BUILD ON BOOKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1158201

Details

Other names	BOB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-08-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	38 Oak Tree Road Marlow SL7 3EE
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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN SIERRA LEONE BY PROVIDING: GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY

Activities: Build on Books reduces poverty in Sierra Leone by building a strong foundation for development based on education, disease prevention, and food security. We provide books, water, sanitation, farms, school buildings, school furniture, science labs, healthcare, training programs and humanitarian aid to help build vibrant schools and communities where all children can realise their full potential.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Sierra Leone
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£49,543	£56,531	-	-
2024-08-31	£33,329	£46,216	-	-
2023-08-31	£41,848	£29,686	-	-
2022-08-31	£12,525	£13,425	-	-
2021-08-31	£16,508	£12,225	-	-
2020-08-31	£20,590	£19,135	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LORI SPRAGG BSC	Chair	2009-07-13
BRID HAYWARD BSC, PGCE		2009-07-13
Darren Anvoner		2024-09-01
James Lee MacDonald CFA, BA		2017-09-01

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Accounts

Build on Books (BOB UK)
Trustees Annual Report

For the period from
1st September 2024 to
31st August 2025



Names of the Charity Trustees

Chair: Lori Spragg
Treasurer: Brid Hayward
Secretary: Darren Anvoner
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Install solar power in the Learning Centre and Computer lab to support skills-based training and education programs for students of St Clement School and the wider Kwama community. Improve the water supply for the teacher's housing by moving the water tower and installing a **solar-powered water pump**.

Support orphans in education and through psychosocial support. **Help orphans and abandoned students through University Scholarships**. Continue to support Ebola orphans in secondary education by providing school uniforms and hosting the annual Christmas party.

Introduce additional revenue-generating programs at St Clement School, such as t-shirt printing and supplying seed to the Build on Books Farm in Kwama.

Maintain buildings and carry out necessary roof repairs at St Clement School and the Learning Centre to ensure the longevity of these vital buildings.

Provide Humanitarian Aid as necessary.

Build on Books Achievements and Performance 2024 – 2025

This year, our largest expenditures were supporting orphans through scholarships and secondary education, installing solar power in two locations and maintaining and improving St Clement School buildings. However, we greatly increased the school's revenue-generating capacity by installing a t-shirt printing workshop and providing seed funding to further develop the Build on Books Farm.

We implemented these additions at minimal cost with exceptional results. This is largely due to the dedication and expertise of the Build on Books team in Sierra Leone. They have a remarkable ability to mobilise and instil pride in the school and community. Our beneficiaries feel empowered to act as full-time security and caretakers for our buildings and equipment. Everything we supply to them is appreciated, cared for, and well utilised.

The whole village is behind their school and is ready to lend a hand anytime it is needed. It is a testament to both the Build on Books team and the local community that students are coming from far and wide to attend this high-performing institution. St Clement's teachers maintain that no student is left behind. They ensure that the poorest students and orphans receive a top-level education and psychosocial support so they can achieve the same results as their peers.

Sierra Leone remains one of the world's poorest countries. Build on Books' programs purposefully focus on creating sustainable systems of entrepreneurial activity and revenue generation to promote self-sufficiency and avoid creating a culture of aid dependency.

Given the intense competition for paid jobs among school leavers in Sierra Leone, we prepare students for self-employment alongside academic excellence through technical and vocational skills training courses. Our programs offer students and adults the opportunity to pursue self-employment in hairdressing, food preparation, tailoring, and catering. Computer training helps both students going on to university and those pursuing self-employment.

Maintaining our buildings, installing solar power, and caring for our teachers' well-being have been vital investments to ensure our projects continue to have the greatest impact for the greatest number of beneficiaries.

No Build on Books trustees or volunteers are paid for their time because we are committed to using all of our donors' generous contributions for public benefit.

Solar Power for the Learning Centre!



Harnessing Sierra Leonean Sunshine Transforms Education in Kwama

This year, we were finally able to install solar power at Orville's Technical and Vocational Learning Centre (built by Build on Books). We were finally able to retire the old, noisy, polluting

generator and replace it with clean, silent solar panels, an inverter and a battery. The impact is immeasurable. It has helped to create a difference by:

1. Increasing access to education by extending the school opening hours, allowing students to take extra classes and pursue extracurricular activities.
2. Allowing evening literacy and skills training classes for subsistence farmers, mostly women, who have to work in the fields from dawn to dusk to survive.
3. Enabling students to develop computing skills and use the internet to expand their knowledge and prepare for further education and work.
4. Teaching children digital literacy, health, and other skills using video and interactive computer programs.
5. Improving food preservation. People in Kwama rely on seasonal fruit and vegetables, fresh fish and cooked rice. These foods are difficult to preserve during both the scorching dry season and monsoons. Providing nutritious school meals for pupils while preventing the risk of food poisoning is a challenge. Refrigerating and freezing food supports year-round nourishment, saving lives and money.
6. External lights make everyone feel safer and prevent unnecessary deaths from predators. Without external lighting, Kwama is pitch dark. Walking around the village and even using the toilet can be dangerous, as predators like snakes and spiders can be hard to see. Fear of human predators and thieves is also a significant worry.

The installation of solar panels on the roof of the Learning Centre is a great step towards sustainable development and long-term poverty reduction for people in Kwama.

Build on Books Orphans University Scholarship Program

Some of the brightest minds in Sierra Leone are being wasted when children become orphaned or are rejected by families that can no longer afford to support them after one parent dies. Since 2014, Build on Books has intervened to save over a hundred children's lives and help keep them in school. This includes ongoing educational and psychosocial support from the Build on Books team in Sierra Leone. Our volunteers help these children to foster resilience by building supportive relationships and social connections among orphans, and with their carers and teachers. Orphans we saved during the Ebola crisis know they are not alone but a part of a large, interconnected family with a shared history, who are working together for a better future.

Build on Books also helps other orphaned and abandoned students at St Clement School. Kwama is a rural area surrounded by many small traditional villages where literacy and life expectancy are low. Families often work hard to survive through subsistence farming, and children live precarious lives that can be destroyed by the loss of one or both parents.

The Build on Books volunteers at St Clement School do their best to help when tragedy strikes. They provide housing, food and continued education so that orphaned and abandoned children are not subjected to a life on the streets. With continued support, these children learn how to overcome their individual challenges and are often inspired to attend higher education. The

Build on Books Orphans University Scholarship Program provides these disadvantaged students with the opportunity to attend university and achieve their true potential.

The Build on Books Scholarship program covers university fees, accommodation, food and other relevant expenses, whilst the Build on Books teams in the UK and Sierra Leone provide practical and moral support whenever needed. Our students live near their universities but can return to live and be looked after in Kwama during the breaks in the academic year.

T-shirt Printing Workshop helps St Clement School cover the cost of materials used in Skills Training classes

Build on Books has always sought to provide our beneficiaries with ways to earn income where possible. We believe that all of our projects should be sustainable and have a strategy to avoid long-term dependence on aid.

St Clement has over 3,000 students on its roll, all of whom are required to wear a school uniform and sports kit. This affords the perfect opportunity to generate revenue for the school while benefiting the students. Making school uniforms in-house and selling them at a lower price greatly helps parents with costs. At the same time, the scheme provides work for tailors and offers our adult tailoring students gain experience. On top of these benefits, the school uniform project raises sufficient funds to purchase materials for our skills-based classes and to support teachers who are not on the government payroll.



This year, we started another clothing-based revenue-generating project by providing St Clement School with a grant to purchase a t-shirt printer and a press, enabling thousands of t-

shirts to be printed on site for sports day and other sporting events. These are then sold to pupils at a lower price than sourcing printed shirts elsewhere would cost, yet still generate revenue for the school, which can be used to support technical and vocational skills training at the Learning Centre. Teachers now have the funds to purchase materials for sewing, hairdressing, baking, and computing classes, which are well attended by enthusiastic learners who appreciate the value of acquiring practical skills to create a better future for themselves and their families.

The Computing Centre is also going from strength to strength. The room is always full of students poring over laptops, benefiting from the longer access hours offered by the solar power installation. This year, we focused on sending over more laptops from the UK. The growth of the computing centre has been particularly welcomed by students planning to attend university. We want to help our pupils pursue their individual ambitions. We usually send recycled Windows 10 laptops, but this year we purchased a more advanced model for our engineering student, who uses CAD in his university course.

Build on Books Farm in Kwama

Build on Books has helped communities in Buya Romende Chiefdom and Kwama to establish successful farming projects, and now we have our own farm too. The farm's intention is to eventually generate income for the Build on Books team in Sierra Leone to pursue their own charitable projects without relying on aid from the UK. This is part of our goal to help our beneficiaries be less aid-dependent. Currently, the food grown on the farm feeds the orphans and abandoned children cared for by the school, as well as children at the local Fatima Ceda orphanage.



Our team's knowledge of traditional and modern farming methods, along with an understanding of the local geology, helps ensure that the land is used effectively and sustainably while helping local subsistence farmers improve their skills.

Good Maintenance Ensures the Sustainability of Infrastructure

Sierra Leone is littered with rural school buildings that are no longer fit for purpose due to a lack of revenue to maintain them. Monsoon weather and storms in Sierra Leone can take their toll on flimsy roofs, and once water seeps in, mould makes the crumbling walls even more of a hazard. Fortunately, Build on Books has certain supporters who understand that infrastructure maintenance is a worthwhile endeavour and will help us in times of need. Generally, zinc roofs need to be replaced every 10-15 years, but because our buildings are well-maintained, we have managed to keep the same roofs for longer.

This year, we replaced the roofs on three classroom buildings, including the office, and fully renovated the interiors. Next year, we will look at the remaining two classrooms and the library. We also put a new roof on the Home Economics Centre/Canteen, making structural changes to increase its pitch. We enlisted the help of Tom, one of our Build on Books Orphan University Scholarship students who studies engineering, to do the calculations.



Ebola Orphans, School Uniforms and Christmas Party

At the beginning of each academic year, Build on Books provides uniforms for our school-age Ebola orphans. This is made possible by the generous support of our regular donors with monthly standing orders. As always, our annual Ebola Orphans Christmas Party was a great success, filled with food, laughter, singing, dancing and games. It is vital for these children to reconnect with others who share their experiences. These enduring connections help them to feel less alone, especially during the holidays. We are so grateful to everyone who helps make these parties possible each year, especially our monthly benefactors, donors to our Christmas

Appeal and the Build on Books team of volunteers in Sierra Leone who host these memorable events.

Learn to Earn Program in Waterloo

This year, the CODEP Library in Waterloo was handed over to the Build on Books Sierra Leone team, who transformed it into another skills training centre. As most of our orphaned children are based in and around the area, we stocked the centre with sewing machines and fabric and taught our adult learners how to make their school uniforms. Making school uniforms and other clothing is a viable entrepreneurial skill for illiterate women, and many would like to learn it. In this way, the same funds helped two different sets of beneficiaries.

Shipment of Books and Furniture

Build on Books continued to ship books, clothing and laptops donated in the UK to Sierra Leone, but on a much smaller scale than previous years due to higher shipping costs and the need to pursue other projects.

Financial Review

Build on Books 1/09/2024 - 31/8/2025	**Financial Statement**	
Receipts		
Restricted		
Kwama School & Learning Centre	13600.00	
Solar Power	5993.01	
Student Sponsorship	15180.00	
Ebola Orphans	970.23	
		35743.24
Unrestricted		
Other donations	6815.46	
Gift Aid	6984.25	
		13799.71
Total Receipts		**49542.95**
Payments		
Restricted		
Kwama School & Learning Centre	13600.00	
Solar Power	5993.01	
Student Sponsorship	20422.00	
Ebola Orphans	970.23	
		40985.24
Unrestricted		
Student Sponsorship	2094.23	
Kwama School & Learning Centre	3094.25	
Solar Power	7463.58	
Farming	617.00	
Ebola Orphans	1604.04	
Humanitarian Aid Fund	350.04	
Shipping	53.00	
		15276.14
Expenses		
Admin & website	269.64	
		269.64
Total Payments		**56531.02**
Net of Receipts (payments)	**-6988.07**	
Cash Funds Last Year End	**7788.16**	
Cash funds this year end	**800.09**	

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

As we aim to reduce poverty, our policy is not to hold excess funds in reserve but to use them for their intended purpose as soon as possible. However, £800 of the charity's capital is reserved for shipping books and other goods collected during our appeals. We do not pay salaries or rent, so keeping a surplus is unnecessary. This year, a £10,000 donation for a Student Sponsorship is being held in reserve to pay university fees for our orphaned Scholarship Students in our next financial year.

Our main sources of funds come from appeals and donations from grant-making and charitable organisations, charitable clubs, and individual donors. We want to thank the many groups and individuals who responded to our appeals this year and donated funds for our work fighting poverty in Sierra Leone.

This Trustee's Annual Report covers the period from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025.

