

A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162178

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:-4.1. TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CHARITIES, OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE BUTALEJA DISTRICT OF UGANDA IN FULFILMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE PURPOSES:-4.1.1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION;4.1.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND/OR SAVING OF LIVES; AND4.1.3. THE RELIEF AND/OR PREVENTION OF POVERTY; AND4.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN PARTICULAR AS REGARDS ISSUES CONCERNING THE RELIEF AND/OR PREVENTION OF POVERTY.

Activities: a little bit of HOPE raises money in the UK to fund grass-roots development programmes in the Butaleja District of Uganda. We currently work across three areas; Education, Water & Sanitation and Livelihoods.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Uganda
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £46,057 | £52,956 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £38,600 | £33,187 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £46,083 | £55,307 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £48,845 | £48,762 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £61,168 | £62,127 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------|------|------------|
| AMY BETH Spooner | | 2022-02-24 |
| Kathryn Angharad Lifford | | 2024-01-13 |
| MALCOLM BEBB | | 2017-09-09 |
| Temitope Olusi | | 2024-03-12 |

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Trustees' Report and Accounts

for the year ending 31st December 2024



Nurturing hope in the Butaleja District of Uganda by enabling people to overcome the hurdles that prevent them reaching their full potential.

Introduction to a little bit of HOPE

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 - the relief and/or prevention of poverty; and
- The advancement of education in the United Kingdom in particular as regard to issues concerning the relief and/or prevention of poverty.

Money raised by a little bit of HOPE in the UK was given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), a registered Non-Governmental Organisation in Uganda, registration number 10219, to fund a wide range of grassroots development programmes in line with the objects of a little bit of HOPE. Our key activities are to raise awareness and funds, and to ensure that money raised is spent effectively.

In 2023, it was decided by the staff team and board of a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), in partnership with the UK board, to further streamline our work into two project areas: Education and Livelihoods. The decision was also made to bring more focus to the geographical area we operate, within Butaleja District. We now work specifically with ten schools and the three sub-counties they are a part of. All of our projects (as listed below) take place within these ten schools and villages, in three sub-counties within Butaleja District. The main reasons for this re-focus were a reduced budget (due to fundraising context in UK and cost of living increase in the UK and Uganda), and the opportunity it presents to have a longer-lasting impact on the people we work with in Butaleja.

- **Education:** including school farms, re-usable menstrual pad programme, and community library.
- **Livelihoods:** including apprenticeships, agricultural training, and group savings.

Our work is guided by a number of 'approach' statements. They are:

- We focus our resources on the poorest of the poor
- We endeavour to promote sustainability, not dependency
- We only fund projects initiated and led by local people
- We take monitoring and evaluation seriously
- We account for every penny we spend
- We support people of all faiths, because our work is founded on Christian principles.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Highlights from 2024

In the UK, we delivered our first 'Big Give' fundraising appeal with great success, raising over £5,000 for our re-usable menstrual pad programme. Two of our UK Trustees visited Butaleja District with our UK Development Manager in November 2024. Here are some of the highlights and key achievements from our programmes in 2024:

Education

- 6,410 kilograms of maize was harvested from our 10 partner schools' farms. They also grew aubergines, tomatoes, leafy greens, cassava and onions.
- 11,017 pupils received a midday meal from food grown on the farms in our 10 partner schools, and from harvests contributed by parent groups.
- Eight smokeless stoves were constructed in our partner schools. Food can be cooked more efficiently and with less smoke impacting the health of those preparing meals.
- 342 parents were given seeds as well as training on how to effectively prepare their land for planting. These parents contributed a total of 1,968kg of harvested maize to our partner schools.
- Three schools sold vegetables harvested from their land, enabling them to buy more seeds to plant next season.
- 819 pupils and 22 teachers learnt how to make reusable menstrual pads. The sessions also provide education and empowerment, including myths and facts about menstruation and sexual reproductive health issues.
- 85 parents and caregivers received training in making reusable menstrual pads, to equip their girls and enable them to attend school.
- One sewing machine was donated to a parents group, who use it for making pads for pupils at their local school.
- 1,589 pads were donated to pupils and families impacted by flooding at the beginning of the year, thanks to the incredible response to our emergency appeal, and the hard work of our team in Butaleja.
- 165 new books were added to the mobile library that Esther takes to each of our partner schools.
- 850 biro pens were given to pupils in their final year of primary school, as well as 470 reusable menstrual pads, to enable them to sit their exams.
- 20 literacy sessions were delivered across 10 schools by Esther, our Librarian.
- 2,060 pupils in ten schools participated in literacy sessions and enjoyed storytelling, spelling bees and quizzes.

