trustees Standing Down
Penny Pullen	Emma Sarton
Ella Sadler	Anna Pawlyn
Annie Bainbridge	
Liz Horsefield	
Dawn Swettenham	

Ex-officio Trustees	Candidates for Election
Dawn Swettenham (Secretary)	
Kirsten Pullen (Treasurer)	George Dexter

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
OFFICERS:

Role	Officer
General Secretary	Dawn Swettenham
Treasurer	Kirsten Pullen
Membership Secretary	Annie Bainbridge
Fundraising, social media, publicity	Lee Davies
Website Editor	David Scarbrough
Projects Coordination	Enable-Ed
Treasury Team	Kirsten Pullen + Von Matthieson
Volunteers	Oscarine & Sue Parks

2022 STRATEGY

1. ATTRACT NEW ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS, WHETHER THAT BE AS TRUSTEES, MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS

HOW:

- Local activity in Exeter – respect festival
- Encourage followers on social media
- Encourage sign ups to the newsletter
- Advertise locally and on volunteer recruitment websites
- Engage with schools nationally and reigniting our link up scheme
- Improve access to our partners in Nekemte through video links and a project manager employed by EEL

2. MAINTAIN FUNDRAISING

HOW

- Repeat The Big Give
- Make our projects relevant and give donors a clear idea of the issues and how their donation of either money or time will make a difference
- Continue with our annual Year of the…. Focus. *See next slide.* This is working well but we need to be aware of the need to provide continuity for certain projects.

3. PROJECT EFFICIENCY, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

HOW:

- Employ a project manager in Nekemte, who may be supported by Murti
- Use the skills and expertise of new volunteers
- Continue to work with EnablEd

2022 FOCUS:
YEAR OF THE GIRL…

To reduce inequality and promote health, safety and wellbeing for girls living in the Nekemte area of Ethiopia.

We hope to fund:

- £50 a month to support 60 girls - less than £1 per girl per month
- £75 a year to support a female librarian.

Additional Projects:

- £200 per year to employ a deaf librarian
- Supporting Girls Clubs

What is certain:

Whether it be raising literacy skills or providing a safe space to learn, every penny raised will go towards identify and helping girls in need.

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT

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Signed:

Dated: 6 September 2022

Exeter Community Accounting

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Penelope Pullen	Appointed June 2021
Elizabeth Horsefield	Appointed June 2021
Abi Williams	Resigned May 2021

Independent Examiner Exeter Community Accounting

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2021

	Notes	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£
Current Assets			
Bank Account ...5188	4	33,504	28,192
Bank Account …7900		9,490	23,678
		42,994	**51,870**
Creditors			
Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year		-	-
		42,994	**51,870**
Net Assets		**42,994**	**51,870**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		17,125	12,827
Restricted funds		25,869	39,043
Total Funds		**42,994**	**51,870**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on .... 15th September 2022

and signed on its behalf by A.D. Swettenham
Secretary

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ending 31st December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Income	2				
Grants Received		1,500	26,433	27,933	42,729
Donations		-	2,935	2,935	2,333
Subscriptions		3,561	185	3,746	3,182
Gift Aid rec'd		-	-	-	-
Fundraising		-	4,136	4,136	703
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Total Income		**5,061**	**33,689**	**38,750**	**48,947**
Expenditure on:	3				
Charitable activities (including Governance and support costs)		763	46,863	47,626	32,882
Total Expenditure		**763**	**46,863**	**47,626**	**32,882**
Net Income/(expenditure)		4,298	(13,174)	(8,876)	16,065
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		12,827	39,043	51,870	35,805
Total funds carried forward		**17,125**	**25,869**	**42,994**	**51,870**

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1.2 All Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities

1.3 Gift Aid received is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor

2 Analysis of Income	**Unrestricted Funds 2021**	**Restricted Funds 2021**	**Total Funds 2021**	**Total Funds 2020**
	£	£	£	£
Grants Receivable	1,500	26,433	27,933	42,729
	1,500	**26,433**	**27,933**	**42,729**
Donations & Gifts				
Donations	-	2,935	2,935	2,333
Subscriptions	3,561	185	3,746	3,182
Gift Aid rec'd	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	4,136	4,136	703
Bank Interest rec'd	-	-	-	-
	3,561	**7,256**	**10,817**	**6,218**
Total Income	**5,061**	**33,689**	**38,750**	**48,947**

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK
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For the year ended 31st December 2021