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

Lori Spragg, Chair

Date: 14/04/2026

Darren Anvoner, Secretary

Date: 14/04/2026

Brid Hayward, Treasurer

Date: 15/04/2026

James MacDonald

Date: 15/04/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BUILD ON BOOKS	1158201

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-24	To	Period end date 31-Aug-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	13,800	35,743	-	49,543	33,329
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	13,800	35,743	-	49,543	33,329
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,800	35,743	-	49,543	33,329
A3 Payments					
Kwama Sewing Machines	-		-	-	4,722
Kwama School Bus	-		-	-	2,202
Kwama Toilets	-		-	-	1,400
Kwama School & Learning Centre	3,094	13,600	-	16,694	1,630
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage			-	-	589
Waterloo Learning Centre			-	-	6,661
Student Sponsorship	2,094	20,422	-	22,516	12,677
Ebola Orphans	1,604	970	-	2,574	3,835
Pepel Health Centre		-	-	-	5,255
Teacher Housing		-	-	-	2,701
Farming	617	-	-	617	1,002
Humanitarian Aid Fund	350	-	-	350	1,214
St Clement Secondary School	-	-	-	-	-
Solar Power	7,464	5,993	-	13,457	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Shipping	53	-	-	53	1,564
	-	-	-	-	-
Admin & website	270	-	-	270	640
Travel	-	-	-	-	124
Sub total	15,546	40,985	-	56,531	46,216
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,546	40,985	-	56,531	46,216
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,746	- 5,242	-	- 6,988	- 12,887
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,546	5,242	-	7,788	-
Cash funds this year end	800	-	-	800	- 12,887

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Voluntary Donations	800	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	800	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Lori S Pragg	Lori S Pragg	14/04/26
	DARREN ANYOMER	14/04/26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Build on Books

On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1158201

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]~~]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	11.5.2026
Name:	ANDREW WILSON		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	C.I.M.A.		

(if any):	
Address:	41, TERRINGTON HILL,
	MARLOW,
	BUCKS. SL7 2LE

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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- Support the Learning Centre and skills-based training and education programs for the community and school, particularly computing and sewing.
- Restore St Clement's school bus.
- Maintain buildings and do necessary repairs to St Clement school and toilets.
- Support Ebola orphans and others through University Scholarships.
- Provide decent housing for the midwives and nurses of Pepel Health Centre.
- Increase food security by establishing a Build on Books farm in Kwama.
- Continue to support Ebola orphans in primary and secondary education and host the annual Christmas party.
- Provide humanitarian aid for impoverished people in crisis.
- Provide support to Fatima Homes orphanage in Kwama.

Build on Books Achievements and Performance 2023 – 2024

During the 2023 trustee visit to Sierra Leone in October, a meeting was held between the Build on Books team and local representatives from the Ministry of Education. The main topic of conversation was the importance of entrepreneurial skills training for both adult and young learners in Sierra Leone. Whether it's students paying their way through university or adults trying to feed their families, self-employment offers the best means towards self-sufficiency, which can be very difficult due to a lack of employment opportunities. There are, however, many opportunities for home-based self-employment in the fields of hairdressing, food preparation, tailoring, and even wedding preparation, particularly in rural areas where people do not have access to shops and services.

From our experiences in the Learning Centre at St Clement School, we know that many rural people are desperate to learn any practical skills that can help them earn an income, in addition to basic literacy and numeracy training. This meeting was the impetus for significantly increasing the diversity and availability of skills training at the Learning Centre in Kwama and the Learning Centre in Waterloo, currently run by Codep UK.

Orville's Technical & Vocational Learning Centre Enables Grassroots Economic Development

In Kwama, we are limited by a lack of electricity in the whole region, so this year, we decided to invest in manual sewing machines which could be bought locally rather than continuing to ship them. A local supplier was found to supply 33 brand-new butterfly sewing machines imported from China. These machines are specifically designed to be low maintenance and easily repairable. They have their own stands, so do not require extra tables and a foot pedal to run them so no electricity is required. Plenty of spare parts are available locally, which

makes them a far better choice than shipping second-hand machines from the UK, which often have to be scrapped when spare parts cannot be found.

Our appeal for sponsors was immediately successful, and we are particularly grateful to Marlow Inner Wheel and TWA Marlow, as well as other individuals for responding so quickly. This meant classes could start right away. Students from both the secondary school and the adult literacy classes were queued up ready to start learning these valuable skills which have the potential to support them throughout their lives. We are also working on providing recognised qualifications in hairdressing, catering, and sewing to help our students access any employment opportunities that may arise in the future.



The Learning Centre is always a hub of activity; sewing, hairdressing, baking, and computing classes are well attended by enthusiastic learners. Cake baking and tailoring, which are done by teachers, bring valuable income to the school and help pay for materials for the students.

The Computing Centre is going from strength to strength. The room is full of students pouring over laptops. This year we continued to send laptops from the Computer Cavern of Bourne End and Spinfield School in Marlow and private individuals. Providing the laptops can run at least Windows 10 and have a charger, they are perfect for our needs and are very cheap to send. We are working on a recognised computer qualification with the Ministry of Education to help students wishing to attend university or apply for work. In addition to shipping boxes of laptops to the Learning Centre, we also provided laptops for each of our

10 orphaned scholarship students attending university.



Unfortunately, the fuel needed to run the computing centre is expensive. Because there is no electricity locally, they have to use a generator, which is also incredibly noisy and disruptive. However, in future years, Build on Books hopes to be able to provide solar power, which will solve those problems and be a much greener alternative.

We Saved St Clement's School Bus!

St Clement's old faithful school bus completely broke down just before the school term started. Nine years of transporting hundreds of children from remote villages along dusty, unmade roads full of huge potholes had left the bus in dire condition. We were able to restore it to working condition.



Hundreds of schoolchildren rely on the bus which makes four trips a day, picking up 80 children each trip. These children have no other means of transportation. It is far too long and dangerous a journey for them to walk, so without the bus, their parents could stop

sending them to school. This would be catastrophic for their education and their futures. Furthermore, our school bus is a crucial lifeline for many adult learners. After working tirelessly in the fields all week just to survive, many village people depend on the school bus, as without it they would find it too difficult to attend our life-changing adult literacy and skills training classes at Orville's Technical and Vocational Learning Centre in Kwama. Sierra Leone has very little public transport, so getting to classes by any other means would be too exhausting, time-consuming and simply unaffordable. The training they receive at the Learning Centre is crucial for helping lift many people from poverty. We got to work right away, installing a replacement engine and fitting out the vehicle with new windows and tyres to continue providing all of our students with the necessary transport.

Renovating St Clement's Toilet Blocks and Girls' Hygiene Room



Four newly renovated four toilet blocks at St Clement Secondary School in Kwama were terribly dilapidated due to extremes in the weather and a lack of funding for upkeep. Repairing these toilets before the rainy season began was critical for the health of students and teachers, especially girls and disabled students. We provided new roofs, which made the units watertight, repaired the doors and gave each block a new paint job to give thousands of students safe, dry and hygienic facilities. Furthermore, to improve disabled access, we installed a ramp and a handrail.

We also renovated the girls' hygiene room so that the young women have a safe and private place to wash, change their sanitary pads, and maintain their dignity while menstruating at school. They make their reusable sanitary pads at our sewing workshop in the Skills Learning Centre.

Many girls in Sierra Leone stay home during their periods and, as a consequence, lose out on valuable education. Therefore, girls need a safe space for personal hygiene so they can stay in school during their menstrual periods. When the hygiene room was out of action, many girls felt the need to leave school out of embarrassment when they started their periods. This was a tragic disruption to girls' education.

CODEP Waterloo Learning Centre

In 2008, Build on Books began supporting a sister UK charity called the Construction and Development Partnership, CODEP UK. At the time, they were building a library in Waterloo, Sierra Leone. The library, which was managed by Build on Books' treasurer, Rosetta Kargbo, was a central part of literacy and education in the region. This year, the CODEP trustees asked Build on Books to facilitate renovations to the building to widen its usage from a library to a learning centre. After receiving a generous restricted donation of £6000, the Build on Books team in Sierra Leone renovated the roof, installed new flooring and made other essential repairs. All of the funds they sent were used for this purpose. CODEP UK was grateful for the expertise of Build on Books SL, which was gained from successfully renovating many public buildings in the past.

Orphans' University Scholarship Fund

Since 2014, Build on Books has cared for orphans who lost their parents during the Ebola crisis, helping them through primary and secondary school. We have continued to support them as they move through higher education. Last year, Build on Books began formalising our Orphan Scholarship Program, setting aside donations for those who wish to enter university or technical college. This program includes other orphaned and disadvantaged students who have the ability but not the means to continue their education.

Currently, Build on Books continues to support eight orphaned students in higher education, one of whom graduates this year. We have one student studying to be a pharmacist, three social workers, a teacher, a doctor, and an accountant.

We paid their university fees, accommodation food and other expenses whilst the Build on Books team in the UK and in Sierra Leone gave them practical and moral support whenever they need it to help them cope with the many challenges they face both academically and personally.

New Roof for Midwives and Nurses at the Pepel Health Centre



On every visit to Pepel, we are delighted to hear from local people about Build on Books's impact on eradicating disease on their island. However, child mortality has always been high on Pepel so our next project was to restore the dilapidated Health Centre that was driving expectant mothers away because water was pouring through the leaking roof. Fortunately, we were able to restore the Health Centre to look, feel, and smell like new. Now, women from the villages are attending and delivering their babies safely.

Nonetheless, we could not rest on our laurels because despite having a comfortable and efficient place to work, the midwives and nurses, many of whom were volunteers, had nowhere decent and safe to live. During our visit, we found they were sleeping on the floor in what looked like a small shed. The nurses and midwives said they could not sleep in their housing as the roof had been leaking for several years, and the building was full of mould. We tried to enter the midwife's home during our visit, but the overwhelming smell of black mould was too much. The structure itself seemed sound, but unless the roof was replaced and the building dried out thoroughly, it was not safe to inhabit.

After returning to the UK, we learned that some of the nurses and midwives had quit or were attempting to find somewhere else to work because they could no longer handle sleeping cramped together on the bare floor. They also had no toilets or showers, so they had to use buckets for both; they could not use the toilet for patients due to the risk of spreading disease. It was shocking for the trustees to imagine that these professional women, who had extensive medical training, would be expected to live like this, especially as some of the nurses are volunteers and live on only a small stipend. After delivering babies all night, they have nowhere suitable to wash and nowhere to lay their heads.

Fortunately, with existing funding, we were able to remedy the problem quickly by providing materials and labour to completely replace the roof and clean and repaint the entire building. It was a happy day when the nurses and midwives were able to move back in.

Next year, we hope to get the showers and the toilets replaced as soon as possible. These women need the dignity of a decent shower and toilet and a suitable home to sleep in when they have dedicated so much of their lives to helping some of the poorest and most uneducated women in the world deliver their precious babies safely.

New Build on Books Farm in Kwama

In previous years, Build on Books has undertaken many farming projects all over Sierra Leone, allowing impoverished people the opportunity to grow their own crops and have some food security for their families. This year, the Build on Books team in Kwama felt it was time to have our own official Build on Books farm, which would help feed students living within the school compound, children at the local Fatima Homes orphanage, and the local village people.



Many of our students wanted to gain experience in agriculture, as do local people, who appreciate the opportunity to learn how to grow their own food.

Build on Books UK invested in seeds and fertiliser to prepare the land for cassava and potato vines to grow. In the future, we will provide a source of water and animals for breeding.

This project helps Build on Books fulfil our mission to reduce the effects of poverty and improve lives in Sierra Leone by offering food security as we have done in the six villages of Buya recommended Chiefdom.

School Uniform and Christmas Party for Ebola Orphans

At the beginning of the academic year, Build on Books provides uniforms for our school-age Ebola orphans. This is achieved thanks to the generous support of our monthly donors, who have set up standing orders. As always, our annual Ebola Orphans Christmas Party was a great success, filled with food, laughter, singing, dancing and games. It is vital for these children to reconnect with others who share their experiences. These enduring connections help them to feel less alone, especially during the holidays. We are so grateful to everyone who helps make these parties possible each year, especially our monthly donors, our Christmas Appeal donors and the Build on Books team of volunteers in Sierra Leone who host these memorable events.

Shipment of Books and Furniture

Build on Books continues to ship books, furniture, clothing and laptops donated in the UK. This satisfies our charity's aim of recycling items that may be unwanted in the UK but valuable to Sierra Leone schools.