Livelihoods

- 62 young adults graduated from our apprenticeship programme. All of them had to drop out of school at a young age, but have now learnt skills that enable them to earn a living and support themselves and their families. This included 16 hairdressings apprentices, 29 tailoring apprentices, 2 welding apprentices, and 15 mechanics apprentices.
- 429 parents were active in the parent groups attached to each of our 10 partner schools. This number rose from 300 to 429 in 2024.
- 66,000 tree seedlings were distributed to eight partner schools, eight parent groups, and to the local hospital, thanks to a partnership with Mount Elgon Tree Growing Enterprise (METGE).
- 179 group members took part in smokeless stove training and 143 smokeless stoves were constructed after the training.
- 336 parents and children took part in HIV awareness training.
- 194 group members took part in Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) training. All 10 groups embraced the scheme and are now saving together and loaning to group members.



Reference and administrative details

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|---|---|
| Registered Charity (England and Wales) No. | 1162178 |
| Registered Office: | 57 Tuddenham Road Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2SU |
| Trustees: | Malcolm Bebb (Co-chair) Noah Birumi (resigned 17/03/25) Hannah Green Phil Green (resigned 18/12/24) Kathryn Lifford (appointed 13/01/24) Temitope Olusi (Co-chair - appointed 12/03/24) Eliza Reger (resigned 16/07/24) Amy Smyth Amy Spooner |
| Bankers: | The Co-operative Bank P.O. Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP |
| Independent Examiners: | Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB |

Structure, governance and management

a little bit of HOPE was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 12th June 2015*. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees. The day-to-day activities – for example, communications, fundraising, and administration have historically been shared between the trustees.

Our UK Development Manager (part-time) continued her position as the charity's only UK employee. The role has continued on a part-time basis, at two days per week. The main responsibilities of the Development Manager are to manage the day-to-day activities of the charity, with a focus on fundraising and communications.

One of the trustees' main responsibilities is to monitor how monies we grant to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) is spent. They receive detailed monthly finance updates, the chair of trustees talks regularly with both the programme manager and chairperson of a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), and the UK Development Manager meets weekly with the Ugandan staff team. Phil Green, Chair of Trustees, stepped down in December after many years leading the governance and direction of the organisation, for which we are very grateful. Malcolm Bebb and Temitope Olusi took on this role in a shared capacity as Co-chairs.

a little bit of HOPE has a Safeguarding Committee to ensure our safeguarding policies and procedures are of a high standard. The Committee regularly reviews the safeguarding policies and procedures of a little bit of HOPE (Uganda). We are members of Thirtyone:eight – an independent safeguarding charity which helps individuals and organisations protect vulnerable people from abuse. Both a little bit of HOPE and a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) use their international safeguarding audit tool to review all procedures relating to safeguarding and develop action plans to ensure continual learning and improvement.

*Previously a little bit of HOPE was a registered trust (1147623) – following the transfer of assets, the trust has been closed and removed from the Charity Commission's register of charities.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

Our current reserves policy is to retain a minimum of £4,000 in unrestricted reserves at all times. The charity ended 2024 with a cash balance of £7,054. Of this, £0 was restricted, leaving £3,054 in unrestricted free reserves and thus £4,000 designated as reserves.

