

FRIENDS OF THE MOMBASA CHILDREN
Registered Charity Number 1155625

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 1st FEBRUARY 2023 to
31st JANUARY 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for the period ended 31st January 2024. The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 8th October 2002 and amended on 18th May 2009. In 2014 the Charity became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The Trustees are: Mrs Carol Groves(resigned 31/01/2024), Mr Chris Azzaro, Mrs Karyn Hinks, Mrs Janet Watson, Ms Khatija Volk (resigned 31/01/2024), Mr Norbert Were, Mrs Steph Spanner (resigned 01/04/2023) Benjamin Scrivens(appointed 22/4/2023), Dan Purchase (appointed 22/04/2023), John Engall(appointed 04/01/2024)

The Objectives of the charity are:-

- To support Unity School in Freretown. Monies are raised through fundraising and donations to support education, feeding and medical care.
- To assist in contributing to the life and growth of Unity School, thus promoting a stable learning environment, encouraging confidence and love.
- To enable people from the UK and other countries to visit the school we support thus nurturing a bond of friendship and care.

Achievements and Performance

It has taken time for us to recover from the various lockdowns and economic situation during the last three years. Trustees, Teaching Staff and Pupils have all experienced the 'knock on' effects, either through the lack of fundraising opportunities in the UK or the reduction of Trustees being able to network in the usual way. In Kenya, the management team have had to contend with the change in the Kenyan Government at short notice, insisting that all Primary Schools now accommodate the 'Lower Secondary' classes. We have been able to complete three new classrooms on the top floor of the building, which still leaves two more classrooms to complete. This will be part of our next financial year aim.

We have been grateful to supporters who have supported our appeals over this last financial year. In addition, our Trustees have looked at different ways of raising funds, such as a supporter taking part in the London Marathon, a three Peaks Challenge, a Dance-a-thonn, and a celebration event, to celebrate twenty years of working as a charity. We were very grateful to the Independent School in Eindhoven for their massive, sponsored walk fundraiser, which has supported our medical project. We thank Dr Odiero for his commitment in ensuring that all pupils receive medical care.

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8 students from a University in La Rochelle in France spent a total of 3 months between them supporting Unity School and helping the pupils with French, Sports and other subjects. They also raised funds in a Marathon in Nairobi to fund the Science Classroom at Unity School.

The Trustees are pleased to report that our reserve funds are near to where we wish them to be.

During the financial year four Trustees travelled to Unity School

Financial Review

The accounts comply with current statutory requirements; the Trust's governing investments and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

The Charity's gross income for the period was £76,054.36 and its net incoming resources resulted in a deficit of (£8,882.28) for the year.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing accounts giving a fair and true view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which dissolve with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with The Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity may be exposed with particular reference to those relating to the operations and finances of the charity. Systems are in place to ensure that all risks are recorded for subsequent monitoring and review. In the meantime, the trustees remain satisfied that all insurable risks have been identified and adequately dealt with and that the charity's exposure to other risks is kept at a minimum by good working practice by the trustees and volunteers. The Trustees have increased our Public Liability Insurance to £10m and have also taken out insurance for Trustee Indemnity.

Reserves Policy

The trustees try to maintain sufficient funds to meet a minimum of four months operating expenses.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 18/07/2024 and signed on its behalf by

B Scrivens Chairman

J Engall Treasurer

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**1st February 2023 - 31st January
2024**

Statement of financial activities

	Notes	February 2023 - January 2024			2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds £	Funds £	£	£
Incoming Resources					
From Generated Funds					
Voluntary Income and Activities for generating funds		28,904.93	46,957.56	75,862.49	67,210.42
Investment Income		191.87		191.87	20.90
Total Incoming Resources		29,096.8	46,957.56	76,054.36	67,231.32
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities		17,607.33	54,507.67	72,115.00	48,475.00
Overheads		12,821.64	0.00	12,821.64	8,748.81
Total Resources Expended		30,428.97	54,507.67	84,936.64	57,223.81
Net Incoming Resources		(1,332.17)	(7,550.11)	(8,882.28)	10,007.51
Balance Brought Forward		3,581.34	21,273.72	24,855.06	14,847.55
Balance Carried Forward		2,249.17	13,723.61	15,972.78	24,855.06

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Balance Sheet 31st January 2024

	2024	2023
Cash in the bank		
HSBC Current	4,834.15	13,908.30
HSBC Deposit	10,653.48	10,483.21
Lloyds	485.15	463.55
Cash in hand		
Net Current Assets	15,972.78	24,855.06

The accounts were approved by the Committee of Trustees on 18/07/2024

And signed on their behalf by:-

B Scrivens

Chairman

J Engall

Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and have been drawn up in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Friends of the Mombasa Children in preparing these accounts are set out below:

(a) Incoming Resources

Incoming Resources represent fundraising, donations and sponsorship received during the year.