Financial Review

Build on Books 1/09/2023 - 31/8/2024

Receipts			
Restricted			
	Kwama Sewing Machines	2631.62	
	Kwama School Bus	3131.76	
	Kwama Toilets	325.00	
	Fatima Homes Orphanage	200.00	
	Waterloo Learning Centre	6000.00	
	Orphan University Scholarship	3090.00	
	Ebola Orphans	358.60	
			15736.98
Unrestricted			
	Other donations	11452.20	
	Gift Aid	6139.67	
			17591.87
Total Receipts			**33328.85**

Payments		
Restricted		
Kwama Sewing Machines	2631.62	
Kwama School Bus	2201.99	
Kwama Toilets	325.00	
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	200.00	
Waterloo Learning Centre	6000.00	
Orphan University Scholarship	12677.43	
Ebola Orphans	358.60	
		24394.64
Unrestricted		
Kwama Sewing Machines	2089.71	
Kwama School Bus	0.00	
Kwama Toilets	1075.41	
Kwama School & Learning Centre	1629.89	
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	388.99	
Waterloo Learning Centre	660.62	
Pepel Health Centre	5255.40	
Teacher Housing	2701.43	
Farming	1002.00	
Ebola Orphans	3476.17	
Humanitarian Aid fund	1213.69	
Shipping	1564.00	
		21057.31
Expenses		
Admin & website	639.60	
Travel	124.06	
		763.66
Total Payments		**46215.61**
Net of Receipts (payments)	-12886.76	

Cash Funds Last Year End	20674.92
Cash funds this year-end	7788.16

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

As we aim to reduce poverty, our policy is not to hold excess funds in reserve but to use them for the purpose intended as soon as possible. However, £800 of the charity's capital is reserved for shipping books and other goods collected during our appeals. We do not pay salaries or rent, so keeping a surplus is unnecessary. This year, a £10,000 donation for a Student Sponsorship is being held in reserve to pay university fees for our orphaned Scholarship Students in our next financial year.

Our main sources of funds come from appeals and donations from grant-making and charitable organisations, charitable clubs, and individual donors. We want to thank the many groups and individuals who responded to our appeals this year and donated funds for our work fighting poverty in Sierra Leone.

This Trustees Annual Report covers the period from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024.

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

Lori Spragg

Lori Spragg, Chair

Date: 29/05/2025

James MacDonald, Secretary

Date: 29/05/2025

Brid Hayward

Brid Hayward, Treasurer

Date: 29/05/2025

Darren Anvoner, Trustee

Date: 30/05/2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Build on Books

On accounts for the year ended 2024

Charity no (if any) 1158201

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024 (DD/MM/YYYY).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 2/06/2025

Name: ANDREW WILSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body C.G.M.A.

(if any):	
Address:	41. TERRINGTON HILL,
	MARLOW,
	BUCKS, SL7 2LE

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BUILD ON BOOKS	1158201

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-23	To	Period end date 31-Aug-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	17,592	15,737	-	33,329	41,848
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	17,592	15,737	-	33,329	41,848
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,592	15,737	-	33,329	41,848
A3 Payments					
Kwama Sewing Machines	2,090	2,632	-	4,722	-
Kwama School Bus	-	2,202	-	2,202	-
Kwama Toilets	1,075	325	-	1,400	-
Kwama School & Learning Centre	1,630	-	-	1,630	-
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	389	200	-	589	447
Waterloo Learning Centre	661	6,000	-	6,661	-
Student Sponsorship	-	12,677	-	12,677	9,270
Ebola Orphans	3,476	359	-	3,835	2,151
Pepel Health Centre	5,255	-	-	5,255	4,447
Teacher Housing	2,701	-	-	2,701	-
Farming	1,002	-	-	1,002	7,510
Humanitarian Aid Fund	1,214	-	-	1,214	103
St Clement Secondary School	-	-	-	-	4,148
Maintenance & repairs	-	-	-	-	499
	-	-	-	-	-
Shipping	1,564	-	-	1,564	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Admin & website	640	-	-	640	681
Travel	124	-	-	124	431
Sub total	21,821	24,395	-	46,216	29,687
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,821	24,395	-	46,216	29,687
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,229	- 8,658	-	- 12,887	12,161
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,775	13,900	-	20,675	-
Cash funds this year end	2,546	5,242	-	7,788	12,161

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Voluntary Donations	2,546	5,242	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,546	5,242	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lori Sprague	LORI SPRAGG	29/05/25

BUILD ON BOOKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1158201

Accounts

Build on Books (BOB UK)
Trustees Annual Report

For the period from
1st September 2022 to
31st August 2023



Names of the Charity Trustees

Chair: Lori Spragg
Treasurer: Brid Hayward
Secretary: James Lee MacDonald

UK Registered Charity Number 1158201

Charity's Principal Address

Build on Books
38 Oak Tree Road
Marlow, Buckinghamshire
SL7 3EE

Structure, Governance and Management

Build on Books is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Foundation Model Constitution dated 5th August 2014.

The Trustees who were appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees and who served during the year are:

Lori Spragg
Brid Hayward
James MacDonald

Recruitment of New Trustees

The current trustees come from business, teaching, and voluntary work backgrounds. The chair and existing trustees induct new trustees. We take advice from other professionals and organisations as necessary. The appointment of trustees is conducted considering the organisation's needs, the suitability and skills of the candidate, and an interview with interested parties.

Organisational Structure

Build on Books (BOB UK) is an all-volunteer charity aiming to relieve poverty and aid development in Sierra Leone. The trustees of BOB UK work in partnership with Build on Books Sierra Leone (BOB SL), a registered all-volunteer Community-Based Organisation based in Sierra Leone. Their committee comprises local headteachers, community leaders and professionals who freely give their time and expertise. Build on Books trustees meet regularly to discuss proposals from BOB SL and other organisations to see how we can work together on projects that help us reach our charitable aims and objectives. The trustees also coordinate with other charities working in similar fields to achieve our goals more effectively.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error, or harm.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

As set out in its governing document, the charity's objectives are to prevent or relieve poverty in Sierra Leone by providing grants, items, and services to individuals in need and/or charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. This is achieved through initiatives in various areas, including education, water, sanitation, food security, health, humanitarian aid, community engagement, and social mobilisation.

All Build on Books trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and always consider it when planning our activities.

The charity and its trustees work in close collaboration with BOB SL and others to ensure that we respond to the needs of the beneficiaries as effectively and sympathetically as possible. Our projects often involve input from the beneficiary communities who might volunteer to lead a project, provide land or be more hands-on. All trustees are volunteers; we do not pay for staff or premises. We use funds raised to fulfil the charity's aims and objectives.

This Year's Aims and Objectives

• Provide comfortable housing for teachers at St Clement School.
• Increase food security by providing seeds and fertilisers for farms.
• Support the Learning Centre and skills-based training and education programs for the community and school, such as computing and sewing.
• Provide support to Fatima Homes Orphanage in Kwama.
• Support Ebola orphans and others through University Scholarships.
• Continue to support 136 Ebola orphans in primary and secondary education and host the annual Christmas party to raise their spirits and maintain a sense of family.
• Maintain buildings and do necessary repairs to St Clement school and housing.
• Replace the leaking roof and renovate the Health Centre on Pepel Island.

Build on Books Achievements and Performance 2022 – 2023

New Teacher Housing in Kwama is officially open.



During the trustee visit to Kwama in November 2021, a meeting was held with the teaching staff of St Clement Secondary School, who asked Build on Books to provide them with housing on the school premises. Most of the 40 teachers do not live close to the village and thus struggle to get to school and back home to Freetown each day. Kwama is about 21 miles east of Freetown but can take several hours by bus, which is highly unreliable due to a desperate shortage of public transportation in the region. Those travelling long distances are also vulnerable to road

accidents. These problems make the retention of teachers a challenge. The teachers said if they could live closer to the school, they could spend more time with the students in teaching and lesson planning, which would benefit everyone.

Build on Books worked with the head teachers to design a purpose-built housing block with running water, sanitation, and solar power. It is a vast improvement compared to the conditions in which many teachers live in Freetown, and we believe it will attract them to stay at the school for many years to come. The ground, kindly donated by Mr. Francis Moijue, was broken in February 2022. The Teachers Accommodation building was generously funded by Orville's Home Appliance USA and built by local people under the guidance of the country charity Home Leone. The opening ceremony was held in March 2023.

Since moving in, the teachers have been thrilled to have such a beautiful place to live right on the doorstep of St Clement and Our Lady of Kwama schools. They now have time to write lesson plans, mark homework, do their studies, and relax. The housing looks lovely, has solar lighting, and the bedrooms are furnished with new beds and a desk. Comfy sofas and tables, donated by friends and supporters in the UK, are in the sitting and dining rooms. Outside, they have a barray (gazebo) to chill out together after a hard day of teaching. The project has improved their safety and well-being and the standard of education they can deliver to students.

Seed for Buya Romende Farmers helps families have food security.



Climate change is taking a toll on our farming projects in the six villages of Buya Romende Chiefdom. The seasons are shifting, making the start and end of the rainy season unpredictable, resulting in lower yields. The problem was made even worse during COVID-19 when much of the seed kept aside for replanting had to be eaten. This is incredibly worrying for the farmers and families trying to feed their children.

To help Buya farmers provide food security for the six villages they support, we sent funds for 60 sacks of rice seed, 60 sacks of ground nuts seed and 75 sacks of fertiliser for them to sow this year. This will help them produce enough food for the community to eat and replenish their seed stocks.

This project, which helps Build on Books fulfil our mission to reduce the effects of poverty and improve lives in Sierra Leone, depends on the hard work of farmers who are dedicated to the care and preservation of the land.

Orville's Technical & Vocational Learning Centre Enables Grassroots Economic Development



The Learning Centre has been incredibly successful. It is used by school pupils and adult learners for computing, baking, sewing workshops, hairdressing classes and exams. Literacy, Numeracy, and skills training classes are available for adults from nearby villages who often struggle to survive because they never had the opportunity to go to school. They are learning how to earn an income from practical skills, which can lead to self-employment in a country with few job opportunities.

This year, donations to Build on Books funded learning materials for tailoring, cake making, t-shirt printing, and making and shipping furniture for the Centre. Furthermore, we shipped donated laptops and electronic interactive whiteboards to equip the purpose-built computer lab. Sandygate School in Marlow donated the interactive whiteboards, and Computer Cavern donated a number of laptops.

The computer lab is an exceptionally valuable resource not available in many other schools in

Sierra Leone. Access to laptops helps students prepare for tertiary education, and teachers use them to conduct research, write reports, and plan lessons. Furthermore, the Centre can host computer training for large classes. We thank Orville's Home Appliances USA for making the construction of the Learning Centre possible.

The Build on Books Orphan Scholarship Program



Since 2014, Build on Books has cared for 136 orphans who lost their parents during the Ebola crisis, helping them through primary and secondary school. We plan to continue supporting them as they move through higher education. This year, Build on Books began formalising our Orphan Scholarship Program, setting aside donations for those who wish to enter university or technical college. We are also helping other orphaned students at St Clement School who have the ability but not the means to continue their education.



Thanks to the Vickerage family, a private donor and the Rotary Club of Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Build on Books was able to support our first seven orphaned students entering higher education. We paid their fees and other expenses, sent them laptops, and gave them practical and moral support to help them with the application process. We have one student studying to be a pharmacist, three social workers, a teacher, a doctor, and an accountant. We plan to add new students from our group of Ebola orphans and other orphaned and disadvantaged children who need our help each year.

School Uniform and Christmas Party for Ebola Orphans

At the beginning of the academic year, Build on Books provided school uniforms for 136 Ebola orphans. The children are growing rapidly, and many are now in secondary school. During the back-to-school period, they come to the library excited to show the Build on Books team their glowing report cards and receive their new uniforms. This was achieved thanks to the generous support of our monthly donors, who have set up standing orders.

Our annual Ebola Orphans Christmas Party was a great success and a day the children will remember for a long time. The Build on Books team served a delicious Sierra Leonean-style Christmas lunch followed by singing, dancing, and games. Each child went home with a goody bag filled with gifts such as rucksacks, notebooks, toiletries, pens, clothing, shoes, and treats. The most important part of the day for them was getting together with their old friends. The children at the party had lost their parents in the Ebola crisis of 2014, so it is vital for them to have a chance to connect with others who shared their experiences. These enduring connections help them to feel less alone, especially during the holidays. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this party possible. We could not have done it without the generous support of our monthly donors, our Christmas Appeal donors and the Build on Books team of volunteers in Sierra Leone who hosted the memorable event.

New Roof and a complete renovation for Pepel Health Centre.



Over the past few years, Build on Books has helped wipe out typhoid and cholera on Pepel Island by building 12 boreholes. We put one outside the health centre to benefit the nurses and the community. Sadly, due to long-term neglect, the building had become dilapidated, with water pouring through the leaking roof, leaving the dedicated staff struggling to provide medical care to over 8,000 people. Women in labour preferred to give birth at home rather than in the damp and mouldy maternity clinic, which was under-equipped with beds and medical equipment. Nonetheless, the staff continued to do their best to provide the care they could. Still, many village women preferred not to attend prenatal care or birth due to the build-up of mould and the potential for their babies to acquire respiratory illness. This led to women who did not know their due date being caught unprepared and, as a result, often dying during the birth, losing their babies, or suffering both tragedies.

Fortunately, we were able to restore the Health Centre due to a single donation from the Sarles family. In one week, local roofers, carpenters, painters, and plasterers transformed the building

to look, feel, and smell like new. Now, women from the villages are attending and delivering their babies safely.