Income

Our total income in 2024 was £46,057. The majority of our income comes from individuals and churches. During 2024 we also received income from trusts and foundations that we had applied to for funding.

Expenditure

Our total expenditure in 2024 was £52,956. 72.1% of this went to fund the work of *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*, with the remaining 27.9% allocated to UK support and operations, including professional fees and employment.

End of year balance

Our total end of year cash balance was £7,054. (2023: £13,952)

Independent Examination

As our total charitable income exceeded the threshold of £25,000, our accounts are subject to an independent examination.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signatures:

Temi Olusi

Temi Olusi (Sep 24, 2025 17:29:02 GMT+1)

Malcolm Bebb

Malcolm Bebb (Sep 24, 2025 19:56:24 GMT+1)

Full names:

Temitope Olusi

Malcolm Bebb

Position:

Trustee – Co-chair

Trustee – Co-chair

Date:

Sep 24, 2025

Sep 24, 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of A little bit of Hope ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

J. Young

J. Young (Sep 25, 2025 09:27:11 GMT+1)

Jaimée Young

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Date: Sep 25, 2025

Detailed summary of accounts

Money brought forward from previous years

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | - | - |
| General funds | 9,952 | 4,539 |
| Total | 13,952 | 8,539 |

Income

| | 2024 | | | 2023 | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Regular giving | 18,368 | 2,346 | 20,714 | 17,973 | 2,468 | 20,441 |
| Single donations | 8,123 | 11,937 | 20,060 | 12,163 | 91 | 12,253 |
| Trusts | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 4,905 | 5,905 |
| Gift aid | 3,992 | 291 | 4,283 | - | - | - |
| Total | 31,483 | 14,574 | 46,057 | 31,136 | 7,464 | 38,600 |

Expenditure

| | 2024 | | | 2023 | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Grants given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) | 23,594 | 14,574 | 38,168 | 20,802 | 7,464 | 28,266 |
| Professional fees | 2,347 | - | 2,347 | 2,100 | - | 2,100 |
| Fundraiser | 598 | - | 598 | - | - | - |
| Employment | 11,770 | - | 11,770 | 2,821 | - | 2,821 |
| Sundry | 73 | - | 73 | - | - | - |
| Total | 38,381 | 14,574 | 52,956 | 25,723 | 7,464 | 33,187 |

Summary of restricted funds

| | Brought forward £ | Income £ | Allocated Expenditure £ | Carried forward £ |
|---|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Education (general) | - | 960 | 960 | - |
| Education (school farms) | - | 700 | 700 | - |
| Education (RUMPS) | - | 5,128 | 5,128 | - |
| Livelihoods (general) | - | 3,666 | 3,666 | - |
| Solar panel installation – Uganda office | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| Flood appeal | - | 3,620 | 3,620 | - |
| Total | - | 14,574 | 14,574 | - |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Cash funds | | |
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | - | - |
| General funds | 3,054 | 9,952 |
| Total | 7,054 | 13,952 |

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|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Other monetary assets | | |
| Gift aid: claimed, not received | - | 2,023 |
| Gift aid: unclaimed | 574 | 479 |
| Recoverable amounts | 71 | - |
| Total | 645 | 2,502 |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Fee due for Independent Examination | 600 | 600 |
| Employment costs due | - | 208 |
| Total | 600 | 808 |

Notes to the accounts:

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments method as permitted by s.133 Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission.

2. Restricted funds

Expenditure incurred by a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) from grants received in the year has been allocated to restricted funds using an average exchange rate of 1 GBP: 4,690 UGX.