3 Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Administration	-	-	-	524
Fundraising costs	30	-	30	105
Grants out	-	46,863	46,863	30,800
Travel costs UK	-	-	-	-
Travel costs Ethiopia	-	-	-	-
Subsistence	-	-	-	-
Room Hire	-	-	-	20
Insurance	251	-	251	566
Printing	-	-	-	218
	281	**46,863**	**47,144**	**32,234**
Governance				
Accountancy	482	-	482	625
Bank charges	-	-	-	23
	482	-	482	648
Total Expenditure	**763**	**46,863**	**47,626**	**32,882**

4 Cash at bank & in hand at 31 December 2021

Cooperative Bank Account ..5188	33,504
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Unrestricted Funds	**Jan-21**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfers**	**Dec-21**
General	9,396	3,561	(763)	-	12,194
Just Trust	1,500	1,500	-	-	3,000
Education	1,931	-	-	-	1,931
	12,827	5,061	(763)	-	17,125
Restricted Funds					
IEP/GPAF	23,678	24,633	(41,686)	-	6,625
Education - Restricted	731	-	(853)	680	558
Linked schools	1,075	-	-	-	1,075
Waterloo Trust	1,473		(1,318)	(155)	-
Health & Welfare	973	-	-	-	973
Women & Vulnerable People	2,451	200	-	-	2,651
Sponsorships	1,771	480	-	-	2,251
Travel Fund	610	-	-	-	610
Librarians	-	8,376	-	-	8,376
Rathbone Trust	525	-	-	(525)	-
The Bike Project	5,756	-	(3,006)		2,750
Year of the Girl				-	-
	39,043	33,689 -	46,863	-	25,869
Total Funds	**51,870**	**38,750**	**(47,626)**	**-**	**42,994**

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Exeter Community Accounting

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ANNUAL REPORT

2020

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2020 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: EEL COVID RESPONSE

In 2019, we carried out our Covid response which was aimed at raising awareness of Covid 19 with adults with disability and children with disability, support them with improved sanitation and improved livelihoods. The latter is in particular to support adults with disabilities and families of children with disability who struggled economically during lockdown; for example those with land were not be able to afford to buy seeds to plant which could put their children with disabilities at risk of not returning to school post COVID.

The following activities were carried out.

- COVID-19 awareness raising
- Distribution of supporting materials: soil fertilizer (1250kg), selected seeds (312.5kg), food oil (850 litres) and soap (1,700 pieces).

There were a total of **170 direct beneficiaries** (M91 F79)-who were members of either 4 Disability Associations (M61 F52) or 3 Parent Support Groups (M30 F27) for parent/carers of children with disabilities.

There were a total of 170 direct beneficiaries

- **See Next Slide for a Case Study…**

COVID RESPONSE CASE STUDY:

Mrs Zawde highlighted the impact of COVID-19 was palpable not only for her family but also with people who she does business with in the local market. She mentioned that people were very scared, initially to buy or sell anything in the market. Since her house is on a main road and her family relies on café business, which primarily serves market goers, Mrs Zawde told us that not many people were going to the market. Consequently, COVID-19 negatively impacted her business (i.e. far fewer people where using the café compared to pre-COVID-19 pandemic) as well as her social life with her friends.

Mrs Zawde told us that all the seeds, fertiliser, soap and soil she received were a great help. She had sown the corn seeds and used the fertiliser to cultivate it well too. At the time of writing this case study the crop is ready to be harvested (as shown on the picture below). She is planning to send her daughter back to school.

Client name: **Mrs Zawde Lamessa (50)**
Location: Warra Babo, Wayu Tuka
Association: Parent Support Group
Child with disability represented:
Age: 13 years old
Sex: Female
Disability: Right hand and right foot
Grade: 5

Support given:
50 Kilograms of seeds, fertiliser, soap and oil

Mrs Zawde and her corn farm (the seeds were donated by our project)

2020 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: LIBRARIES AND LITERACY

Main headlines

- ✓ **10** School libraries supported with additional furniture and books (239 chairs, 36 tables and 13 shelves and 640 reference books)
- ✓ In December 2020, when schools re-opened **13,522** children visited the libraries (5907 males and 7615 females) in the first month with just under **1000** books borrowed.
- ✓ **34** Librarians Employed with funding from EEL

Exeter Ethiopia funds 34 school librarians as part of their Libraries and Literacy Project. In addition to ensuring an open library, this also provides a young person with employment in an area where youth unemployment is approximately 40%

Of the 34 librarians, 18 are female and 16 are male. All reported using the money earned either to pay for further studies or to support themselves or their families. Two examples are below.