Repairs, Maintenance and Security for St Clement Secondary School

This year, we made some repairs to the solar and roof of the teacher's housing, which was affected by ill weather, had the school generator serviced, and contributed to the wall around St Clement. Child security is essential in any school in any country, but having so many pupils in a remote village can put them at risk, so we must be vigilant. The school also has many valuable assets, such as computers and sewing machines, that must be secure. Fortunately, having teachers living on-site now helps a great deal with security. They have also set up a maintenance fund to help with the new housing we built for them. Furthermore, we paid for maintenance on our treasurer and team leader Rosetta's car so that she could constantly monitor all the projects.

Reusable Sanitary Pads to help orphaned Girls Stay in School and Food for Fatima Homes Orphanage



Many girls in Sierra Leone miss school during their menstrual periods because they cannot afford sanitary pads. This can have a devastating impact on their education and their future.

Fortunately, with an initial investment in materials and training this year, we provided everything needed to make washable, reusable, environmentally friendly sanitary towels at our sewing workshop at St. Clement. We started by sending 100 washable sanitary pads to the girls at the

Fatima Homes Orphanage and St. Clement in Kwama to trial. We also sent a starter kit and sewing instructions to Headteacher Emelda Moijue.

This pilot project has significantly changed the lives of these girls. Thanks to the washable sanitary pads they now have, they no longer feel the need to confine themselves at home during their periods. Mrs Moijue has now taken the initiative to set up a sewing workshop at the Learning Centre, where she is teaching the girls sewing skills and how to make their own reusable sanitary pads.

When donors make specific contributions to Fatima Homes, we use them to buy sacks of rice and other food for the orphans. The Build on Books team delivers this food directly to the orphanage. Sometimes, we offer help in other ways when there is an urgent need. For example, we recently helped a child recovering from clubfoot surgery by providing a care package of food, clothing, new shoes, and medicine. This is one of the ways that Build on Books stands out as a grassroots, all-volunteer charity. We can go from problem to solution in record time by taking immediate action.

Shipment of Books and Furniture

This year, Build on Books sent a container of books for many schools, clothing and shoes for orphans, and items for teacher housing and the Learning Centre. This satisfies our charity's aim of recycling items that may be unwanted in the UK but valuable to Sierra Leone schools.



Financial Review

Build on Books 1/09/2022 - 31/8/2023	Financial Statement	
Receipts		
Restricted		
Pepel Health Centre	4387.36	
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	200.00	
Student Sponsorship	23170.00	
Ebola Orphans	50.00	
		27807.36
Unrestricted		
Other donations	8412.30	
Gift Aid	5628.40	
		14040.70
Total Receipts		41848.06
Payments		
Restricted		
Pepel Health Centre	4387.36	
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	200.00	
Student Sponsorship	9270.27	
Ebola Orphans	50.00	
		13907.63
Unrestricted		
Pepel Health Centre	59.16	
St Clement Secondary School	4147.72	
Farming	7509.54	
Ebola Orphans	2101.36	
Humanitarian Aid fund	102.50	
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	247.07	
Maintenance & Repairs	498.56	
		14665.91
Expenses		
Admin & Website	680.92	
Travel	431.17	
	1112.09	
Total Payments		29685.63
Net of Receipts (payments)	12162.43	
Cash Funds Last Year End	8512.49	
Cash funds this year-end	20674.92	

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

As we aim to reduce poverty, our policy is not to hold excess funds in reserve but to use them for the purpose intended as soon as possible. However, £800 of the charity's capital is reserved for shipping books and other goods collected during our appeals. We do not pay salaries or rent, so keeping a surplus is unnecessary. This year, a £10,000 donation for a Student Sponsorship is being held in reserve to pay university fees for our orphaned Scholarship Students in our next financial year.

Our main sources of funds come from appeals and donations from grant-making and charitable organisations, charitable clubs, and individual donors. We want to thank the many groups and individuals who responded to our appeals this year and donated funds for our work fighting poverty in Sierra Leone.

Donations from the USA

On some occasions, our projects are funded by donors in the USA through our implementing partners, Willamette International, a US 501c3, and Home Leone USA, a 501(c). This year, Orville's Home Appliance funded the building of the Teacher Accommodation in Kwama through our implementing partners, Home Leone USA.

This Trustees Annual Report covers the period from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023.

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

Lori Spragg, Chair

Date: 22/5/24

James MacDonald, Secretary

Date: 22/5/24

Brid Hayward, Treasurer

Date: 22/5/24

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: Build on Books

On accounts for the year ended: 2023

Charity no (if any): 1158201

Set out on pages: 1-4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023 (DD/MM/YYYY).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 22/5/24

Name: Vanessa Jane Hill

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: ACA

(if any):	
Address:	The Garden House, Henley Road
	Marlow, Bucks
	SL7 2DF

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BUILD ON BOOKS	1158201

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-22	To	Period end date 31-Aug-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	14,041	27,807	-	41,848	12,525
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	14,041	27,807	-	41,848	12,525
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,041	27,807	-	41,848	12,525
A3 Payments					
St Clement Secondary School	4,148	-	-	4,148	3,865
IYBAS Primary School	-	-	-	-	660
Student Sponsorship		9,270	-	9,270	4,398
Ebola Orphans	2,101	50	-	2,151	1,935
Teacher Training	-	-	-	-	608
Humanitarian Aid Fund	103	-	-	103	947
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	247	200	-	447	100
Pepel Health Centre	59	4,387	-	4,447	-
Farming	7,510	-	-	7,510	-
Maintenance & Repairs	499	-	-	499	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Office Admin & Website	681	-	-	681	193
Travel	431	-	-	431	718
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,778	13,908	-	29,686	13,424
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,778	13,908	-	29,686	13,424
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,737	13,900	-	12,162	- 899
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,512	-	-	8,512	9,413
Cash funds this year end	6,775	13,900	-	20,675	8,514

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,775	13,900	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,775	13,900	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lori Sprague	LORI SPRAGG	20/5/24

BUILD ON BOOKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1158201

Accounts



Build on Books

(BOB UK)

Trustees Annual Report

For the period from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Build on Books

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Building a Foundation for Development in Sierra Leone
UK Registered Charity 1158201

Names of the charity trustees

Chair	Lori Spragg
Treasurer	Brid Hayward
Secretary	James Lee MacDonald

UK Registered charity number 1158201

Charity's principal address

Build on Books

38 Oak Tree Road,
Marlow, Bucks
SL7 3EE

Structure, Governance and Management

Build on Books is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a Foundation Model Constitution dated 5th August 2014.

The Trustees who were appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees and who served during the year are:

Lori Spragg
Brid Hayward
James MacDonald

Recruitment of New Trustees

The current trustees come from backgrounds in business, teaching, and voluntary work. New trustees are inducted by the Chair and existing trustees. We take advice from other professionals and other organisations as necessary. The appointment of Trustees is conducted with regard to the needs of the organisation, the suitability, and skills of the candidate and by interview of interested parties.

Organisational Structure

Build on Books is an all-volunteer charity which operates to relieve poverty and to aid development in Sierra Leone. The trustees of Build on Books UK (BOB UK) work in partnership with Build on Books Sierra Leone (BOB SL) which is a registered all-volunteer Community Based Organisation in Sierra Leone. Their committee is made up of local headteachers, community leaders and professionals who give their time and expertise freely. BOB UK trustees meet regularly to discuss proposals from BOB SL and other organisations to see how we can work together on projects that help us reach our charitable aims and objectives. The trustees also coordinate and work with other charities working in similar fields to more effectively achieve our goals.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error or harm.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity, as set out in its governing document, are the prevention or relief of poverty in Sierra Leone by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. This is achieved through initiatives in a variety of areas including education, water, sanitation, food security, health, humanitarian aid, community engagement and social mobilisation.

All Build on Books trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and always demonstrate regard to it in planning the activities we undertake.

The charity and its trustees work in close collaboration with BOB SL and others to ensure that we respond to the needs of the beneficiaries in the most effective and sympathetic ways possible. Our projects often involve input by the beneficiary communities who might volunteer to lead a project, provide land or be more hands on. All trustees are volunteers and we do not pay for staff or premises. All funds raised are therefore used to meet the charity's aims and objectives.

This Year's Aims and Objectives

- To launch the Learning Centre and start running skills-based training and education programs for the community and school.
- Improve self-sufficiency for St Clements through economic development programs.
- Enable more illiterate adults to learn to read and acquire numeracy and commercial skills.
- Provide water for more people in Kwama and Pepel Island.
- Continue to train more teachers.
- Support orphans through university.
- Nurture young scientists of the future.
- Continue to support 136 Ebola orphans in primary and secondary education.

Build on Books Achievements and Performance 2021-22

Launching the New Technical and Vocational Learning Centre for Kwama



In November 2021 Build on Books opened the doors to the new Orville's Technical and Vocational Learning Centre at St Clement Secondary School in Kwama. The centre was sponsored by Orville's Home Appliances (Buffalo, New York) and built by local people under the leadership of Joe Boxall of Home Leone.

We were joined for the ribbon cutting by the community and the Deputy Minister of Education Emily Gogra, and his excellency the Archbishop of Freetown the Most Rev. Edward Tamba Charles. Ms Gogra and the Archbishop were highly impressed by the work being done by Build on Books and St Clement School and could see how this large multi-use Learning Centre would be a great attribute to both the school and the wider community.

Supporting Grassroots Economic Development to reduce poverty in Kwama

The Learning Centre is a hub of activity, used by the school every day for teaching, assemblies, examinations, and other activities. Building on the success of our pilot projects the Learning Centre is now a venue for community events and many educational schemes. This includes adult literacy and numeracy classes for local individuals who may have missed out on education because of poverty.

The centre also offers a wide range of training opportunities for adult learners in the community

who are eager to develop new commercial skills such as tailoring, baking, cake decorating, hairdressing, computing, and traditional gara tie-dyeing and computing.

This centre is already making a difference in Kwama and the surrounding villages. Adults who have never been to school before are coming to learn to read and write. Those who have struggled to survive as subsistence farmers are developing skills that will help them to become more economically self-sufficient. These new skills are providing hope and opportunity to people who have had few opportunities to earn money to help them care for their families.



This year Build on Books donations have provided funds for learning materials for tailoring, cake making, t-shirt printing, as well as making and shipping furniture for the centre. We also shipped donated laptops and electronic whiteboards to equip the purpose-built computer room at the Learning Centre.

Teaching Practical Skills to help Students prosper



Equally vital to academic education for Sierra Leone is skills training. Head Teacher of St Clement Alphonsus Kargbo has expressed concern that throughout Sierra Leone there are very few salaried jobs available. To give the students an opportunity to succeed he believes they need to be trained for self-employment. That is why we are teaching hairdressing, computing, catering and wedding planning at the Learning Centre.

As the Learning Centre functions as an events venue for hire, it provides students with opportunities to gain hands-on experience of these new skills. Moreover, the income generated helps to support the running of these classes. These practical skills will support students of the Learning Centre on their path to becoming successfully self-employed, which will be of huge benefit to Sierra Leone overall.

Laptops for Teachers and Students

The computer lab within the Learning Centre is a valuable resource for both the school and the community, which is not available in many other schools in Sierra Leone. It is filled with laptops, which will help students prepare for tertiary education, and teachers will use them to conduct research, write reports and plan lessons. This will save time for the teachers and enrich learning for all students.



Computer training classes are made easier for large teaching groups by interactive whiteboards donated by Marlow C of E Infants School and laptops donated by Computer Cavern.

We are grateful to Orville's Home Appliances and all the donors who provided equipment this year, including Marlow C of E Infants School, Spinfield School and Computer Cavern of Marlow, for making this centre possible.

Helping the Technical and Vocational Learning Centre to become Self-Sufficient

We are excited to expand our computer centre in the coming years to prepare St. Clement students and those from other schools for higher education. To achieve this our goal is to make the Orville's Technical and Vocational Learning Centre self-funding.



We plan to do this by hosting weddings and graduations, as well as bake sales and other events. The celebrants will pay for use of the hall, while the students use the opportunities to learn new skills. The students get valuable hands-on experience, the celebrants will have a beautiful event, and the centre will generate much-needed revenue.

Six New Boreholes for Pepel Island

Water is essential to everyone's life, but sadly many schools and communities in Sierra Leone still do not have access to clean and safe drinking water. This year Build on Books completed six new boreholes on Pepel Island in less than a month, thanks to the generous support of Orville's Home Appliances and our in-country implementing partners Willamette International. This brings the total number of boreholes on Pepel to ten, which is life changing for the 12,000 people living there, especially the many vulnerable children. These ten boreholes will help to stop the regular

outbreaks of cholera that the communities have had to endure every year having previously only filthy contaminated swamp water to drink.

Each borehole has been placed within a specific community or school to ensure no one has too far to go for water. One has been placed just outside of the hospital compound for the use of both the hospital and community. All ten boreholes are included in a maintenance contract with our implementing partners Willamette International, who monitor and maintain the boreholes monthly for a small fee paid by the community. This will ensure that the boreholes will have a considerably longer lifespan than many built by other international charities.



