



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2024	To	Day 31	Month 12	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bakiga Community Project UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1156306

Charity's principal address

P.O.BOX 1026

Kabale

Uganda

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Craig Smith	Director		
2	Claudia Smith			
3	Tom Mak	Treasurer	15/1/24 – 31/12/24	
4	Hilary Mak			
5	Hermanus Pieters			
6	Andy Ritter			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO")
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

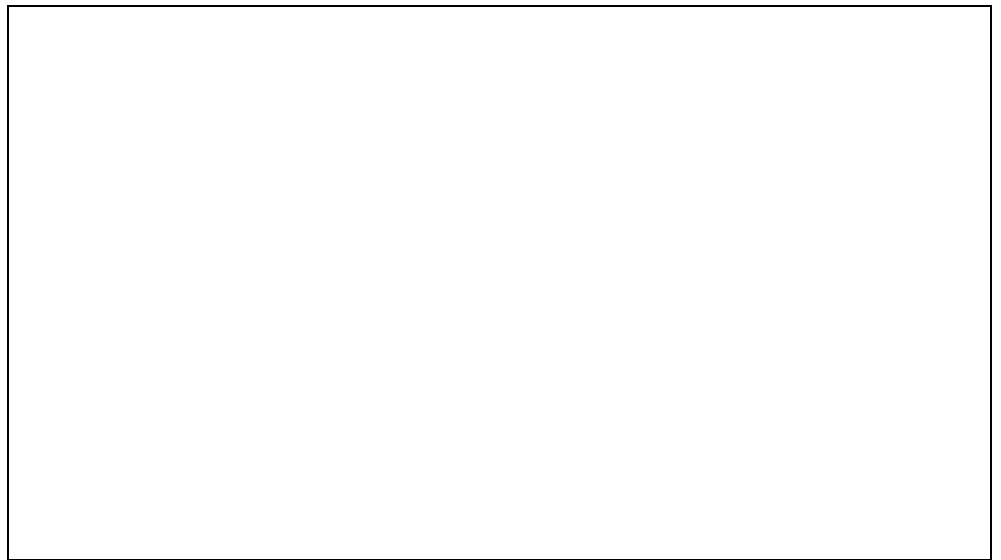
- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity supports, raises funds for and helps to monitor the work of Bakiga Community Project, a Ugandan non-governmental organisation ("NGO") set up by Craig and Claudia Smith to carry out the development work amongst disadvantaged communities in Kabale district, Uganda.

The trustees have a very good understanding of Africa. They know the culture within which the NGO works and many of the issues that can often arise. They have either lived there for a period of time or travelled and visited the work of the charity. This helps us to effectively manage and monitor the work that is being carried out in Uganda.

Annual visits are made to Uganda to check on the work of the NGO.

In all decisions, the trustees have abided by their duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Commission.



Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To develop the capacity and skills of the beneficiaries of Bakiga Community Project, Uganda, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their communities needs and to enable their disadvantaged community to participate more fully in society.
2. The advancement of the Christian religion in Bakiga, Uganda, in particular but not exclusively by:
 - a) missionary, evangelism and outreach work; and
 - b) religious education

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The UK trustees met twice during 2024 to monitor the progress of the work in Uganda and the use of transferred funds. Minutes of these meetings are available. The trustees discussed the potential land transactions in Uganda, providing governance and oversight to the process. The trustees also gave advice through more informal communication on new developments, including lodge improvements and water project expansion

The charity supported Craig and Claudia’s visit to Uganda in August 2024, during which they visited springs and tanks, met with local communities, and held meetings with the Ugandan Board and staff. They also worked closely with managers Emmy and George, mentoring them and reviewing developments at Bakiga Lodge. This work enabled Craig and Claudia to quality assure the water development work that took place during 2024 and provide further guidance for future developments of the NGO in Uganda.

In 2024, the NGO constructed 40 springs and 4 community tanks, serving an estimated 16,000 people. A new engineer, Geoffrey, was taken on to help maintain progress while Enock recovers from an accident. Hilary continued his work mobilising communities and collecting data, which now supports a live public map of the NGO’s water developments. The charity also supports UK community education about rural African communities and the challenges of accessing clean water. This is carried out through talks and school assemblies.

The NGO’s work creates permanent employment for around 20 Ugandans, including managers, water engineers, hospitality staff, and carpenters, providing livelihoods and reducing poverty.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity continues to ensure that the work of the Ugandan NGO provides sustainable benefit to beneficiaries and that all resources are well managed. This includes:

Regular trustee meetings where key risks and opportunities are considered, NGO progress and accounts are monitored and scrutinised.

- Weekly monitoring of Ugandan accounts and lodge bookings, handled from the UK.
- UK admin is undertaken in support of the work of Bakiga Lodge. This includes handling emails, queries and bookings.
- Daily communication with the Ugandan NGO managers.
- Support for the NGO through funding subscriptions such as QuickBooks and online lodge management software (Innstyle).
- UK charity funded the visit by Craig and Claudia in August 2024 to monitor the work of the Ugandan NGO.
- Support with the construction of 40 springs and 4 community water tanks, benefiting approximately 16,000 people.
- Launch of a public live map of water developments, improving transparency and demonstrating the NGO's impact.
- Expansion of the NGO's staff team with the addition of Geoffrey, a new engineer.
- Further training and mentoring of Ugandan project managers.
- Successful continuation of recycling initiatives for plastic bottles from the lodge.
- Ongoing discussions and planning for sustainable tree planting alongside water projects.

Bakiga Lodge:

2023/24 lodge income rose 27%, yielding a record profit.

Staff performed excellently, and service standards were praised by guests and tour operators.

New mains power connection improved energy stability, supplemented by solar. Wifi was extended and functioned well.

A new chef, was appointed, with plans for an upgraded kitchen. Training on hygiene and food safety was carried out by visiting UK supporters. Plans were made for redeveloping Cabin 11 and for further lodge expansion, including a potential high-end wing, dependent on land transactions.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees are of the view that no reserves should be retained within the charity as at the current time there are no potential liabilities or employee related costs that will need to be met should the charity decide to stop its activities. Any surplus funds will be distributed by the trustees when there is a requirement. The trustees will monitor the need to have a reserves policy should commitments be made that are dependent upon ongoing support for a period of more than 12 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In 2024, the UK charity made grants totalling approximately £4915 to support the NGO development work. These funds were used for the construction of springs and tanks. Additional funds supported lodge operations and sustainability measures. The principal sources of UK charity income continue to be donations from individuals and supporters in the UK.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Craig Smith

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Director

Date

23/09/2025

BAKIGA COMMUNITY PROJECT UK

Income and Expenditure Statement
For the 12 Months to 31 December

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
	Received	12,568	-	12,568	20,180
	Gift aid	-	-	-	1,909
		<u>12,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,568</u>	<u>22,089</u>
Resources expended					
	IT systems	(1,115)	-	(1,115)	(1,027)
	Travel	(2,218)	-	(2,218)	(863)
	Administrative costs	(370)	-	(370)	(543)
	Water tank	(3,430)	-	(3,430)	(1,500)
	Vehicles	-	-	-	(16,000)
		<u>(7,133)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,133)</u>	<u>(19,933)</u>
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>5,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,435</u>	<u>2,155</u>

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
	Debtor	900	-	900	900
	Bank account	16,668	-	16,668	11,232
		<u>17,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,568</u>	<u>12,132</u>
Net Assets		<u>17,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,568</u>	<u>12,132</u>
Represented by:					
	Unrestricted income funds			17,368	11,932
	Restricted income funds			<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
				<u>17,568</u>	<u>12,132</u>