3. Guarantees and debts outstanding

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Highlights from 2023

In the UK, our Development Manager returned from a period of maternity leave in October 2023. We were able to deliver a successful Christmas fundraising appeal, with donations going towards the apprenticeship scheme, one of our Livelihoods programmes. Here are some of the achievements from our projects in 2023:

Education

- 1,200 pupils schools took part in a literacy outreach programme through our new mobile library that was launched this year.
- 448 pupils, teachers and parents were trained in good agronomic practices.
- 700kg of maize seeds were given to the ten partner schools and linked families.
- 20 parents at each school were provided with agronomy training and seeds for their gardens at home. These parents formed groups to support and contribute towards the success of their children's school farm.
- 1,008 pupils were equipped with the skill of knowing how to make reusable menstrual pads so they don't have to skip school when they're on their periods.
- 104 parents were also taught how to make these pads. This has increased their awareness on the importance of menstrual hygiene management and enabled them to support their daughters with making and using pads.

Mr Dibba James, Headteacher at Bubuhe Primary School, thanked a little bit of HOPE for equipping them to set up a farm on their school land. He explained that the seeds, fertiliser and equipment they were given enabled them to plant an acre of maize which provided food for their pupils at lunchtime.



Livelihoods

- 35 young adults graduated from our apprenticeship programme in December. They received start-up toolkits to help them start earning a living with their new skills in tailoring, hairdressing and mechanics.
- 16 members of vulnerable households received 10kgs each of maize seeds, alongside training on sustainable planting methods.

Rachel is 23 years old and was part of our apprenticeship programme in 2023. Her education was cut short after she became a mother while still at school, like many girls her age. Without an education, Rachel didn't know how she was going to provide for herself and her children. But after being partnered with an experienced tailor and learning how to repair and make clothes, Rachel was given a sewing machine and is now able to earn an income and provide for herself and her family.



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Income

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Expenditure

Our total expenditure in 2023 was £33,187. 85.2% of this went to fund the work of *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*.

End of year balance

Our total end of year cash balance was £13,952. (2022: £8,539)

Independent Examination

As our total charitable income exceeded the threshold of £25,000, our accounts are subject to an independent examination.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Signatures: | P. GREEN | M. BEBB |
| Full names: | Philip Green | Malcolm Bebb |
| Position: | Trustee – Chairperson | Trustee |
| Date: | 16/09/2024 | 16/09/2024 |

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Date:

Detailed summary of accounts

Money brought forward from previous years

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|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | - | 3,209 |
| General funds | 4,539 | 10,554 |
| Total | 8,539 | 17,763 |

Income

| | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Regular giving | 17,973 | 2,468 | 20,441 | 17,556 | 4,332 | 21,888 |
| Single donations | 12,163 | 91 | 12,253 | 13,960 | 635 | 14,595 |
| Trusts | 1,000 | 4,905 | 5,905 | 1,500 | 3,000 | 4,500 |
| Gift aid | - | - | - | 4,750 | 351 | 5,101 |
| Total | 31,136 | 7,464 | 38,600 | 37,765 | 8,318 | 46,083 |

Expenditure

| | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Grants given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) | 20,802 | 7,464 | 28,266 | 35,932 | 8,586 | 44,518 |
| Professional fees | 2,100 | - | 2,100 | 2,191 | - | 2,191 |
| Fundraiser | - | - | - | 281 | 1,115 | 1,396 |
| Employment | 2,821 | - | 2,821 | 5,376 | 1,825 | 7,201 |
| Total | 25,723 | 7,464 | 33,187 | 43,780 | 11,527 | 55,307 |

Summary of restricted funds

| | Brought forward £ | Income £ | Allocated Expenditure £ | Carried forward £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Education (general) | - | 840 | 840 | - |
| Education (school farms) | - | 5,755 | 5,755 | - |
| Education (RUMPS) | - | 24 | 24 | - |
| Livelihoods (general) | - | 845 | 845 | - |
| Total | - | 7,464 | 7,464 | - |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
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| Cash funds | | |
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
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|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Other monetary assets | | |
| Gift aid: claimed, not received | 2,023 | - |
| Gift aid: unclaimed | 479 | 711 |
| Total | 2,502 | 711 |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Fee due for Independent Examination | 600 | 600 |
| Employment costs due | 208 | - |
| Total | 808 | 600 |