▪ **See Next Slide for a Librarian Case Study…**

LIBRARIAN CASE STUDY

Name: Yobdar Tesfaye
Age: 23
Gender: Female
Place of work: Kiba Wacha Elementary School Library, Nekemte serves 1352 students(Male 642 and Female 710)

Yobdar, who is a currently working as librarian in Kiba Wacha School is delighted that she is supporting herself financially since she first got employed as a librarian.

Despite the financial challenges she faced, Yobdar completed her secondary school back in 2015 and then completed her vocational training two years later. After facing difficult period of unemployment, she got the good news she has been waiting from Kiba Wacha School. She started a job as a librarian with a salary of 700 birr a month in 2017 with a pay rise of 200 birr a month in 2020.

Since her employment as a librarian Yobdar has managed to attend university to do a BSc in Economics with a night class in which she hopes to graduate in early 2021. Yobdar says it would have been almost impossible to study in higher education if it wasn't for the vital employment opportunity she managed to get through Kiba Wacha school. Yobdar pays 450 birr/month towards her tuition fee and the use the rest of her salary for her transport to and from university and also to support her siblings. Life has been extremely difficult since she lost her mother a year ago and the huge impact of global COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, increasing the financial insecurity even further within her family. Despite this, Yobdar took the challenge head on and manage to continue her studies this year. She now hopes after her graduation, her own IT business: internet café and computer repair centre.

Yobdar in Kiba Wacha School library helping students use the library resource effectively.

EEL UPDATES:

FUNDRAISER:
THE ETHIOPIA CHALLENGE

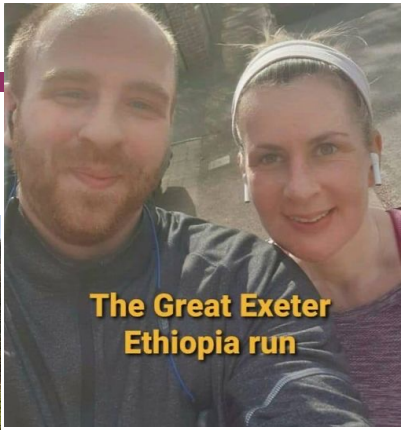
We invited members and their friends and family to run, walk or cycle 10k (6 miles) on November 15th.

This being the average distance a child walks to school in Ethiopia.

We had lots of participation on social media and we received some lovely emails and photos of everyone out and about in the fresh air.

We would love to run a similar event and to hear ideas.

We had 24 participants and raised not only £370 but also much interest and awareness.