(b) Resources Expended

Expenditure is composed mainly of support for Unity School, Feeding project, Medical Programme and Secondary Education.

Governance costs are those for the running of the charity itself as an organisation

(c) Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and not subject to a charge of tax.

(d) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donors. The purpose of each restricted fund is set out in notes to these accounts.

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1. Notes to the accounts

Voluntary Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last Year
Primary School Support			17,260.00	17,260.00	21,405.00
Sec Ed Support			650.00	650.00	7,558.52
University Students	<i>Note 2</i>		604.75	604.75	1,647.25
Fundraising	<i>Note 1</i>	4,643.09	0.00	4,643.09	4,013.79
Donations for general projects	<i>Note 5</i>	11,387.28	0.00	11,387.28	4,234.14
Medical			0.00	0.00	13,165.52
Feeding project			1,677.07	1,677.07	1,168.84
Teacher Training			0.00	0.00	100.00
Building Improvements			0.00	0.00	0.00
Rented House			3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
Music Room			368.00	368.00	0.00
Equipment for Science Lab			825.60	825.60	0.00
Rafiki		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boxes and Coins		0.00	0.00	0.00	22.33
Donations through Internet Giving		4,624.93	0.00	4,624.93	454.77
Gift Aid		8,249.63	0.00	8,249.63	3,940.26
Crisis Help Unity School			0.00	0.00	0.00
Crisis Help Teachers			0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest		191.87	0.00	191.87	20.90
New Classrooms	<i>Note 6</i>		22,572.14	22,572.14	6,500.00
Total		29,096.80	46,957.56	76,054.36	67,231.32

Charitable Activity - expenditure

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last Year
Unity School support		13,044.40	17,260.00	30,304.40	23,089.00
Secondary Education School fees		0.00	720.00	720.00	700.00
University Fees	<i>Note 2</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,677.00
Expenses for fundraising		140.00		140.00	0.00
Medical Centre			4,770.00	4,770.00	6,778.00
Feeding project		22.93	1,677.07	1,700.00	1,169.00
Teacher Training		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,677.00
Building Improvements		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Classrooms	<i>Note 6</i>	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	3,500.00
Rented House		0.00	3,146.00	3,146.00	3,144.00
Renting Classrooms	<i>Note 3</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00

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Science Lab expenditure	<i>Note 9</i>	0.00	825.60	825.60	0.00
Music Room expenditure	<i>Note 9</i>	0.00	368.00	368.00	0.00
Crisis Help for Unity	<i>Note 4</i>	4,400.00	0.00	4,400.00	0.00
Crisis Help for Teachers		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Global Encounter	<i>Note 7</i>	0.00	1,741.00	1,741.00	1,741.00
Total		17,607.33	54,507.67	72,115.00	48,475.00
Overheads					
Bank Charges		690.11	0.00	690.11	817.24
Website		1,431.60	0.00	1,431.60	1,318.00
Admin		325.20	0.00	325.20	119.32
Audit and Legal fees re land transfer	<i>Note 8</i>	9,566.00	0.00	9,566.00	5,685.00
Public Liability Insurance (10m)		808.73	0.00	808.73	809.25
Total		12,821.64	0.00	12,821.64	8,748.81

Note 1 Fundraising

A record of all large fundraising activity is kept, detailing income and any expenditure for the event.

Note 2. University Students

There were no further university students in this financial year.

Note 3 Unity School renting additional classrooms

Towards the end of 2022, the Kenya Government announced that all Primary Schools must host the lower Secondary classes. This resulted in Unity School having to make a hurried choice of renting some free rooms that were adjacent to Unity School. This was for a short period, until the upper floor of the newish building could be completed, furnishing five new classrooms. There were no financial implications in this financial year.

Note 4 Crisis help for teachers and School (prior year)

Following reports of hardship from Mombasa, the Trustees agreed to help contribute towards unexpected costs in the year.

Note 5 Donations/Fundraising

These include funds raised for unrestricted Unity purposes, from planned events such as Monsoon dinner, various events at Broadwater school, and Bishop Luffa School, plus the London Marathon and the 3 Peaks Walk. In addition, there were sales, fairs and one-off donations kindly received

Note 6 Upstairs Classrooms

Donations and fundraising started in earnest towards the end of 2022 owing to the need for the new classrooms to be completed on the top floor. Three classrooms were completed in this financial year.

Note 7 Global Encounter

With the help of our link with the Aga Khan School in Mombasa, local schools in the Mombasa area took part in the Global Encounter initiative. This includes pupils from various schools spending a set number of weeks at Unity School to support them in whatever way they can. As a result of this visit the pupils

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organised and set up, (with the support from their teachers), an online fundraising appeal to support four pupils at Unity School with school fees for their Secondary School education. The money raised will enable each of the four pupils to complete their four years at Secondary School. The first of this 4-year amount was paid at the end of 22/23, and the second payment at the end of 23/24. There are a further two years remaining.