Notes to the accounts:

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

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3. Trustees' remuneration

A relation of trustee David Elton was paid £2,821 (2022: £7,201), as well as being owed £208 (2022: nil), in their role as UK Development Manager; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

4. Guarantees and debts outstanding

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

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Money raised by a little bit of HOPE in the UK was given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), a registered Non-Governmental Organisation in Uganda, registration number 10219, to fund a wide range of grassroots development programmes in line with the objects of a little bit of HOPE. Our key activities are to raise awareness and funds, and to ensure that money raised is spent effectively.

In 2022 we re-organised the way our programmes are divided into three categories rather than four, from *Education, Health, water & sanitation, Business & innovation, and Vulnerable households*, to:

- **Education:** including school farms, community library, reusable sanitary towels
- **Water and sanitation:** including community-led total sanitation (CLTS) programmes, pit latrine construction and borehole repairs
- **Livelihoods:** including apprenticeships, agricultural training, and supporting vulnerable groups with income-generating activities

Our work is guided by a number of 'approach' statements. They are:

- We focus our resources on the poorest of the poor
- We endeavour to promote sustainability, not dependency
- We only fund projects initiated and led by local people
- We take monitoring and evaluation seriously
- We account for every penny we spend
- We support people of all faiths, because our work is founded on Christian principles.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Highlights from 2022

2022 was a busy year for our teams both in the UK and Uganda. Phil Green, Chair of Trustees in the UK visited Uganda in March this year to celebrate our 10th anniversary with the team there. A celebration event took place and was attended by many local people from across Butaleja District who were keen to acknowledge and appreciate the work of a little bit of HOPE over the last ten years. It was a great success and an encouragement to the team in Uganda who have worked so hard to make a difference in the community over the years.

In the UK we held a fundraising event in June, attended by supporters and friends. The aim was to thank those that donate to our work and increase exposure and support. Approximately 50 people joined us for the online event and we were successful in raising additional funds for our work and gaining a number of new regular supporters.

Here are some of the achievements from our projects in 2022:

Education

- 32,356 pupils from 40 schools had lunch while at school as a result of our school farm project.
- We took pupils from 25 schools to an agricultural expo event where they learned about commercial farming.
- A total of 621 reusable menstrual pads were made by volunteers at the production centre.
- We trained 57 teachers and 119 pupils in 8 schools in how to make reusable menstrual pads.

This year our Agricultural Officer also created a new initiative for headteachers to gather and share ideas with each other about the farms that their schools are running. It has provided great opportunities for them to share ideas on improving sustainability on the farms, diversifying crops, and increasing school-to-school collaboration.

Livelihoods

- We provided agricultural training and vegetable seeds to 44 farmers from vulnerable groups.
- 3 vulnerable groups were trained in group savings and income-generating activities.
- 28 apprentices graduated and were provided with start-up kits for their trades in hairdressing and tailoring.

Brenda is a tailoring apprentice who graduated this year from our apprenticeship programme. The skills she has learned, along with her new sewing machine, have made a huge difference to her life. She is a single mother and is now able to support her family with basic needs and has also bought a hen. She's now planning to save her earnings to rent a shop space that she can carry out her tailoring business from. Brenda expressed that a little bit of HOPE has "restored hope in her life".

Water and Sanitation

- We repaired 9 boreholes, providing safe drinking water for 8,072 people across the district.
- We conducted a community-led total sanitation triggering exercise in 5 villages.

