
The Dust Project

ANNUAL REVIEW 2021

Charity Registration No. 1155728

Registered Company No. 08822786



**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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THE DUST PROJECT
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1155728
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	08822786
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st January 2021
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2021
DIRECTORS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021	Fraser Higgs Sarah Higgs Roy Chisnall Sarah Chisnall Thomas Stokely (Resigned 8th June 2021)
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Lark Rise Sandy Down Boldre Lymington Hampshire SO41 8PL
DATE OF INCORPORATION	20th December 2013
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated on 20th December 2013.
BANKERS	HSBC 7B Water Gardens South Gate HARLOW Essex EN11 8EP
ACCOUNTANTS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Ltd 2 Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham West Sussex PO18 8NF

Annual Review

The Dust Project was established as a company limited by guarantee on 20th December 2013. Ultimate responsibility for the entity rests with the Trustees. Day-to-day management is undertaken by Sarah Chisnall and Tiffany Stokely, Trustees of the charity.

TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meets a minimum of four times per year, with further ad-hoc meetings as required.

OBJECTIVES

Our vision is to help, support, and relieve those in desperate situations of poverty, crisis or hardship, in developing countries and communities suffering the after-effects of war, natural disaster and/or economic frailty. We focus especially on the stability of family units and the safety, nourishment and education of children and vulnerable young adults by providing shelter, food, healthcare, schooling, tuition, and other such charitable services as the trustees may from time to time think fit, as need demands. We are currently focusing on communities in Colombo and Jaffna, Sri Lanka, through the physical construction and refurbishment of a children's hostel, schools, and family homes, in addition to the support of community businesses, projects and sponsored children.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021

Website and Social Media

We are very prominent on social media (especially Facebook), with over 600 supporters. Our videos have had approximately 12,000 views. We are also on Instagram, Twitter and

Linkedin, and have found a wider reach of international support and sponsorship through these. Our website continues to be successful both in gaining new followers as well as directly enabling more children to be sponsored. The Child Sponsorship page allows potential sponsors to read the bios of children living in need in our focal communities in Sri Lanka — who either attend a Paalam International School in Colombo or Jaffna, live in the Paalam Children's Hostel in Jaffna, or are connected to a house build (or other project) which we have financed. Sponsors are given information about why the child needs support, along with details of his or her family and situation. We have found sponsorship to make a significant and lasting impact in a child's life, having seen and heard firsthand from carers and the children themselves the difference it makes. The children's basic needs of clothing, medical attention, primary education and nourishment are met, and they feel genuinely supported, encouraged and cared for. This can only make a positive impact on their futures.

The 'Donate to a Build' page speaks of those families in our communities who are currently living in completely sub-standard housing, or are currently or soon to be homeless. They are usually in serious need of a home, a well and a toilet.

Partnering with Paalam

Things are going well in our partnership with Paalam— a charity based in Sri Lanka. The charity has made a huge impact in Colombo, but even more significantly in Jaffna. Through our collaboration, they have been able to receive donations through The Dust Project's website and co-ordinate, distribute and oversee the child sponsorship program. We have had over 100 children sponsored through this program.

Since our partnership, we have been able to build or help complete over 20 houses for various families living in appalling conditions. We also continue to build wells and toilets as need demands. We are in the process of building a school in Jaffna, sponsored in part by Hiscox, London. Due to Covid, this is taking a lot longer than expected; but we hope to have it completed by Autumn 2022.

Fundraising

We had another quiet year in 2021 on the fundraising side, as we were unable to hold events due to Covid restrictions. However, this did not stop our amazing, generous supporters from donating to various needs through The Dust Project.

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- Our child sponsors continued to support children throughout the pandemic, which meant we were able to send funds to pay for food and home schooling. Every child that was sponsored through our schools received weekly school work in packs carefully prepared by our dedicated school staff. We were able to provide food parcels and medicine (as needed) for the children who are not sponsored through our schools.
 - Due to the donations of three very generous families, we were able to build a house, toilet and well for both Ruben & Randika and family, and Balasingam and family. This totaled £16,700.
 - During National lockdowns in Sri Lanka, we continued to support our teachers' salaries throughout the year, using funds from business donors.
 - Because of continued and sporadic lockdowns in Sri Lanka, many families who were already living hand-to-mouth or dependent on Tourism, daily trade, etc. for their families' income we found to be extremely deprived of even the most essential nutrition. In June 2021 - after a very successful Appeal in the UK - we were able to send £5,614.00 to support essential food packs to provide for families in our schools and larger communities who otherwise would have gone without. This was followed by a further £1,957.70 for food in September.
 - In June our sister charity, Paalam, was asked by a local hospital to raise funds to provide an extra Oxygen Machine, as they were struggling to keep up with the demands of Covid patients in critical need. As this was an urgent issue, our Trustees decided to personally fund this, so we were able to quickly send £4,500 for one machine. This was gratefully received by the hospital.
 - In August - as part of our Business Grant Initiative - we were able to fund a new business for Mr Jayaraj. We granted £825 for him to set up a shop in Jaffna selling hair salon products and barbering equipment, as well as providing a service to sharpen tools. Although niche, we felt this to be a well-researched and necessary business to provide for other local barbers and salons.
 - In December, our very generous Trustees donated £17,500 for Paalam to seize a brilliant opportunity and purchase a lovely plot of land near our base in Jaffna, in the hope that it will become a vibrant community in its own right. We now have a space for further development - to allow families to build homes for themselves, or for future charitable causes.

