
The Dust Project

ANNUAL REVIEW 2022

Charity Registration No. 1155728



**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

THE DUST PROJECT

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

REGISTERED COMPANY NO. 08822786

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1155728

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1155728
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	08822786
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st January 2022
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st December 2022
DIRECTORS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022	Fraser Higgs Roy Chisnall Sarah Chisnall Thomas Stokely Sarah Higgs
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 2022

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 180 children sponsored through this program.

Since our partnership, we have been able to build or help complete 23 houses for various families living in appalling conditions. We also continue to build wells (14 to date!) and toilets (26 to date!) as need demands. We are in the process of building a school in Jaffna, sponsored in part by Hiscox, London. Due to Covid as well as the conflict in Sri Lanka, this has taken a lot longer than expected; but we hope to have it completed by April 2023.

Fundraising

We had another quiet year in 2022 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 their support throughout the year, which was very much needed in Sri Lanka due to the Government fall and conflict that followed. Food prices went up dramatically and there was no fuel. This meant families were unable to work and earn money to pay for food. We were able to send funds to pay for food, schooling and medicine.
 - In January, we sent funds to pay for Sutharshini, a student looking to pursue higher studies in the medical field. We also, through our business fund, were able to purchase a Trishaw for Ramesh.
 - In March, we sent funds to build a house for Patricia as well as update stonework in our church/community centre.
 - In April we sent funds to paint and repair parts of the school in Wattala as well as a kitchen upgrade. We also sent funds to concrete the front of our community centre/church.
 - In June, we sent funds to build a home for Sivakumari.
 - In August, we sent funds to build a home for Kaliachelvam.
 - In September, through our business fund, we were able to help Kiri start up a brick making business. We also sent funds to build Mary a well.
- With our connection to a project in Kandy, we were able to send funds to buy food and build a much-needed toilet.
- In November, through our business fund, we were able to help Janitha set up a small business selling electrical products. In the same month, we started an online food drive for malnourished pregnant women. Through Paalam, we were alerted of the fact that many pregnant women were incredibly malnourished due to the enormous price increase of food in Sri Lanka. We managed to raise over £5,198.00.
 - With our Gift Aid, we sent £1700 to update the Paalam Orphanage in Jaffna. Funds were sent to continue building work on the Wattala school and buy a drum kit for drum lessons

Mission

Sadly, due to conflict in Sri Lanka, we were unable to visit for safety reasons. We are still very keen to take out teams to help build houses for those families in desperate need of a safe and secure home. We are looking to send a team out in September 2023.

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 over £144,000.

We had something unexpected and unprecedented happen in November when - suddenly and without warning or reason - our HSBC account was closed. Through no amount of calls, enquiries or chats were we provided with any further explanation or apology, and it remained closed as The Dust Project sought for a new bank to host our child sponsorship payments and the daily needs of the charity.

The Future

In 2023, we hope to complete the school build in Jaffna with a view to an official opening in the Autumn. We also hope to continue to provide funds for our sponsored children, raise funds to provide new homes for families in desperate need and hopefully take a volunteer team out to Sri Lanka, in September 2023, to see the amazing work we have done, as well as build and paint houses that have been funded by our generous donors.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Directors take pleasure in submitting their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022. A more detailed report can be accessed from web site [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK](http://TheCharityCommission.gov.uk)

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 2022, 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 20/09/2023.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Dust Project for the year ended 31 December 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's Trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : 

Date : 20.9.23

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Incorporating income and expenditure account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and Legacies	3a	85,130	17,216	102,346	110,389
Trading Activities	3b	-	-	-	-
Other Income	3c	1,000	-	1,000	1,441
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		86,130	17,216	103,346	111,830
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising Funds	4a	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	4b	142,815	-	142,815	113,350
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		142,815	0	142,815	113,350
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-56,685	17,216	-39,469	-1,519
Balances Brought Forward		99,733	-7,488	92,245	93,764
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		43,048	9,728	52,776	92,245

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 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	6	53,538	-	53,538	93,337
Total Current Assets		53,538	-	53,538	93,337
Creditors:					
amounts falling due within one year	7	762	-	762	1,092
NET CURRENT ASSETS		52,776	-	52,776	92,245
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		52,776	-	52,776	92,245
NET ASSETS		52,776	-	52,776	92,245
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		43,048	-	43,048	99,733
Restricted Funds	5	-	9,728	9,728	-7,488
Total Funds		43,048	9,728	52,776	92,245


For the period ended 31st December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 10 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/09/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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 2022**

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, e.g. 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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3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS & ENDOWMENTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
a) Donations and Legacies					
Donations		44,008	-	44,008	49,323
Virgin Giving		-	-	-	13,085
Home Building Project		-	17,216	17,216	11,511
Child Sponsorship		21,200	-	21,200	24,637
Tax Recoverable		19,922	-	19,922	11,833
		85,130	17,216	102,346	110,389
b) Trading Activities					
Profit from Fund Raising Events		-	-	-	-
c) Other Income					
Stewardship		1,000	-	1,000	1,441
4. EXPENDITURE ON:					
a) Raising Funds					
Virgin Giving Fees		-	-	-	-
b) Charitable Activities					
Sponsorship					
Home building Project	5	-	-	-	19,000
Palaam Project		99,978	-	99,978	77,688
Palaam School		6,130	-	6,130	0
New Living		25,092	-	25,092	7,390
Support for Child Sponsorship		7,900	-	7,900	6,225
Computing, Software, and Web Site		220	-	220	228
Gifts		0	-	0	100
Bank Charges		586	-	586	528
Printing & Postage		7	-	7	56
Shipping and Carriage		1,155	-	1,155	473
Miscellaneous		431	-	431	428
Accountancy		475	-	475	375
Independent Examination Fees		840	-	840	810
Other Governance Costs		-	-	-	49
		142,815	-	142,815	113,350

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01/01/22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31/12/22
Home Building Project	- 7,488	17,216	-		9,728
	- 7,488	17,216	-	-	9,728

	Balance 01/01/21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31/12/21
Home Building Project	-	11,512	19,000	-	- 7,488
	-	11,512	19,000	-	- 7,488

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Funds	Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Current Account	53,538	-	53,538	93,337
	53,538	-	53,538	93,337

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Credit Card	- 78	-	78	282
Independent Examination Fees	840	-	840	810
	762	-	762	1,092

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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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

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.