The completion of these boreholes is a major milestone for Pepel and the people living there are incredibly grateful to all of our supporters who made this possible. They are also deeply committed to ensuring that these boreholes are properly maintained so that they will continue to provide clean water to the people of Pepel Island for many years to come.

Building A Community Water Tower for Kwama

St Clement School, which already has over three thousand students, is one of the factors contributing to the village's growth in recent years. Even though Build on Books has built several boreholes in the school and other parts of the village, there were areas where people still needed a reliable water supply. There was an old, partially completed government water tower that was not functioning, so children had to travel far to collect water for their parents. We plan to build housing for teachers in that area, so wholly renovating the existing community water tower was the best option for everyone.



Working with local experts, we dug deeper into the old well and we installed a solar-powered pump which made it possible to draw water from a deeper level, where it was not contaminated with iron and other minerals. We then installed a pipeline to carry the water to the village and to the new teachers' accommodation.

The villagers are delighted with the new well. It has made an enormous difference in their lives because no longer have to walk long distances to fetch water and can use the water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. The children are delighted as the

solar-powered pump means they do not have to pump water by hand. Instead they can use one of the four convenient standpipes to collect water.

The once-defunct water well is now a valuable asset to the village of Kwama. It has improved the villagers' quality of life and made it possible for them to live healthier lives.

Launching the Build on Books Orphan Scholarship Program



Since 2014 Build on Books has cared for and nurtured many orphans who lost their parents during the Ebola crisis. We have helped them through primary and secondary school. As they grow older, we hope to continue to support them through higher education too.

This year Build on Books began formalizing our Orphan Scholarship Program, setting aside donations for those who wish to attend university or technical college.

We are also helping other orphaned students from St Clement School who have the ability but not the means to continue their education.

Currently Build on Books is supporting the first seven orphaned students entering higher education. We paid their fees and other expenses, sent them laptops, and are giving them practical and moral support to help them with the application process.

Each student is following their own path and is at a different stage of their education. We have a student studying to be a pharmacist, three to be social workers, one a teacher, another a doctor, and finally an accountant. We plan to continue to add new students each year from our group of Ebola orphans and other orphaned and disadvantaged children who need our help.

Every child deserves the opportunity to follow their dreams regardless of their circumstances. Our Orphan Scholarship Program is just one way that we are working to make that happen, but it will require ongoing support from our donors. We are incredibly grateful to our donors who have set up regular giving for the orphans and those making one-off donations to help us continue this program for many years.

School Supplies and Christmas Party for Ebola Orphans

Our annual Ebola Orphans Christmas Party was a huge success and a day the children will remember for a long time. In addition to the entertainment, the Build on Books team served up a delicious Sierra Leonean-style Christmas lunch followed by singing, dancing and games. The 136 children also went home with goody bags filled with gifts that we knew they would love, such as rucksacks, notebooks, toiletries, pens, clothing, shoes, and treats.

However, the most important part of the day was getting together with their old friends. The children at the party had lost their parents in the Ebola crisis of 2014, so it was important for them to have a chance to connect with others who shared their experience. These enduring connections help them to feel less alone, especially during the holidays.



We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this party possible. We could not have done it without the generous support of our donors and the BOB SL team of volunteers who hosted the memorable event.

At the beginning of the academic year Build on Books provided school uniforms for the 136 Ebola orphans. The children are growing rapidly, and many are now in secondary school. When it is time to go back to school they come to the library excited to show the BOB SL team their glowing report cards and receive their uniforms. It is always a joy to know that Build on Books is helping them to feel more confident and prepared for school.

We have also supplied students with shoes. For low-income families who earn only a small living from subsistence-level farming or sand mining, new shoes are a luxury. Many children go to school barefoot, which raises the potential for injuries and parasitic diseases, which a good pair of shoes can prevent.

In addition to helping the Ebola orphans we also gave sacks of rice to the Fatima Cedar Orphanage in Kwama which is sited close to St Clement School. The orphanage helps many abandoned and disabled children some of who attend our school.

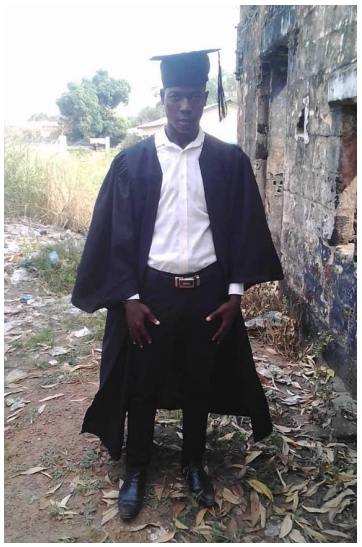
Maintenance for St Clement Secondary School (Winner of the National Presidential Award for Best Secondary School in the Country)



On 21st July St Clement was once again awarded the National Presidential Award for Best Secondary School in the Country. This will encourage even more students to attend, so it is very important to keep up the maintenance.

St Clement Secondary School, with over 3000 pupils, experiences a lot of wear and tear. This year we helped the school undertake some much-needed maintenance, including resurfacing the floors and repainting the walls. St Clement generates some of its own revenue from the Build on Books sewing workshop, t-shirt printing, as well as other economic activities. The school governors were able to use school funds to cover most of the costs, with Build on Books making up the difference.

Teacher Training Sponsorship benefits both Teachers and Students



Build on Books is currently sponsoring seven teachers from St Clement, IYBAS and Our Lady of Kwama Primary School who are in their final year of teacher training college, three of whom have now graduated.

Before the scholarships, these teachers were volunteers who received a small stipend and in-service training. This type of training does not keep them up to date with advances in education and can leave them struggling to manage large classes. Without their certification they cannot receive a salary from the government and must rely on the small stipend from the school, which is not sustainable.

With the help of Build on Books, these teachers have gained the education they need to be qualified and have acquired valuable up-to-date teaching skills. This is a considerable improvement for both the schools and students. The teachers can now better manage their classes, engage students, and deliver high-quality education. Significantly, as each teacher graduates, they become eligible to apply for a government teacher's salary, which will give them the security and fulfillment they deserve.

Encouraging Young Scientists of the Future

When Build on Books first began helping Sierra Leone in 2008, science education was one of the greatest concerns of the Ministry of Education. Without proper science equipment in schools, students were not able to take their practical examinations to gain the qualifications required to proceed to higher education. This would mean a shortage of university entrance in the fields of medicine and pharmacology. At that time Sierra Leone had very few doctors, nurses and other health professionals.

Fortunately, Build on Books was able to procure a donation of a considerable amount of laboratory equipment for St Clement. In 2012 the Government of Sierra Leone deployed 4 fully-qualified science teachers to the school, which was unprecedented. Since then, St Clements has been able to secure an excellent pass rate for all students in the science stream.



However, there is always a need for consumables in the science classroom, such as reagents. These are expensive and cannot be shipped from the UK because of safety regulations. This year we were delighted to receive a £1000 donation to spend on all the consumables needed for the practical examinations.

This donation will make a huge difference to the lives of the students at St Clement. It will allow them to get the practical experience they need to succeed in their studies and to become the doctors, nurses and other health professionals that Sierra Leone so desperately needs.

IYBAS Primary School Football Tournament

IYBAS Primary is a small school in Whitestone that Build on Books has supported for many years. Last year we were fortunate to help IYBAS Primary School start their own football team, IKFC, with the support of generous donors Ian and Kay Vickerage. They donated funds to buy the initial equipment and this year BOB UK sent lots of football boots, donated by Burford and Cookham Dean primary schools,to enable as many boys and girls as possible to learn to play football.

IYBAS teacher Alusine Sesay leads the training program and football is now part of the school curriculum and is open to all children, regardless of their ability. The program has successfully developed the students' skills and kept them fit and healthy. Head Teacher Sarah George said that having the opportunity to play football encourages even more parents to send their children to school instead of keeping them home to work or look after the house.



This year, under the guidance of our BOB SL Treasurer Rosetta Kargbo, Alusine Sesay organised a Community Football Tournament sponsored by our donors Ian and Kay Vickerage so that the IYBAS children could play against teams from all around the region. It was a huge success. The tournament united the community and gave students and teachers great pride in their school.

Humanitarian Aid - Extra help for those in crisis

Life is a struggle for many people in Sierra Leone. Even in the best of times, resources are short and there is little opportunity to prepare for times of crisis. So when death, illness, or natural disaster strikes, the effect on a family can be even more devastating. Children often go without food, and families can be torn apart.

That's where the Build on Books Humanitarian Aid Fund is most valuable. We provide food, shelter, and medical care to families in urgent and critical need. This year, we have provided funds for medical treatment for several people who were extremely ill with malaria and typhoid, we distributed sacks of rice to people in need, and we helped Build the Books carpenter Ahmed get urgent treatment within minutes of him having a stroke and rehabilitation afterwards. Timely, life-saving care has made all the difference to people at their most vulnerable.

What’s next for Build on Books?

Teacher Housing for Kwama

During Trustee Lori Spragg's visit to Kwama in November 2021, a meeting was held with the staff of St. Clement Secondary School. The majority of the 40 teachers employed there do not live

anywhere close to the village, and so they struggle to get to school each morning and back home to Freetown each evening. Kwama is about 21 miles east of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, but can take several hours by bus, which is highly unreliable.

This is because of the desperate shortage of public transportation in the region. Those that can find a bus or a ride on a bike to get to school often have to wait an extremely long time and are vulnerable to accidents. This makes retention of teachers a challenge. The teachers unanimously agreed that if they could live closer to the school, they could spend more time with the students in teaching and lesson planning, and that would benefit everyone.

So, Lori Spragg and Joe Boxall of Home Leone worked with the headteachers, Alphonso Kargbo and Emelda Moijue, and the teachers to design a purpose-built housing block with running water, sanitation, and solar power. This would be a vast improvement on the conditions in which many teachers live in Freetown. We hope this will attract them to stay at the school for many years to come and improve their safety and wellbeing.

The ground was kindly donated by Mr Francis Moijue and, after careful pre-planning, was broken in February 2022. The Teachers Accommodation building, which is being funded by Orville's Home Appliance and built by local people under the guidance of our implementing partners, Home Leone, will be completed in 2023. In the meantime, the BOB UK team will be collecting furniture and kitchen and bedding supplies to ship to Kwama to ensure the teachers have everything they need when they move in.

Thank you to all our donors who have made all this possible

Build on Books would like to thank all our donors and implementing partners in the UK and around the world for helping us to fight poverty in Sierra Leone. Your contributions have given children and adults the opportunity have a better life and a better education.

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

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Our main sources of funds come from appeals and donations from grant making and charitable organisations, charitable clubs and individual donations. We want to thank the many groups and individuals who responded to our appeals this year and who donated funds for our work fighting poverty in Sierra Leone.

Donations from the USA

On some occasions our boreholes are funded by donors in the USA through our implementing partners Willamette International who are an US 501c3. The full funds are then used by Willamette to build the boreholes in Sierra Leone.

Likewise, the building of the technical and vocational learning centre in Kwama was funded by Orville's Home Appliances of Buffalo NY, USA through our implementing partners Home Leone USA who are also a 501(c) .They received the US funds and made all the payments in Sierra Leone. Hence these amounts are not included in the Build on Books UK accounts.

Financial Review

Build on Books 1/09/2021 - 31/8/2022		
Receipts		
Restricted		
St Clement Secondary School	1,000.00	
IYBAS Primary School	615.00	
Student Sponsorship	1,190.00	
Ebola Orphans	649.56	
		3454.56
Unrestricted		
Other donations	9,070.17	
Gift Aid	-	
		9070.17
Total Receipts		12524.73
Payments		
Restricted		
St Clement Secondary School	1,000.00	
IYBAS Primary School	615.00	
Student Sponsorship	1,190.00	
Ebola Orphans	649.56	
		3454.56
Unrestricted		
St Clement Secondary School	2865.26	
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Teacher Training	607.99	
Humanitarian Aid fund	947.49	
Fatmata Cedar Orphange	100.00	
		9060.01
Expenses		
Office expenses	192.50	
Travel	717.85	
		910.35
Total Payments		13424.92
Net of Receipts (payments)	-900.19	
Cash Funds Last Year End	9412.68	
Cash funds this year end	8512.49	

This Trustees Annual Report covers the period from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Lori Spragg, Chair
Date: 24/05/23

James MacDonald, Secretary
Date: 24/05/23

Brid Hayward, Treasurer
Date: 24/05/23

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: BUILD ON BOOKS

On accounts for the year ended	31 AUGUST 2022	Charity no (if any)	1158201

Set out on pages 1-12 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Vanessa Hill **Date:** 24-05-2023

Name: VANESSA HILL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body ACA.