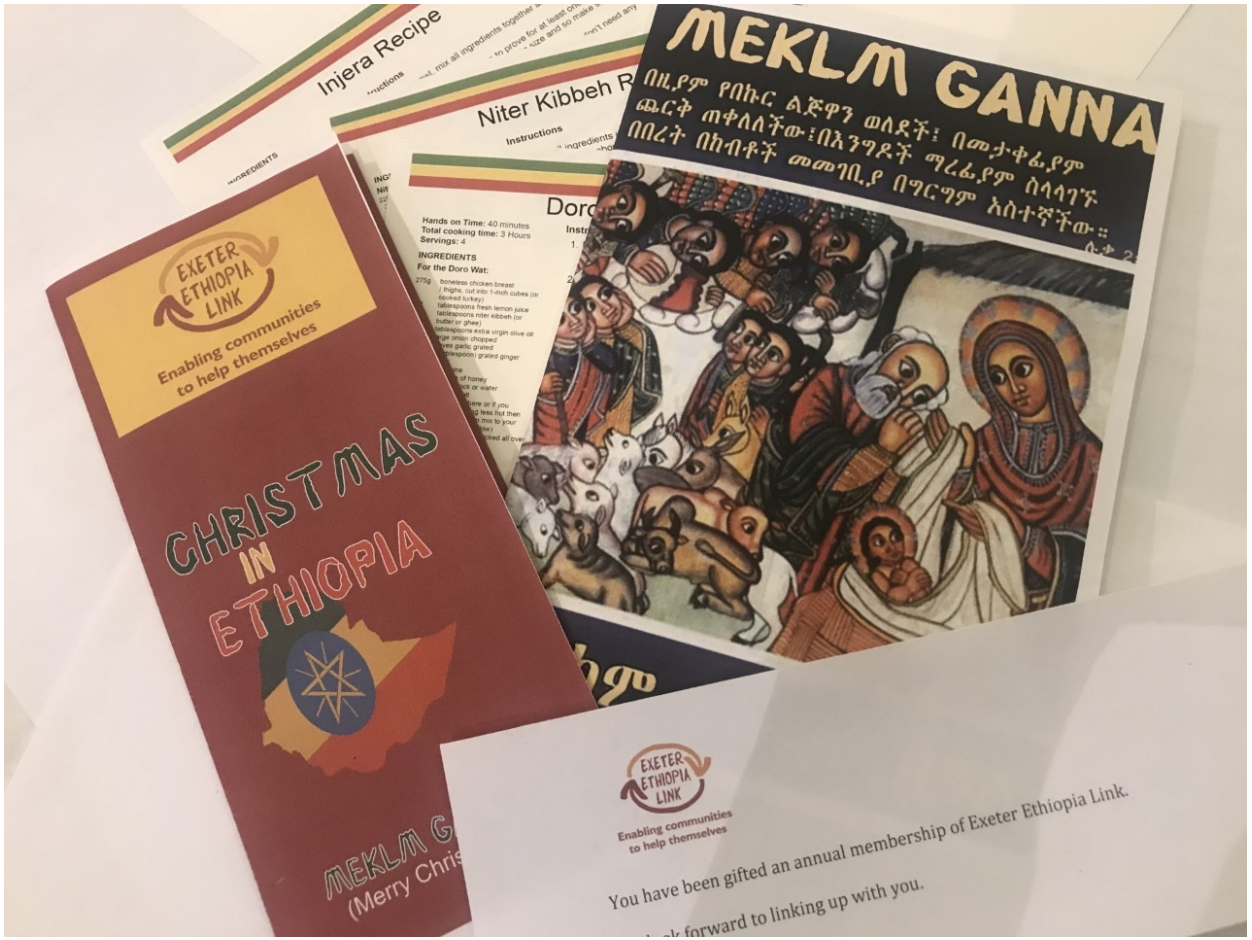


EEL UPDATES:
CHRISTMAS CARD INITIATIVE

Fundraising is challenging during a pandemic. As a board we not only want to raise funds but also to increase membership and give our members the opportunity to learn more about Ethiopia.

With this in mind we asked members to buy a membership as a Xmas gift.

We advertised this on social media and by email to our members. We then sent out a Christmas card, an informative leaflet on EEL and Ethiopian Christmas traditions together with recipes for a traditional celebratory meal. Some gift packs were sent by post and others by email.



We achieved 17 new members and hope to build on this by repeating the offer in 2021.

EEL UPDATES:
SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY

To help raise awareness of EEL and spread the word, we are working hard to increase our presence on our social media channels. We now regularly post on our social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

With David's help we are linking and sharing content from our website to our social media channels which helps to increase visits to both.

Our most popular postings are those showing images of work being undertaken with our partner organisations who help to spread the word by sharing our postings on their social media.

We are always mindful of our responsibilities when sharing images of people and in line with our governance procedures always seek confirmation of permission to publish before sharing on our social media platforms.

20 new followers since Oct

You can help spread the word by liking and sharing any posts from our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram postings. If you have any ideas for future postings please get in touch with Lee Davies - **swettenham.lee@gmail.com**

SOCIAL MEDIA: POSTINGS SHOWING SOME OF OUR BEST REACHES AND ENGAGEMENTS.

Top Tweet earned 572 impressions

The team have been really busy these past 2 weeks working with @_VAO running a mobile eye clinic and @cheshirethiopia providing assistive devices to the disabled. All part of our @UKAidDirect project pic.twitter.com/wltMbrljvv

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Top Tweet earned 641 impressions

Today is the final day of the Timkat celebrations. Over 3 days, Ethiopians traditionally commemorate Christ's baptism. Water is blessed & baptism vows are reaffirmed before feasting on Doro Wat & Injera. Have some fun cooking something new. Check our recipeshttps://bit.ly/3sE0YEG pic.twitter.com/CKzPpvnFc0

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View Tweet activity

View all Tweet activity

Top media Tweet earned 612 impressions

EEL has worked with partner @_VAO to improve eye care in our project area. VAO have supported the government to set up a specialist eye unit at the local hospital. In Dec, 20 schools were trained in delivering eye screening. The aim is to provide eye care/glasses to 950 children. pic.twitter.com/F2sNF2JZKu

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View Tweet activity

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EEL UPDATES:
SCHOOLS

Until this year we have reported on the success of school to school linking – thirteen Devon schools have a thriving partnership link with schools in and around Nekemte. Letters have been exchanged, projects shared, and Devon schools have often supported their partner school with books and educational materials. Many thanks are due to our Education Manager in Nekemte, Mr Gobena Atomsa, for his unfailing support and encouragement which has made this possible.