Mission

- Sadly, due to Covid restrictions and concerns, we were unable to arrange any volunteer trips. We are still very keen to take out teams to help build houses and to help work on the school and all it entails! We hope to do this in the coming year.

Finance

As a charity, we continued to support Paalam International School, New Living Flame Church and the Paalam Project. All three organisations are under the Paalam Charity, and in total we donated £105,578.17. The funds went toward purchasing land for building projects, building houses, toilets and wells, continuing to build the new Jaffna school, painting houses, and child sponsorship. We also helped to fund new businesses.

The Future

We hope to complete the school build in Jaffna with a view to an official opening in the Autumn, 2022.

Our aim is to continue to provide funds for our sponsored children, raise funds to provide food, essentials or housing for families in desperate need, and hopefully take a volunteer team or two out to Sri Lanka to serve and learn from the brave hearts in our local communities.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Charitable Objects

The Charity's Objects are for public benefit and are restricted to the following: The relief of poverty and hardship among children and young people living in developing communities in such parts of the World by the provision of shelter, food, health, education and other such charitable services as the trustees may from time to time think fit in particular through the construction and refurbishment of orphanages, schools and accommodation.

Statement of Director's responsibilities:

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company during that period. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- (iii) prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In preparing this report the directors have taken advantage of special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the period ended 31st December 2021, and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Board by 

Sarah Chisnall, Director/Company Secretary

Date 26/09/22

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

Incorporating income and expenditure account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and Legacies	3a	98,878	11,512	110,389	110,209
Trading Activities	3b	0	0	0	-90
Other Income	3c	1,441	0	1,441	1,291
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		100,319	11,512	111,830	111,410
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising Funds	4a	0	0	0	234
Charitable Activities	4b	94,260	19,000	113,350	96,381
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		94,260	19,000	113,350	96,615
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		6,059	(7,488)	(1,519)	14,795
Balances Brought Forward		93,764	0	93,764	78,969
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		99,823	(7,488)	92,245	93,764

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	2	0	0	0	0
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	6	100,825	(7,488)	93,337	94,584
Total Current Assets		100,825	(7,488)	93,337	94,584
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	7	1,092	0	1,092	820
NET CURRENT ASSETS		99,733	(7,488)	92,245	93,764
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		99,733	(7,488)	92,245	93,764
NET ASSETS		99,733	(7,488)	92,245	93,764
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		99,733	0	99,733	93,764
Restricted Funds	5	0	(7,488)	(7,488)	0
Total Funds		99,733	(7,488)	92,245	93,764

For the period ended 31st December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Directors on 26/09/22.....and

Signed on behalf of the Board by .....

Sarah Chisnall, Director/Company Secretary

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the Directors are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Directors' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the Directors' meetings and cost of any legal advice to Directors on governance or constitutional matters.

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Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity:

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £2,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt. The Charity at present holds no assets which cost above this figure.

No depreciation is charged to freehold property as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at Directors' best estimate of market value.

Basis of preparation:

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis convention (as modified to include the revaluation of investments) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Charity has claimed exemptions available in Section 1a of FRS 102 not to prepare a cash flow statement since it is a small charity.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The Company owns no fixed assets

There are no obligations under hire purchase contracts or leases.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS & ENDOWMENTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
a) Donations and Legacies					
Donations		49,323		49,323	49,323
Virgin Giving		13,085		13,085	13,085
Home Building Project	5		11,512	11,512	0
Child Sponsorship		24,637		24,637	24,637
Tax Recoverable		11,833		11,833	11,833
		98,878	11,512	110,389	98,878
b) Trading Activities					
Profit from Fund Raising Events		0	0	0	-90
c) Other Income					
Stewardship		1,441	0	1,441	1,291
4. EXPENDITURE ON:					
a) Raising Funds					
Virgin Giving Fees		0	0	0	234
b) Charitable Activities					
Sponsorship					
Home Building Project	5	0	19,000	19,000	0
Paalam Project		77,688		77,688	75,843
Paalam School		0		0	4,350
New Living		7,390		7,390	8,751
Support for Child Sponsorship		6,225		6,225	4,050
Computing, Software, and Web Site		228		228	658
Gifts		100		100	200
Bank Charges		528		528	463
Printing		56		56	0
Office Stationery		0		0	0
Shipping and Carriage		473		473	373
Licenses/ Subscriptions etc.		0		0	0
Miscellaneous		428		428	10
Accountancy		375		375	950
Independent Examination Fees		810		810	720
Other Governance Costs		48		48	13
		94,350	19,000	113,350	96,381

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01-Jan-21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec-21 £
Home Building Project	0	11,512	19,000	0	(7,488)
	0	11,512	19,000	0	(7,488)

Home Building Project - relates to money given towards the costs of resources to build homes, wells and community centres, orphanages and schools for the vulnerable

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Funds £	Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Current Account	100,825	(7,488)	93,337	94,584
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0
	100,825	(7,488)	93,337	94,584

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Credit Card	282	0	282	100
Independent Examination Fees	810	0	810	720
	1,092	0	1,092	820

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Credit Card	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

9. STAFF COSTS, DIRECTORS AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period, other than reimbursements. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a director or any person connected with them.

A total of £7,050 was donated to the charity by the directors and related parties during 2021.

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10. RISK ASSESSMENT

The directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

11. RESERVES POLICY

The directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

12. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

The Charitable Company is limited by guarantee with each of its members liable to contribute one pound sterling in the event of it being wound up.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Directors/Members of the The Dust Project for the period ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26 September 2022