(if any):	
Address:	THE GARDEN HOUSE
	HENLEY ROAD, MARLOW
	BUCKS SL7 2DF

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BUILD ON BOOKS	1158201

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-21	To	Period end date 31-Aug-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	9,070	3,455	-	12,525	14,125
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	2,383
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	9,070	3,455	-	12,525	16,508
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,070	3,455	-	12,525	16,508
A3 Payments					
St Clement Secondary School	2,865	1,000	-	3,865	-
IYBAS Primary School	45	615	-	660	1,104
Student Sponsorship	3,208	1,190	-	4,398	1,552
Ebola Orphans	1,285	650	-	1,935	2,339
Teacher Training	608	-	-	608	1,254
Humanitarian Aid Fund	947	-	-	947	130
Fatmata Cedar Orphanage	100	-	-	100	-
Peace Library	-	-	-	-	1,190
Codep Library	-	-	-	-	612
Learning Centre	-	-	-	-	3,603
	-	-	-	-	-
Office Expenses	193	-	-	193	441
Travel	718	-	-	718	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,970	3,455	-	13,425	12,225
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,970	3,455	-	13,425	12,225
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 899	- 0	-	- 900	4,283
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,413	-	-	9,413	5,129
Cash funds this year end	8,514	- 0	-	8,513	9,412

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		8,512	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,512	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

BUILD ON BOOKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1158201

Accounts



Build on Books

(BOB UK)

Trustees Annual Report

For the period from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

www.buildonbooks.com
Building a Foundation for Development in Sierra Leone
UK Registered Charity 1158201

Names of the charity trustees

Chair	Lori Spragg
Treasurer	Brid Hayward
Secretary	James Lee MacDonald

UK Registered charity number 1158201

Charity's principal address

Build on Books

38 Oak Tree Road,
Marlow, Bucks
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Structure, Governance and Management

Build on Books is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a Foundation Model Constitution dated 5 August 2014.

The Trustees who were appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees and who served during the year are:

Lori Spragg
Brid Hayward
James MacDonald

Recruitment of New Trustees

The current trustees come from backgrounds in business, teaching, and voluntary work. New trustees are inducted by the Chair and existing trustees. We take advice from other professionals and other organisations, as necessary. The appointment of Trustees is conducted with regard to the needs of the organisation, the suitability, and skills of the candidate and by interview of interested parties.

Organisational Structure

Build on Books (BOB UK) is an all-volunteer charity which operates mainly to relieve poverty and to aid development in Sierra Leone. The Trustees of BOB UK work in partnership with Build on Books Sierra Leone (BOB SL) which is a registered all-volunteer Community Based Organisation in Sierra Leone. Their committee is made up of local headteachers, community leaders and professionals who give their time and expertise freely. Build on Books Trustees meet regularly to discuss proposals from BOB SL and other organisations to see how we can work together on projects that help us reach our charitable aims and objectives. The trustees also coordinate and work with other charities working in similar fields to achieve our goals more effectively.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error or harm.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity, as set out in its governing document are the prevention or relief of poverty in Sierra Leone by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. This is achieved through initiatives in a variety of areas including education, water, sanitation, food security, health, humanitarian aid, community engagement and social mobilisation.

All Build on Books trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and always demonstrate regard to it in planning the activities we undertake.
The charity and its trustees work in close collaboration with BOB SL and others to ensure that we respond to the needs of the beneficiaries in the most effective and sympathetic way possible. Our projects often involve input by the beneficiary communities who might volunteer to lead a project, provide land or be more hands on. All trustees are volunteers and we do not pay for staff or premises. Funds raised are therefore used to fulfil the charity's aims and objectives.

This Year's Aims and Objectives

In 2020 – 2021, Build on Books aims to build on the success of the Peace Library at St Clement School in Kwama, which is being used around the clock by students studying and preparing for exams. We intend to build a companion Learning Centre which will allow even more students to benefit from the library as we will be offering a literacy outreach program to other local schools.

Building on the success of last year's pilot project in adult education, the new Learning Centre will additionally deliver adult literacy, numeracy, and technical and vocational training programmes to adults living in the region who have previously missed out on education.

The new Learning Centre will have its own water tower providing safe, clean running water for the many additional learners using the Peace Library and the Technical and Vocational Learning Centre in Kwama. A computer school will be an essential addition to the new Learning Centre and this year we hope to send laptops and computers ready for the opening.

We will continue to fill the shelves of the Peace Library from floor to ceiling with books so that every child or adult using this excellent facility can find something to educate or entertain them. We will also continue sending books, furniture and other educational resources to needy schools in Sierra Leone as we have done since 2008. We will continue with teacher training to allow more teachers to complete their qualifications and obtain certification.

We aim to continue building boreholes with the help of in-country charity Willamette International.

We will continue to care for the Ebola orphans by sending clothes, shoes and school supplies and hosting their much-loved Christmas party. We will also provide them with a set of school uniforms as we do each year to help them continue their education. We also plan to pilot an Orphans' Educational Sponsorship program to allow graduating orphans to learn to use computers and to enter tertiary education.

Should the need arise, we will raise funds to help fight disease or disaster if called upon to do so. Providing humanitarian and food aid to individuals and communities in need remains an integral part of our work.

Build on Books Achievements and Performance 2020 – 2021

Building a New Technical and Vocational Learning Centre for Kwama

Last year Build on Books opened The Peace Library in Kwama and filled it to the rafters with books on all subjects. Since then, it is being used day and evening by students from St Clement School and other schools doing homework or preparing for examinations.



With the secondary school accommodating over 2700 students, the need for reading and study space can only increase.

Likewise, there is little room for our adult literacy and numeracy classes, vocational skills training or literacy outreach, or to allow other rural schools to use the Peace Library at St Clement. The students erected a temporary classroom out of local materials like bamboo and leaves but eventually it blew down in a storm, so Build on Books was tasked with finding a more permanent and sustainable solution.



With a donation of over $80,000 from Orville's Home Appliances of Buffalo, New York, we were able to work with our implementing partners Home Leone to begin construction of a new **Technical and Vocational Learning Centre** this year. Home Leone is building a village for people who wish to leave the slums of Freetown and move to new houses close to St Clement School. By working together, we can call on their expertise as builders and help give more Sierra Leoneans practical experience in quality building techniques and build something very exceptional. We want it to be large enough to

accommodate the growing body of students in the main hall for activities and assemblies, plus there will be a dedicated computer training centre.

Water, Water Everywhere!

Water is vital to life, but sadly many schools and communities in Sierra Leone still do not have access clean and safe drinking water. Some communities struggle to even dig traditional hand dug wells because their village sits on granite or another substrate which are not easy to penetrate, or which interferes with the quality or flow of the water.

Two incredibly challenging locations to drill for water are Whitestone and Kwama, but thankfully we succeeded with hard graft and determination. Whitestone sits on a bedrock of granite which is impossible to penetrate with the hand drilling our teams have been using. Fortunately, the Willamette team are using new equipment that can allow them to crack through granite, but it is still not easy. However, the need for water in the Whitestone community was urgent, so no one wanted to give up even as it seemed that the granite would go on forever! After an incredible amount of hard



work and determination, the team finally removed seven feet of granite cores to reach clean drinking water at 75 feet (nearly 23m) below the surface.

In Kwama, the team faced clay and iron deposits that made the drilling for water particularly challenging. However, the team could draw enough water to feed to storage tanks in a raised water tower using a solar-powered pump. After the team installed pipework, we could provide water to the new Learning Centre and Our Lady of Kwama Primary school. The installation of a standpipe and tap has allowed the children of Kwama to enjoy running tap water for the very first time. This water has dramatically improved hygiene at the school as the children can easily wash their hands after playing.



Another excellent water project funded this year was to provide water for Destiny Village, a unique project undertaken by UK charity Home Leone.

Home Leone are building a rural village for people who had previously lived in the slums of Kroo Bay in Freetown. Families who choose to relocate to Destiny Village are given a new house of their own, with clean running water (thanks to Build on Books), and the opportunity to learn a variety of building and other skills. Home Leone built a water tower over our borehole, and now everyone living in the village only needs to turn on a tap to have clean running water.

Laptops for Leone - Preparing Students for the Future



Build on Books has helped to transform education at St Clement Secondary School by providing science equipment, a fully stocked library, a canteen cum community centre and a sewing workshop at the school. These resources have helped the school grow and attract high-quality teachers with qualifications and skills and have supported pastoral care and improved performance in national examinations.

One of our most important goals over the last 13 years has always been to help develop a reading culture in Sierra Leone by filling libraries and schools with books on every subject. We have always listened to suggestions given by the students and teachers regarding the type of books they would like us to send and ensured they were in our shipments. In Kwama and Waterloo, we are close to reaching our goals amongst the student population, and we are getting an increasing number of previously illiterate adults into reading. The result is that many more children are achieving the examination results necessary to attend higher education in variety of fields, from accountancy to social work to medicine. Universities now expect entrants to have some computing skills, so this is an area that we have begun to address. This year we began developing a new project to get laptops into schools and libraries and providing computer training to get students started. We collect good second-hand laptops, wipe them, and reinstall the software to send to Sierra Leone. The CODEP Library in Waterloo and the Peace Library have received the first shipment. Our plan next year is to construct a purpose-built computer centre at the new Learning Centre we are currently building in Kwama. The pilot programs have been so successful that we feel confident that we can do even more to help all students reach their full potential and prepare for the future.



Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Skills Training



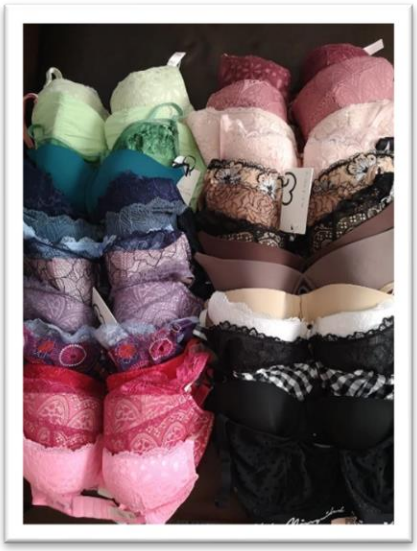
The adult learning pilot project has been an immense success and the first class of illiterate adults are learning to read, improving numeracy and learning some new skills to help them earn a living.

There are many women and men living in the region around St Clement School who missed out on basic education due to the civil war or the effects of poverty. We invited them to join our classes which deliver adult literacy and numeracy teaching as well as technical and vocational skills training, such as sewing, food preparation and preservation, and traditional crafts such as gari tie-dyeing. The learners are also selling what they produce and using the profit to purchase additional materials and

pay their teachers. Health and nutrition, family planning, and child development are also on the curriculum. The pilot project was so successful that the teaching will continue wherever we can find space until we build the Learning Centre hopefully next year.

Bras and Drawers for Literacy & Skills

This year Papaya Lingerie Ltd donated a large quantity of brand-new bras and underwear to Build on Books. We shipped them to Emelda Moijue, Headteacher at St Clement Junior Secondary School, who distributed some of the bras and underwear to the female students. Having a gorgeous bra that fits them made the girls feel super confident. They said they felt ‘lucky and happy’ especially as the items were from the ‘factories to ourselves’ and not second or third hand.



With the donor's permission, the school also sold lingerie to help raise funds to support the Home Economics and Adult Literacy & Numeracy programs. Mrs Moijue will use the funds she raises to buy materials for home economics classes and training teachers.

The Ebola widows, who are now earning their own money by running the school meals program in Kwama. The hardworking ladies were elated to be able to buy a bra of their choice for about 70p. It is not much but with ownership comes pride and confidence. The lovely ladies will treasure their beautiful bras because they earned them

Teacher Training benefits both Teachers and Students

Since the civil war, Sierra Leone’s educational system has suffered from a shortage of qualified teachers; educated people will often volunteer in exchange for a small stipend and in-service training. This type of training does not keep them up to date with advances in education and can leave them struggling to manage large classes. Many would like to gain their official teaching qualification but cannot afford to pay the necessary college fees. Without their certification, they cannot receive a salary from the government and must rely only on a small stipend from the school, which is not sustainable. If Sierra Leone is ever to improve their education system, a greater

number of teachers must attend college for three years to hone their skills and take their place on the government payroll.

This year Build on Books has continued to help seven unqualified teachers from IYBAS Primary School, Our Lady of Kwama Primary School and St Clement Secondary School go to college. All these schools are benefitting from having better-educated teachers; the students and teachers are happier and examinations results are greatly improved.