Obviously the Pandemic has had a considerable impact on School Linking this year.

Last March Ethiopia entered a Lockdown as we did here and schools in both countries were closed. This was very sad as all thirteen Devon schools had made plans for projects to share with their partner schools in Nekemte, and unfortunately these plans were not able to be followed up.

Schools in both countries are now open, but must comply with Covid restrictions. In Ethiopia schools are now implementing extra shifts to establish some distancing. This means that some pupils are only able to attend 2 or 3 times a week.

We are only too aware of the issues that our UK schools are facing.

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SCHOOLS CONTINUED

Post is unreliable and since no visits to Ethiopia have been able to take place we have been unable to send any project materials or communications by hand.

This all sounds rather pessimistic. However most of the Devon Schools have remained in contact with us and are keen to continue their links with their Ethiopian partner schools as soon as is possible. We are very hopeful that this will not be too long.

With the extension of the shift system it has become even more vital that the Ethiopian school libraries are open to give students an opportunity to extend and embed their learning, so having a librarian is now crucial. Recognising this some Devon schools have continued to fund the employment of a librarian for their Ethiopian partner school.

Last year three Devon schools applied as a cluster to British Council for a reciprocal visit grant and were successful. Obviously visits could not happen last year. British Council have extended the date by which these visits should take place. We are just hopeful.

Through, Mr Gobena Atomsa, the Devon schools are sending messages of support and understanding to their linked partner schools in Nekemte.

EEL UPDATES:
MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

- A big thank you to all our members who continue to subscribe to EEL and to those who donate to specific projects throughout the year.
- Membership is growing and currently stands at 120 members.
- With your help we hope that this will increase over the next year.

- So please spread the word:

  EEL Enabling Communities to Help Themselves

CURRENT MEMBERS = 120

TREASURER'S REPORT

Von Mathieson from Exeter Community Accounting is examining the accounts for January to December 2020 in line with account legislation, and will be available at the AGM.

The Link has finished 2020 with total funds of £51,869.73 (2019: £35,804). This increase is in part due to the funding cycle of our ongoing projects. We have received monies for the ongoing Inclusive Education Project and the Schools, Libraries and Literacy Project, and monies for the new Bike project. However the impact of Covid, and the suspension of the schools in Ethiopia, has meant that we have not had the same level of expenditure. This will be rectified as we continue in 2021 and projects reach fruition.

At the 2019 AGM we announced that we would be transferring some of the monies from the Health and Welfare restricted line to the hospital in Nekemte in order to access medical supplies to deal with Covid (£2912.96). These monies were sent through.

Last year we made the decision to list the restricted funds as the projects for which they are allocated, rather than by the donors who had sent us the money. We have begun this process as you can see from the accounts. This will mean it will be easier for project leaders, trustees and EEL members to see where our monies are being spent.

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Next Steps…

EEL is making some alterations to financial processes. An interim budget will be prepared for the remainder of 2021, and a draft budget will be prepared for 2022 and presented to the Trustees for the December Trustees meeting. The preparation of the budget will give scope for the planning of events in 2022 when we can meet again face to face.

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
TRUSTEES:

Continuing Trustees	Trustees Standing Down	Ex-officio Trustees	Candidates for Election
Emma Sarton (re-election)	Abi Williams (Secretary)	To be elected (Secretary)	Penny Pullen (Trustee)
Ella Sadler	Emma Sarton **(up for re-election)**	Kirsten Pullen (Treasurer)	Dawn Swettenham (Secretary)
Annie Bainbridge			Liz Horsefield (Trustee)
Anna Pawlyn			
Dawn Swettenham			

GOVERNANCE, PEOPLE AND ROLES
OFFICERS:

Role	Officer
General Secretary	To be Elected
Treasurer	Kirsten Pullen
Membership Secretary	Annie Bainbridge
Fundraising, social media, publicity	Gillian Dale, Annie Bainbridge, Gentian Dyer, Lee Davies
Website Editor	David Scarbrough
Projects Coordination	Maggi Aslet / Enable-Ed
Treasury Team	Kirsten Pullen; Von Matthieson