Note 8 Legal Fees

To enable us to safeguard the Land at Unity School, it was decided that an independent Trust be set up. The Education Department in Mombasa was aware of this importance. The new trust has two trustees from FOMC, the doctor who supports our medical project, the Director and Co-Director of Unity School and a Businessman in Mombasa who supported us originally in finding the land, and has continued to support us in various ways.

Note 9 Science Lab and Music instruments

Additional funds were raised to furnish Science and Music classroom equipment which were purchased in the year.

2.Restricted Funds

In order to reflect more accurately the use of funds for "The rented house" and the "Medical Project" the sum carried forward is most of the sum donated for these items. In each case the donations made (in November and October, respectively), need to be spread over a 12-month period.

2a Unity School	£	2d Feeding Project	£
Brought forward	0.00	Brought forward	0.00
Income	17,260.00	Income	1,677.07
Income from UR	13,044.40	Income from UR	22.93
Total income	30,304.40	Total Income	1,700.00
Expended	30,304.40	Expended	1,700.00
Balance	0.00	Balance	0.00

2b Secondary School Fees	£	2e Music Room	£
Brought forward	(26.00)	brought forward	0.00
Income	650.00	Income	368.00
Income from UR		Income from UR	0.00
Total Income	624.00	Total income	368.00
Expended	720.00	Expended	368.00
Balance	(96.00)	Balance	0.00

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2c Medical Centre	£	2f Rented House	£
brought forward	10,653.00	brought forward	3,033.76
Income	0.00	Income	3,000.00
Income from UR		Income from UR	
Total Income	10,653.00	Total income	6,033.76
Expended	4,770.00	Expended	3,146.00
Balance	5,883.19	Balance	2,887.76

2g New Classrooms	£	2i University Students	£
Brought forward	3,000.00	Brought Forward	(604.75)
Income	22,572.14	Income	604.75
Income from UR	0.00	Income from UR	0.00
Total income	25,572.14	Total Income	0.00
Expended	24,000.00	Expended	0.00
Balance	1,572.14	Balance	0.00

2h Global Enc	£	2j Science Lab	£
brought forward	5,217.52	brought forward	0.00
Income	0.00	Income	825.60
Income from UR	0.00	Income from UR	0.00
Total income	5,217.52	Total income	825.60
Expended	1,741.00	Expended	825.60
Balance	3,476.52	Balance	0.00

Carried forward:	£
Restricted funds	
Sec school fees	(96.00)
University fees	0.00
Rented House	2,887.76
Medical Centre	5,883.19
New Classrooms	1,572.14
Music Room	0.00
Global Encounter	3,476.52
Science Lab	0.00
Total c/f	13,723.61

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3. Deposit Account

Transactions	£
Brought forward	10,483.21
Transferred in	0.00
Transferred out	0.00
Interest	170.27
	10,653.48
Balance	

4. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable to any trustee.

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Represented by:	23/24	22/23
Unrestricted Funds	2,249.17	3,581.34
Restricted Funds	13,723.61	21,273.72
Total	15,972.78	24,855.06

6. The restricted funds are funds specifically organised to provide support of children at primary and secondary schools, provide the feeding and medical projects and to assist the volunteer work in Mombasa. Other monies given for specific projects are also classed as "Restricted". With more money being donated for specific projects, some funds may, in future, be "designated" as a subsection of "Restricted".

7. In addition:

The trustees are most grateful to all individuals and organisations who have contributed:

Fisherbeck Trust

Those who wish to remain anonymous

We also register our thanks to the following schools:

Broadwater C of E primary, Worthing

Bishop Luffa C of E School, Chichester

The students at La Rochelle University in France

Global Encounter Programme-Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa

The following churches have supported us through their overseas mission work:

Littlehampton United Church

Rustington Methodist Church

All Saints Church, Wick

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We also record our thanks to our Associates and the work they do; together with many others who help organise and support our fundraising ventures.

Finally, we record our thanks to the Management Team at Unity School for their hard work and commitment to Unity School, and also for looking after the Trustees so well during their visits to Mombasa.

**Our thanks to all who support our children and fundraise or contribute in any way.
This Charity can only continue to support Unity School, the Orphanage, Medical programme,
Feeding programme, Secondary and University Education through your generosity.**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of the Mombasa Children C.I.O.

Report to the trustees on account for the year ended 31st January 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

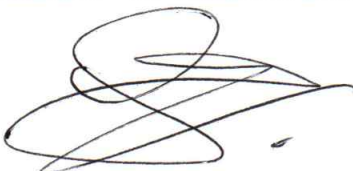
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr Steven Trigg, "Trigg Accountancy".

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACMA and CGMA

Business Address: 75 Windroos Drive, Littlehampton, BN17 6FA

Signed:



Date: 22nd September 2024