"As a result of this project, cases of illnesses in children and adults caused by drinking unsafe water have reduced in communities served. This also means that parents are not spending more money and time in treatment, and so they have enough time to engage in income generating activities like farming to boost the economic status of their households." - Project Manager



Reference and administrative details

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| Trustees: | Malcolm Bebb David Elton (Treasurer) Isobel Elton (resigned 10/02/22) Hannah Green Phil Green (Chair) Eliza Reger Amy Smyth Amy Spooner (appointed 24/02/22) |
| Bankers: | The Co-operative Bank P.O. Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP |
| Independent Examiners: | Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB |

Structure, governance and management

a little bit of HOPE was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 12th June 2015*. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees. The day-to-day activities – for example, communications, fundraising, and administration have been shared between the trustees.

In February 2022 our UK Development Manager started their employment, to manage the day-to-day activities of the charity and increase our fundraising efforts for future growth and sustainability. The part-time role has proved invaluable and already boosted activity here in the UK, in terms of communications and fundraising, and improved UK-Uganda relations as well. Our Development Manager started a period of maternity leave in October 2022 and plans to return to the position in 2023.

One of the trustees' main responsibilities is to monitor how monies we grant to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) is spent. The treasurer receives detailed monthly finance updates, the chair of trustees talks regularly with both the director and chairperson of a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), and the UK Development Manager meets weekly with the Ugandan staff team. Phil Green was able to visit Butaleja in March to join the 10th Anniversary celebrations with the team and community there.

a little bit of HOPE has a Safeguarding Committee to ensure our safeguarding policies and procedures are of a high standard. The Committee regularly reviews the safeguarding policies and procedures of a little bit of HOPE (Uganda). We are members of Thirtyone:eight – an independent safeguarding charity which helps individuals and organisations protect vulnerable people from abuse. Both a little bit of HOPE and a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) use their international safeguarding audit tool to review all procedures relating to safeguarding and develop action plans to ensure continual learning and improvement.

*Previously a little bit of HOPE was a registered trust (1147623) – following the transfer of assets, the trust has been closed and removed from the Charity Commission's register of charities.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

Our current reserves policy is to retain a minimum of £4,000 in unrestricted reserves at all times. The charity ended 2022 with a cash balance of £8,539. Of this, £0 was restricted, leaving £4,539 in unrestricted free reserves and thus £4,000 designated as reserves.

Income

Our total income in 2022 was £46,083. The majority of our income comes from individuals and churches. During 2022 we also received income from trusts and foundations that we had applied to for funding.

Expenditure

Our total expenditure in 2022 was £55,307. 85.0% of this went to fund the work of *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*. This calculation excludes that expenditure restricted for fundraising – primarily as a result of income we received in 2017 specifically to enable fundraising from trusts and foundations.

End of year balance

Our total end of year cash balance was £8,539. (2021: £17,763)

Independent Examination

As our total charitable income exceeded the threshold of £25,000, our accounts are subject to an independent examination.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Signatures: | DAVID ELTON | PHILIP GREEN |
| Full names: | David Elton | Philip Green |
| Position: | Trustee – Treasurer | Trustee – Chairperson |
| Date: | 01 / 10 / 2023 | 01 / 10 / 2023 |

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of A little bit of Hope ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

JAIMÉE YOUNG

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
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Date: 04 / 10 / 2023

Detailed summary of accounts

Money brought forward from previous years

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | 3,209 | 9,033 |
| General funds | 10,554 | 4,647 |
| Total | 17,763 | 17,680 |

Income

| | 2022 | | | 2021 | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Regular giving | 17,556 | 4,332 | 21,888 | 19,971 | 6,602 | 26,573 |
| Single donations | 13,960 | 635 | 14,595 | 17,496 | 1,275 | 18,771 |
| Trusts | 1,500 | 3,000 | 4,500 | 3,500 | - | 3,500 |
| Gift aid | 4,750 | 351 | 5,101 | - | - | - |
| Total | 37,765 | 8,318 | 46,083 | 40,967 | 7,877 | 48,845 |

