

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Bujagali Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; 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 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:

1. 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Signed:



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Relevant professional body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: 12th May 2025

The Bujagali Trust

(Charity Number 1157222)

Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2024

Trustees

Kevin Riley - Chairman

Barry Hollinghurst - Treasurer

Elsbeth Riley

Sandra Hollinghurst

John Griffiths

Nigel Riley

Huw Riley

Tom Riley

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ending 31st December 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period ending 31st December 2024.

The annual report and financial statements are prepared to comply with the Trust's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is administered by eight trustees with usually four ordinary meetings in each year. At such meetings the trustees review and plan the amount of grants available to be made for small educational projects (typically under £25,000) in Uganda.

The source of potential projects is through trusted contacts, our two educational ambassadors based in Gulu and Kumi, who produce business plans for each school we support. These business plans show fully costed project priorities and are reviewed by the Trust in the UK and through regular visits by the trustees to Uganda.

Charitable objects

The object of the Trust is the promotion of education and training of young persons up to the age of 30 from developing countries, and in particular Uganda, in order to enable them to acquire those practical, business and academic skills, which may assist them to improve their conditions of life and well-being and those of their compatriots and others.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these charitable objects

The public benefit is raised by enabling young people, primarily in Uganda, to more readily gain educational skills through the provision and enhancement of school buildings and other scholastic materials.

Achievements and performance in 2024

As planned we commenced the building programme at Mama Elisabeth's new site to allow the school to expand. The first key project was the installation of a new automated borehole for the benefit of not just the school but also the local community who previously had to walk long distances to obtain fresh water. We are very grateful to the Wilmslow Wells charity for funding this project.

Construction of the four classroom block including furniture was completed by the end of the year; this was a significant achievement to which we attribute great credit to our local ambassador in Gulu who controlled and pushed through the work with great enthusiasm.

In Kumi we provided the money for a photocopier to be shared by our three schools, which will in particular facilitate the copying of past examination papers so that pupils can better prepare for their important Year 7 national examinations.

Future planning for 2025

The next phase of the construction programme at Mama Elisabeth will be to build girl and boy school dormitories; we intend to fund the girl dormitory in 2025 and the boy dormitory the following year.

A trustee visit is planned for March 2025 and this will further inform our future plans for the schools.

Donors

The Trust would like to thank all the donors who supported the Trust in 2024.

The Bujagali Trust

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
	1	£	£
Receipts			
Donations and fund raising		44,046	28,836
Gift Aid received		2,784	2,753
Other		213	0
		47,043	31,589
Payments			
Educational projects in Uganda	2	44,677	32,730
Bank charges and other payments		693	709
Governance payments		0	0
		45,371	33,439
Surplus / (Deficit)		1,672	(1,850)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Cash Funds			
Opening bank balance		2,996	4,846
Surplus / (Deficit) in year		1,672	(1,850)
Closing Bank Balance		4,668	2,996
Gift aid claimable		3,645	2,137
		8,313	5,133
Other Monetary Assets		0	0
Investment Assets		0	0
Assets - Own Use		0	0
Liabilities		0	0

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Report on the Accounts
Year ending 31 December 2024

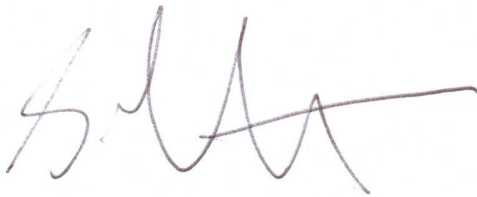
The Bujagali Trust generated total receipts for the year of £47,043 (2023 £31,589). The majority of this income comes from our regular donors who make monthly or annual contributions to the Trust.

Payments in the year mainly included £44,677 (2023 £32,730) for educational projects in Uganda as detailed in the Notes to the Accounts.

The trustees incur no governance costs; for example, travel expenses, whether incurred in the UK or Uganda, are borne by the trustees themselves.

As receipts in the year exceeded payments by £1,672 cash funds increased from an opening balance of £2,996 to a closing balance of £4,668.

Gift aid claimable at 31 December 2024 from HMRC amounted to £3,545 (2023 £2,137) is for donations eligible for gift-aid in 2024.



Barry Hollinghurst
Treasurer
Date:

10/04/25



Kevin Riley
Chairman

Date: 10/4/2025

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ending 31 December 2024

- 1 The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as allowed for charities with an income of less than £250,000 per annum and gross assets not more than £3.26 million.
- 2 Educational projects in Uganda over the last eleven years, since the Bujagali Trust commenced as a new charity, total £337,696.

The following table shows project expenditure by school by year:

<i>In £ sterling</i>	Mama Elisabeth	Agolitom	Okorom	Kalengo	Jinja Schools	Total
2024	41,398	1,093	1,093	1,093	0	44,677
2023	1,338	0	0	31,392	0	32,730
2022	0	7,664	32,908	51	0	40,622
2021	5,198	22,478	0	0	0	27,676
2020	1,000	2,276	2,276	18,855	0	24,407
2019	7,677	14,139	14,213	0	0	36,029
2018	6,668	7,500	20,829	2,900	0	37,897
2017	17,100	3,300	0	4,600	0	25,000
2016	17,431	8,175	4,675	5,540	46	35,867
2015	16,057	0	0	8,135	4,395	28,587
2014	2,204	0	0	0	2,000	4,204
	116,071	66,625	75,994	72,566	6,441	337,696

A more detailed analysis of project expenditure is shown on the following page; "The Bujagali Trust - Project Timeline"

Common Smaller Projects includes teacher training, Covid support, solar power installations and sports equipment.

In 2024 the break-down of £44,677 project expenditure is:

£30,388 Mama Elisabeth - new school classroom block and furniture

£11,010 Mama Elisabeth - new automated borehole

£3,279 Kumi Schools - new shared photocopying machine (RISO)

Figure 1

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