School Supplies and Christmas Party for Ebola Orphans



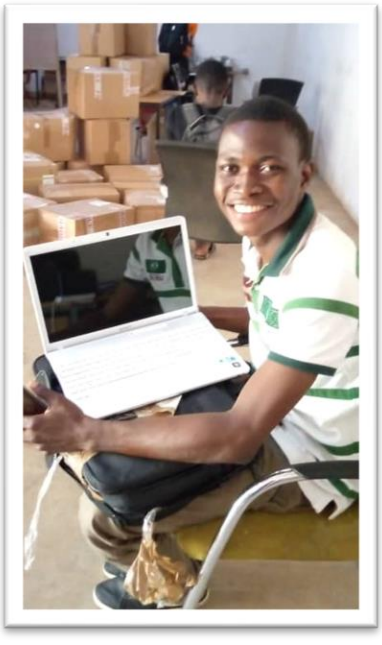
In December, Build on Books hosted our ever-popular annual Ebola Orphans Christmas Party for children who lost their parents to the Ebola epidemic of 2014. It is the highlight of the year and helps to remind them that they are not alone but part of one big family. This year we could not ship rucksacks from UK schools as most schools had to close due to Covid restrictions. Nonetheless, we sent the children boxes of school supplies, including pens, exercise books, calculators, shoes, clothes, and Christmas goodies donated by people in Marlow. As always, the party was a great Christmas treat for the children. We also provided the orphans with the locally made school uniform they need to stay in school and continue to learn.

Educational Sponsorship for Orphans



While many of the Ebola orphans are still in junior or secondary school, some children are graduating and are ready to start the next phase of their lives. It is wonderful to see the orphans we have helped for so long start to grow up, but it is worrying to know that they still face an uncertain future without family or the government to support them. Unfortunately, without help orphans in Sierra Leone often do not stand a chance of reaching their full potential.

Some of our orphans are ready to move on to higher education so this year we have begun to help them prepare this. The first step this is to help with their exam costs and then to send the orphans for computer training. Basic IT skills are frequently becoming a university requirement but are not usually offered in Sierra Leonean schools. We also sent the new students their own (second-hand) laptops, which will give them a good start in learning computing skills and writing essays.



Next year we will begin building up a sponsorship fund so that we can pay their fees when they receive their acceptance for university or technical college. It is the goal of Build on Books to try to give the children the opportunities they might have had if their parents had survived the Ebola epidemic and help them to reach their fullest potential.

Thousands of Books, Pens, Shoes and hundreds of Chairs



Every year Build on Books receives thousands of books and classrooms of school furniture and other valuable resources such as pens, exercise books and sports equipment from schools, individuals and companies across the UK.

This year we sent three shipments of these items to Waterloo and Kwama, where the Build on Books team distributed them to schools that desperately needed them. Schools in Sierra Leone frequently request desks and chairs because an increasing number of children are attending school now that primary education is free. The shortage of seating means the pupils are squeezed together on overcrowded benches, which is not conducive to learning.

Covid closures in the UK meant we did not receive our usual donations from UK schools to help with shipping costs. However, we were fortunate to receive a generous grant from the **Mundo Crastino Meliori** charity in the Netherlands to help us continue shipping these important resources.

Along with the books, pens and furniture, we also sent boxes of shoes and football boots donated by primary schools in the UK to give to orphans and children at Rogberay Primary School and IYBAS primary school. Children at these schools tend to come from low-income families who earn only a small living from subsistence-level farming or sand mining, so new shoes are a luxury. Many children go to school barefoot, which raises the potential for injuries and parasitic diseases, which a good pair of shoes can prevent.

We also sent a much-needed freezer to the CODEP library in Waterloo to allow the manager Rosetta Kargbo buy and sell cold drinks to help pay for materials for the adult literacy classes held at the library.

Football IYBAS Primary School

Headteacher Sarah George founded IYBAS primary school in her own home to give local children a safe place to attend a primary school where they would not have to cross the main road from Freetown to the provinces. Build on Books provides IYBAS

with water, books and school furniture and has paid for the teaching staff to become fully qualified. As a result of these positive changes, many more local children have enrolled, and the school has significantly expanded. The school added new classrooms to accommodate the extra children which has left only a small playground area without enough room for organised sport.

Fortunately, there is a community land set aside for football, although very few people can afford to buy boots, balls and other equipment. This year we were fortunate to help IYBAS Primary School start their own football team called IKFC with the support of generous donors Ian & Kay Vickerage. They gave us donations to buy the initial equipment. We also sent lots of football boots donated by local parents to ensure that as many boys and girls as possible could learn to play football and have access to bigger boots as they continue to grow.



Football is now part of the school curriculum, and all children have a chance to play. The football program is positively impacting the community by encouraging parents to send their children to IYBAS rather than making them stay to help at home or go to work.

Thank you to all our donors who have made all this possible

Build on Books would like to thank all our donors and implementing partners in the UK and around the world for helping us to fight poverty in Sierra Leone. Your contributions have given children and adults the opportunity have a better life and a better education.

Financial Review

Build on Books 1/09/2020 - 31/8/2021			
Receipts			
Restricted			
IYBAS Primary School	1,104.44		
Peace Library, Kwama	-		
Student Sponsorship	130.00		
Teacher Training	1,000.00		
			2234.44
Unrestricted			
Other donations	11,891.05		
Gift Aid	2,383.33		
			14274.38
Total Receipts			**16508.82**
Payments			
Restricted			
IYBAS Primary School	1,104.44		
Peace Library, Kwama	1,190.00		
Teacher Training	1,254.30		
Student Sponsorship	1,552.16		
			5100.90
Unrestricted			
Ebola Orphans	2,338.79		
Codep Library	612.00		
Learning Centre	3,603.12		
Covid			
Other Funding	130.00		
			6683.91
Expenses			
Office expenses	441.00		
Travel	-		
			441.00
Total Payments			**12225.81**
Net of Receipts (payments)		4283.01	
Cash Funds Last Year End		5129.68	
Cash funds this year end		9412.68	

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

As we aim to reduce poverty our policy is not to hold excess funds in reserve, but to use them for the purpose intended as soon as possible. However, £800 of the charity's capital is held in reserve for shipping books and other goods that we have collected during our appeals. We do not pay salaries or rent, so it is not necessary to keep a surplus.

Our main sources of funds come from appeals and donations from grant making and charitable organisations, charitable clubs and individual donations. We want to thank the many groups and individuals who responded to our appeals this year and who donated funds for our work fighting poverty in Sierra Leone.

Donations for Boreholes from the USA

On some occasions our boreholes are funded by donors in the USA through our implementing partners Willamette International who are an US 501c3. The full funds are then used by Willamette to build the boreholes in Sierra Leone. Likewise, the building of the technical and vocational learning centre in Kwama was funded in the USA through our implementing partners Home Leone USA who are also a 501(c)

This Trustees Annual Report covers the period from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021.

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

Lori Spragg, Chair

Date: 20/4/22

James MacDonald, Secretary

Date: 20/04/22

Brid Hayward, Treasurer

Date: 20/04/22



BUILD ON BOOKS	1158201

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-20	To	Period end date 31-Aug-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	11,891	2,234	-	14,125	17,616
Gift Aid	2,383	-	-	2,383	2,974
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	14,274	2,234	-	16,508	20,590
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,274	2,234	-	16,508	20,590
A3 Payments					
Peace Library	1,190	-	-	1,190	3,648
Rogbere Primary School	-	-	-	-	100
Teacher Training	254	1,000	-	1,254	1,232
Ebola Orphans	2,339	-	-	2,339	1,985
Codep Library	612	-	-	612	147
Covid	-	-	-	-	6,139
Learning Centre	3,603	-	-	3,603	3,936
IYBAS Primary School	-	1,104	-	1,104	-
Student Sponsorship	1,422	130	-	1,552	-
Other fundiing	130	-	-	130	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Office Expenses	441	-	-	441	432
Travel (Physical Audit)	-	-	-	-	1,516
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,991	2,234	-	12,225	19,135
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,991	2,234	-	12,225	19,135

Net of receipts/(payments)	4,283	-	-	4,283	1,455
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,129	-	-	5,129	3,674
Cash funds this year end	9,412	-	-	9,412	5,129

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		9,412	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	9,412	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lori Sprague	LORI SPRAGG	20/4/22
	2	JAMES MACDONALD	20/04/2022

BUILD ON BOOKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1158201

Accounts



Build on Books

(BOB UK)

Trustees Annual Report

For the period from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

Names of the charity trustees

Chair	Lori Spragg
Treasurer	Brid Hayward
Secretary	James Lee MacDonald

UK Registered charity number 1158201

Charity's principal address

Build on Books
38 Oak Tree Road,
Marlow, Bucks
SL7 3EE

Structure, Governance and Management

Build on Books is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a Foundation Model Constitution dated 5 August 2014.

The Trustees who were appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees and who served during the year are:

Lori Spragg
Brid Hayward
James MacDonald

Recruitment of New Trustees

The current trustees come from backgrounds in business, teaching, and voluntary work. New trustees are inducted by the Chair and existing trustees. We take advice from other professionals and other organisations as necessary. The appointment of Trustees is carried out having regard to the needs of the organisation, the suitability, and skills of the candidate and by interview of interested parties.

Organisational Structure

Build on Books (BOB UK) is an all-volunteer charity which operates mainly to relieve poverty and to aid development in Sierra Leone. The Trustees of BOB UK work in partnership with Build on Books Sierra Leone (BOB SL) which is a registered all-volunteer Community Based Organisation in Sierra Leone. Their committee is made up of local headteachers, community leaders and professionals who give their time and expertise freely. Build on Books Trustees meet regularly to discuss proposals from BOB SL and other organisations to see how we can work together on projects that help us reach our charitable aims and objectives. The trustees also coordinate and work with other charities working in similar fields in order to achieve our goals more effectively.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error or harm.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity, as set out in its governing document are the prevention or relief of poverty in Sierra Leone by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. This is achieved through initiatives in a variety of areas including education, water, sanitation, food security, health, humanitarian aid, community engagement and social mobilisation.

All Build on Books trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and always demonstrate regard to it in planning the activities we undertake.
The charity and its trustees work in close collaboration with BOB SL and others to ensure that we respond to the needs of the beneficiaries in the most effective and sympathetic way possible. Our projects often involve input by the beneficiary communities who might volunteer to lead a project, provide land or be more hands on. All trustees are volunteers and we do not pay for staff or premises. Funds raised are therefore used to fulfil the charity's aims and objectives.

This Year's Aims and Objectives

In 2019 - 2020 The Trustees aim to visit Sierra Leone to officially open the Peace Library at St Clements School in Kwama and check on our other on-going projects. Our visits help us support our volunteers and allow the Build on Books team in Sierra Leone the opportunity to discuss any of their ideas and concerns with us.

We aim to complete construction and furnishment of the library as soon as possible. We will then fill the shelves from floor to ceiling with books so that every child or adult using this wonderful facility can find something to educate or entertain them.

When the library is fully up and running, we also hope to build a companion Learning Centre. This new building will increase capacity to allow the library to be used by both students at the school and those visiting the library from other neighbouring schools.

We will also continue sending books and furniture to needy schools in Sierra Leone as we have done since 2008.

This year we plan to begin a new pilot project in adult education. We hope to work with St Clements school and the community in Kwama to deliver adult literacy, numeracy, and technical and vocational training programmes to people living in the region who have previously missed out on education.

We will carry on with teacher training to allow more teachers to complete their qualifications and obtain certification.

We aim to continue building boreholes with the help of in-country charity Willamette International.

We will continue to care for the Ebola orphans by sending clothes, shoes and school supplies and hosting their much-loved Christmas party. We will also provide them with a set of school uniforms as we do each year to help them continue their education.

Should the need arise we will raise funds to help fight disease or disaster if called upon to do so. Providing humanitarian and food aid to individuals and communities in need remains an important part of our work.

Build on Books Achievements and Performance 2019 – 2020

Opening the New Peace Library at St Clements school in Kwama

In November 2019 Build on Books Trustees Lori Spragg & Brid Hayward visited Sierra Leone for the opening of our new The Peace Library at St Clements School in Kwama.



This was a very proud moment for everyone and a cause for great celebration in the community and school. The ribbon was cut by Mrs. Emily Kadiatu Gogra, Deputy Minister of Primary and Secondary Education in Sierra Leone. Mrs. Gogra shared her concerns about the general lack of libraries in Sierra Leone and the hope that overseas charities like Build on Books would help to build more like these.

She was appreciative of all our work with the school over the past nine years such as providing clean water, toilets, seeds and tools, building classrooms, a canteen and a sewing workshop as well as giving the school a science lab and solar power. These things have transformed the school which has grown continuously because of the high quality of teaching and pastoral care as well as performance national examinations.

We saw for ourselves how eager the teachers and students were to begin using the library which was already half full of books sent by Build on Books. We also took note of suggestions given by the students and teachers regarding the type of books they would like us to send and ensured they were in the next shipment.

Build on Books sent several shipments of books over the year to the libraries in Kwama and Waterloo. From there thousands of books were distributed to other schools in the region and other parts of Sierra Leone. Not many schools have room for a library especially as many are overcrowded and lack any spare classroom space. For this reason, we think it is vitally important that we help encourage other schools to use the library in Kwama in the same way they use the Codep Library in

Waterloo. The Codep schools outreach program serves 100 schools in the Waterloo region and The Peace Library was built to so the same thing in the Northern Province. Therefore, we think it is important to build a new separate Learning Centre next to the library where local teachers can bring their classes to use our library. They will have a large space for students to read and take full advantage of our excellent literacy teaching staff who will be on hand to guide them.