Expenditure

| | 2022 | | | 2021 | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Grants given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) | 35,932 | 8,586 | 44,518 | 33,158 | 11,707 | 44,865 |
| Professional fees | 2,191 | - | 2,191 | 1,902 | - | 1,902 |
| Fundraiser | 281 | 1,115 | 1,396 | - | 1,995 | 1,995 |
| Employment | 5,376 | 1,825 | 7,201 | - | - | - |
| Total | 43,780 | 11,527 | 55,307 | 35,060 | 13,702 | 48,762 |

Summary of restricted funds

| | Brought forward £ | Income £ | Allocated Expenditure £ | Carried forward £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Education (general) | - | 1,020 | 1,020 | - |
| Education (school farms) | - | 5,100 | 5,100 | - |
| Education (RUMPS) | 612 | 36 | 648 | - |
| Health (general) | - | 252 | 252 | - |
| Vulnerable Households (general) | 292 | 1,275 | 1,567 | - |
| Fundraiser | 2,305 | 635 | 2,940 | - |
| Total | 3,209 | 8,318 | 11,527 | - |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Cash funds | | |
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | - | 3,209 |
| General funds | 4,539 | 10,554 |
| Total | 8,539 | 17,763 |

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|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Other monetary assets | | |
| Gift aid: claimed, not received | - | 2,703 |
| Gift aid: unclaimed | 711 | 697 |
| Total | 711 | 3,400 |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Fee due for Independent Examination | 600 | 570 |
| Total | 600 | 570 |

Notes to the accounts:

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments method as permitted by s.133 Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission.

2. Restricted funds

Expenditure incurred by a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) from grants received in the year has been allocated to restricted funds using an average exchange rate of 1 GBP: 4,299 UGX.

3. Trustees' remuneration

A relation of trustee David Elton was paid £7,201 (2021: £0) in their role as UK Development Manager; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

4. Guarantees and debts outstanding

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162178

Accounts



Trustees' Report and Accounts

for the year ending 31 December 2021



Nurturing hope in the Butaleja District of Uganda by enabling people to overcome the hurdles that prevent them reaching their full potential.

Registered charity no. 1162178

Introduction to a little bit of HOPE

a little bit of HOPE's vision is to *nurture hope in the Butaleja District of Uganda by enabling people to overcome the hurdles that prevent them reaching their full potential.*

The objects of a little bit of HOPE are, for the public benefit:

- To provide grants to charities, other organisations and individuals in the Butaleja district of Uganda in fulfilment of the following charitable purposes:
 - the advancement of education;
 - the advancement of health and/or saving of lives; and
 - the relief and/or prevention of poverty; and
- The advancement of education in the United Kingdom in particular as regard issues concerning the relief and/or prevention of poverty.

Money raised by a little bit of HOPE in the UK was given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), a registered Non-Governmental Organisation in Uganda, registration number 10219, to fund a wide range of grassroots development programmes in line with the objects of a little bit of HOPE. Our key activities are to raise awareness and funds, and to ensure that money raised is spent effectively.

Our programmes are divided into four main areas:

- **Education:** including school farms, community library, reusable sanitary towels, and scholarships.
- **Health, water and sanitation:** including health education programmes, pit latrine construction and borehole fixing.
- **Business and innovation:** including apprenticeships and supporting vulnerable groups with income-generating activities and savings groups.
- **Vulnerable households:** including the support of vulnerable women's groups and widows.

In 2022 we plan to re-organise the way our programmes are divided into three categories rather than four: Education, Water & Sanitation and Livelihoods. This is reflected on our website.

Our work is guided by a number of 'approach' statements. They are:

- We focus our resources on the poorest of the poor
- We endeavour to promote sustainability, not dependency
- We only fund projects initiated and led by local people
- We take monitoring and evaluation seriously
- We account for every penny we spend
- We support people of all faiths, because our work is founded on Christian principles.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Highlights from 2021

Part-way through 2021, Uganda was put into lockdown again as the COVID-19 virus started to spread more rapidly than it did in the country in 2020. As a result of this and schools therefore being closed, the focus of some of our programmes shifted slightly although most continued as planned.