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Charity Number 1154085

Annual Accounts and Financial Statements
for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

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Mark Howells	Resigned 2020
Dr Rupatjarshini Chilvers	Resigned 2020
Caleb william Mark Stevens	Resigned 2020
Emma Sarton	
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Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2020

	Notes	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£
Current Assets			
Bank Account #1	4	28,191	24,641
Bank Account #2		23,678	11,163
		51,870	**35,804**
Creditors			
Liabilities Falling Due Within One Year		0	0
		51,870	**35,804**
Net Assets		**51,870**	**35,804**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		(4,502)	(8,354)
Restricted funds		56,373	44,159
Total Funds		**51,870**	**35,804**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on ..16th June 2021.

and signed on its behalf by

A. D. Swettenham (Secretary)

Exeter Ethiopia Link CIO

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ending 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
Income	2				
Grants Received			42,729	42,729	35,643
Donations		1,933	400	2,333	8,893
Subscriptions		2,207	975	3,182	4,134
Gift Aid rec'd				-	1,370
Fundraising		703		703	852
Bank interest				-	-
Total Income		**4,843**	**44,104**	**48,947**	**50,892**
Expenditure on:	3				
Charitable activities (including Governance and support costs)		991	31,891	32,882	77,037
Total Expenditure		**991**	**31,891**	**32,882**	**77,037**
Net Income/(expenditure)		3,852	12,214	16,066	-26,145
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		(8,354)	44,159	35,805	61,950
Total funds carried forward		**(4,502)**	**56,373**	**51,870**	**35,804**

EXETER ETHIOPIA LINK CIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting policies

1.1 These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014

1.2 All Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities

1.3 Gift Aid received is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor

2 Analysis of Income	**Unrestricted Funds 2020**	**Restricted Funds 2020**	**Total Funds 2020**	**Total Funds 2019**
	£	£	£	£
Grants Receivable		42,729	42,729	35,643
	0	**42,729**	**42,729**	**35,643**
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Donations	1,933	400	2,333	8,893
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Bank Interest rec'd			-	-
	4,843	**1,375**	**6,218**	**15,249**
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3 Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds 2,020	Restricted Funds 2,020	Total Funds 2,020	Total Funds 2,019
	£	£	£	£
Administration	-	524	524	2,882
Fundraising costs	105	-	105	962
Grants out		30,800	30,800	65,812
Travel costs UK			0	822
Travel costs Ethiopia	-		0	3,752
Subsistence	-		0	561
Room Hire	20		20	258
Insurance		566	566	522
Printing	218		218	67
Membership subscriptions			0	70
	343	**31,891**	**32,234**	**75,708**
Governance				
Accountancy	625	-	625	1,163
Bank charges	23	-	23	165
	648	0	648	1,329
Total Expenditure	**991**	**31,891**	**32,882**	**1,329**

4 Cash at bank & in hand at 31 December 2019

Cooperative Bank Account ..5188	28,191
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	£51,870

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	Jan-20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Dec-20
Unrestricted Funds					
General	7,102.15	3,850.78	(1,557.19)		9,395.74
Just Trust	1500				1,500.00
Education	1930.8	0			1,930.80
	10532.95	3850.78	-1557.19	-	12,826.54
Restricted Funds					
IEP/GPAF	11,162.81	37,123.02	(24,607.50)		23,678.33
Education - Restricted	-	180.00		550.93	730.93
Linked schools	1,675.00		(600.00)		1,075.00
Waterloo Trust	1,472.75				1,472.75
Souter Trust	550.93	1,750.00	-	2,300.93	-
Schools Library & Literacy (SLLP)	1,755.09		(1,755.09)		-
Health & Welfare	3,846.86	38.76	(2,912.96)		972.66
Women & Vulnerable People	2,175.86	275.00			2,450.86
Sponsorships	1,251.53	520.00			1,771.53
Travel Fund	610.00				610.00
Librarians	245.40	1,203.40	(1,448.80)		-
Rathbone Trust	525.00				525.00
The Bike Project		4,006.13		1,750.00	5,756.13
	25,271.23	45,096.31	(31,324.35)	-	39,043.19
Total Funds	**35,804.18**	**48,947.09**	**(32,881.54)**	**-**	**51,869.73**

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