While we were in Sierra Leone, we therefore made plans with Head teacher Alphonsus Kargbo to start designing the new Learning Centre so that the Trustees could start to raise the funds needed to build it on our return to the UK. Unfortunately, the outbreak of Covid-19 meant that our fundraising initiatives had be curtailed but we intend to revisit the Learning Centre proposal as soon as we possibly can. In the interim a temporary learning centre made of local materials will be used so that the schools outreach program can start.

Sewing workshop at St Clements

During our visit to St Clements, we were really impressed by the new sewing workshop and the quality of the clothing being made. The tailors were making school uniform for the students as well as lovely clothing for sale to local people. Proceeds from this venture are having a significant impact on school finances. Profits from the uniform sales are helping the school to pay the salary of teachers who are not on the government payroll and surplus funds are also being used for necessary school maintenance such as the repainting of the canteen. To build on the program's success, we have sent five more sewing machines and more fabric this year. We have found that the older type of manual sewing machine works best, so we will continue to send as many we can find as we would like to expand this project which it teaches valuable sewing skills to students as well as providing work for local tailors. When possible schools in Sierra Leone need to develop revenue-generating projects that can allow them to become more self-sufficient and aid their ability to offer students a more enhanced learning experience. This sewing workshop builds

on the success of the school canteen, which also raises funds that are supporting the activities of the Home Economics department.



Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Skills training Pilot Project

Although the building of a new learning centre has been delayed until next year the Build on Books Trustees were excited to be able to start an adult learning pilot project. Once the Learning Centre is built, hopefully next year we aim to use it to help illiterate adults learn to read, improve numeracy and learn some new skills that would help them earn a living.



There are many women and men who missed out on basic education due to the civil war or the effects of poverty living in the region around St Clements School. We invited them to join our classes which will deliver adult literacy and numeracy teaching as well as technical and vocational skills training, such as sewing, food preparation and preservation and traditional crafts such as gari tie-dyeing. Health and nutrition, family planning, and child development are also on the curriculum. The pilot project was so successful that the teaching will continue wherever we can find space until the Learning Centre is built hopefully next year.

Four New Boreholes for Pepel Island

Pepel Island is located near the mouth of the Sierra Leone River and is connected by rail to the Marampa iron mine. When we visited Pepel in November mining had been stopped and people were struggling with poverty related issues. Despite having had mining companies working on the island for many decades there was a lack of clean water in residential areas and children were suffering from unnecessary illness due to waterborne diseases. Fortunately, with the help of Orville's Appliances USA, and our implementing partner Willamette International, Build on Books was able to construct 4 new boreholes across the island this year. Three are located in residential areas and one in the local school. These boreholes have transformed life on the island helping to end the nightmare many parents face when their children contract typhoid, hepatitis and parasites from filthy stream or well water.

COVID-19 Prevention Training and Lots of Buckets and Soap

Given our vast experience in Ebola prevention and delivering humanitarian aid throughout the crisis in 2014 we were ready to begin COVID-19 prevention training as soon as the pandemic was announced and long before even the first case appeared in Sierra Leone. Our team is trusted by the thousands of people who remember their brave work teaching people in their own languages how to stop the transmission of Ebola while feeding hundreds of quarantined families and saving the lives of 200 orphans.



To help stop the potential spread of Covid-19 the team distributed veronica buckets with taps and cartons of soap throughout Kwama, Brama and Krossing Village as well as the displacement camp for survivors of the mudslides and floods in the Freetown. They also disseminated messages about Covid-19 prevention to as many Sierra Leoneans as possible This was done through socially distanced meetings with community elders, and by using texting, social media, print media and over the radio. The BOB SL team were relentless in sending a clear message which stressed the importance of social distancing, handwashing, protecting the elderly and vulnerable and persuading people not to move about from town to town and village to village.

The team taught the students social distancing at school, in the market, the fields and workshops. They reinforced hand washing and urged teachers and other community workers to check temperatures using the infrared thermometers retained after the Ebola pandemic. They helped people to recognize the symptoms and pressed upon them the importance of self-isolating at the first sign of symptoms. In the schools they drilled the students in social distancing and handwashing well before schools officially closed for the lockdown and before a state of emergency was declared. When lockdown was imposed, the team made facemasks which were distributed to thousands of students. At the time of writing transmission rates and death rates due to Covid-19 remain very low.



Two More Boreholes to help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 and other Diseases

To help with handwashing two more boreholes were built with funding from Orville's Home Appliances USA through our partner Willamette International. These boreholes will make handwashing with clean water much easier for many more people in Kwama and in Destiny Village in Newton. They will also help stop the transmission of waterborne diseases that take the lives of many children in Sierra Leone.



Food Aid for the Most Vulnerable during COVID-19 Lockdown

COVID-19 was an unanticipated global crisis; nonetheless, our teams' quick action in delivering coronavirus prevention training and handwashing facilities had a tremendous impact in helping people in Kwama and Buya Romende Chiefdom to understand the seriousness of the situation.



We managed to begin prevention training early before the first cases appeared in Sierra Leone. However, as the disease progressed worldwide, there were a growing number of infections in Waterloo, Sierra Leone, where we work. As the busy town was going into COVID-19 lockdown, the Build on Books team members were anxious about the lives of the most vulnerable people around them. Many poor people live from hand to mouth and do not have the resources to cope with the lockdown. So, Treasurer Rosetta Kargbo and the team asked for funds to provide immediate food aid to orphans, disabled, and vulnerable elderly people who could not manage to feed themselves during the COVID-19 lockdown. Without help, these children and adults were in danger of starvation and malnutrition.

Build on Books has a history of providing short and long-term humanitarian and food aid to desperate people in crisis. Having a team based permanently on the ground made it easy to safely deliver urgent food aid to the people who needed it most. We made the first delivery of just rice and oil to keep people going while we raised further funds. With our donors' help, we soon provided many more vulnerable people with necessities such as rice, oil, vegetables, and groundnuts bought from wholesalers. The food was bagged and safely dropped at the houses of orphans, disabled people and aged adults to help them safely though the lockdown.

Build on Books Teacher Training Sponsorship for Eight Teachers

Sierra Leone has long suffered from a shortage of qualified teachers and this gap is filled by otherwise educated people who often act as teachers and enjoy on-the-job training. Many would like to gain their teaching qualification but are unable to afford to pay the necessary college fees. Without their certification they cannot receive a salary from the government and must rely only on a small stipend from the school. If Sierra Leone is ever to significantly improve their education system this situation cannot continue.

Build on Books has continued to help eight previously unqualified teachers to go to college. Four of the students come from Our Lady of Kwama primary school and four of the teachers come from IYBAS Primary School. One of the teachers from IYBAS Mr Sesay has successfully graduated this year while four of the students are in their third year at teacher's college. The remaining three are in their second year. All of the schools are benefiting from having better educated teachers so this is a project that should be expanded to other schools next year if possible.

School Supplies and Christmas Party treats for Ebola Orphans



In December, Build on Books held our eagerly anticipated Ebola Orphans Christmas Party for children who lost their parents to the Ebola epidemic of 2014. It is the highlight of the year and helps to remind them that they are not alone but part of one big family. This year we shipped over plenty of rucksacks filled with Christmas goodies donated by schools, churches and individuals in Marlow who wanted to give the children a special Christmas treat. We also sent them plenty of school supplies including pens, exercise books, calculators and shoes. Once again this year, we also provided the orphans with the locally made school uniform they need to stay in school and continue to learn.



Thousands of Books and Pens for school children and plenty of shoes

Every year Build on Books receives thousands of books and offers of school furniture from schools and individuals across the UK. We send many of the books to the CODEP library in Waterloo or for distribution to schools throughout the Western Area and to Kwama for distribution to schools in the region. We also supply books to the Sierra Leone Hastings partnership. We are still distributing the remainder of the 120,000 pens we received from the UK charity Pens4kids last year and we included some of them in every shipment of books. The students are always so happy to receive them especially around exam time and books are always well received by schools.

Along with the books pens and furniture, we also managed to send a several boxes of shoes donated by primary schools in the UK. These were distributed to orphans and the children at Rogberay primary school at the request of the headteacher. The children at his school come from families eking out a living from subsistence level farming so new shoes are a luxury. Many children go to school barefoot which raises the potential for injuries and parasitic disease which are easily prevented by a good pair of shoes.



Unexpected Expenses This Year

This year the temporary learning centre at St Clements School, made of local natural materials, blew down in a storm as did the school fence. We are expecting to build a new concrete learning centre next year so it was decided that the materials should be recycled to make a fence however, there were additional costs incurred.
Our Treasurer Rosetta Kargbo needed a new computer and we had to purchase 500 cardboard more boxes for shipping books. Additionally, the generator at St Clements broke down and was beyond repair so we purchased a new one for them. We also helped some of the orphans with specific books and exam fees. Build on Books trustees are all volunteers, so we do not receive any salaries and we usually cover our own running costs and expenses.

Build on Books would like to thank all our donors and implementing partners in the UK and around the world for helping us to fight poverty in Sierra Leone. Your contributions have given many children and adults the opportunity have a better life and a better education.

Financial Review

Build on Books 1/09/2019 - 31/8/2020		
Receipts		
Restricted		
IYBAS Primary School		
Peace Library, Kwama		
Rogberay Primary School		
Covid	1,476.85	
Teacher Training		
Ebola Orphans	1,865.69	
		3342.54
Unrestricted		
Other donations	14,273.23	
Gift Aid	2,974.25	
		17247.48
Total Receipts		**20590.02**
Payments		
Restricted		
IYBAS Primary School		
Peace Library, Kwama		
Rogberay Primary School		
Teacher Training		
Ebola Orphans	1,865.69	
Covid	1,476.85	
		3342.54
Unrestricted		
IYBAS Primary School	-	
Peace Library, Kwama	3,648.24	
Rogberay Primary School	100.00	
Teacher Training	1,231.98	
Ebola Orphans	119.31	
Codep Library	146.99	
Buya Romende Farming Projects	-	
Learning Centre	3,936.33	
Covid	4,661.85	
Other Funding		
		13844.70
Expenses		
Office expenses	431.99	
Travel	1,516.26	
		1948.25
Total Payments		**19135.49**
Net of Receipts (payments)	1454.53	
Cash Funds Last Year End	3675.15	
Cash funds this year end	5129.68	

Statement of Charity's Policy on Reserves

As we aim to reduce poverty our policy is not to hold excess funds in reserve, but to use them for the purpose intended as soon as possible. However, £800 of the charity's capital is held in reserve for shipping books and other goods that we have

collected during our appeals. We do not pay salaries or rent, so it is not necessary to keep a surplus.

Our main sources of funds come from appeals and donations from grant making and charitable organisations, charitable clubs and individual donations. We want to thank the many groups and individuals who responded to our appeals this year and who donated funds for our work fighting poverty in Sierra Leone.

Donations for Boreholes from the USA

On some occasions our boreholes are funded by donors in the USA through our implementing partners Willamette International who are an US 501c3. The full funds are then used by Willamette to build the boreholes in Sierra Leone.

This Trustees Annual Report covers the period from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020.

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

Lori Spragg

Lori Spragg, Chair

Date: 5/3/21

James MacDonald, Secretary

Date: 5/3/21

Brid Hayward

Brid Hayward, Treasurer

Date:

5/3/21

BUILD ON BOOKS	1158201

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 31-Aug-19	To	Period end date 01-Sep-20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	14,273	3,343	-	17,616	35,644
Gift Aid	2,974	-	-	2,974	3,205
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	17,247	3,343	-	20,590 ✓	38,849
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,247	3,343	-	20,590 ✓	38,849
A3 Payments					
IYBAS Primary School	-	-	-	-	3,772
Peace Library	3,648	-	-	3,648	19,308
Rogbere Primary School	100	-	-	100	988
Teacher Training	1,232	-	-	1,232	1,189
Ebola Orphans	119	1,866	-	1,985	2,222
Codep Library	147	-	-	147	922
Buya Romende Farming Projects	-	-	-	-	7,895
Covid	4,662	1,477	-	6,139	-
Learning Centre	3,936	-	-	3,936	-
Other funding	-	-	-	-	75
Office expenses	432	-	-	432	100
	1,516	-	-	1,516	-
Travel (Physical Audit)	-	-	-	-	1,109
Sub total	15,792	3,343	-	19,135 ✓	37,580
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,792	3,343	-	19,135 ✓	37,580
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,455	-	-	1,455	1,269
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,674	-	-	3,674 ✓	2,405
Cash funds this year end	5,129	-	-	5,129 ✓	3,674

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash & Bank	5,130	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,130	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Lori Spragg	Lori Spragg	5/03/21
[signature]	James MacDonald	5/3/21

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: BUILD ON BOOKS

On accounts for the year ended: 31st AUGUST 2020

Charity no (if any): 1158201

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Vanessa Hill **Date:** 19.4.21

Name: VANESSA HILL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	