We celebrated our ten year anniversary at the end of 2021 and marked the occasion in the UK with an online event and fundraising appeal. Celebrations were held in Uganda in March 2022.

School Farms

Our school farm project continued to provide meals and hands-on agricultural education for children across Butaleja. This year the number of schools involved in the project grew to 47. The project helps children overcome one of the hurdles they face when accessing education - lack of school lunch. When the district was put into lockdown, our Agricultural Officer helped ensure the farms were still maintained with local teachers and pupils. Crops were harvested and stored until schools opened again.



Re-usable Menstrual Pads

The re-usable menstrual pads (RUMPS) production centre that was set up in 2020 continued to be a vital place for girls to access pads whilst schools were closed for some of the year. 2,869 pads were produced there during the year. We also donated 1,245 pads to vulnerable women and girls in the district when it wasn't possible to carry out training as usual.

"I am so happy for the gifts of pads I have received, I had no hope during this lock down to access any of these. My parents used to buy me sanitary towels when school was on but from the time schools were closed due to Covid-19, I have been using rags for my periods. My parents said that what mattered was buying food and other necessities rather than pads."

Community Led Total Sanitation

Through our home improvement campaign, the village of Bufumi was declared 'open-defecation-free' by district officials, which means that at least 90% of the households there have access to a good quality latrine. When we started working with the village, only 34% of households had latrines, and many were not in a good condition. This figure has now risen to 97%. The village members have worked together to achieve this status, which, as well as building latrines, involved creating hand washing facilities, rubbish pits and constructing drying racks for utensils.



Borehole Repairs

In 2021 we repaired 16 boreholes, providing clean and safe drinking water for 18,465 people. 20 villages were trained in sustainable water source management and empowered to set up water user committees. These committees help prevent their boreholes from breaking down again by encouraging community-wide ownership of the boreholes, where village members can contribute towards ongoing maintenance of their borehole.

Apprenticeships

28 young women and mothers were partnered with experienced local tradespeople and trained in hairdressing or tailoring. They all completed their training which will enable them to earn a living and find employment or set up their own small business.



Vulnerable Households

Our work with vulnerable women was as important as ever this year and there was a focus on agricultural support, particularly with some of the challenging weather conditions during the year. 58 vulnerable community members were provided with a variety of seeds, along with technical support and training, to help ensure successful harvests.

Reference and administrative details

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| Trustees: | Malcolm Bebb David Elton (Treasurer) Isobel Elton (resigned 10/02/22) Hannah Green (appointed 17/05/21) Phil Green (Chair) Eliza Reger Amy Smyth Amy Spooner (appointed 24/02/22) |
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Structure, governance and management

a little bit of HOPE was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 12th June 2015*. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees. The day-to-day activities – for example, communications, fundraising, and administration have been shared between the trustees.

In 2021, Trustees decided to employ a part-time UK Development Manager to manage the day-to-day activities of the charity, with the aim for us to increase our annual income to £100,000. This position was advertised externally in October 2021 and received a number of applications. After an application and interview process and Trustee agreement, a (now former) Trustee was appointed to the role in December 2021, to start in February 2022.

One of the trustees' main responsibilities is to monitor how monies we grant to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) is spent. The treasurer receives detailed monthly finance updates, the chair of trustees talks regularly both the director and chairperson of a little bit of HOPE (Uganda), trustees each have one or two projects that they specifically oversee – including receiving quarterly reports. No visits to the area were possible during the year, due to COVID-19 restrictions. However Phil Green visited Butaleja in early 2022 to join the 10th Anniversary celebrations with the team and community there.

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Financial Review

Reserves policy

Our current reserves policy is to retain a minimum of £4,000 in unrestricted reserves at all times. The charity ended 2021 with a cash balance of £17,763. Of this, £3,209 was restricted, leaving £10,554 in unrestricted free reserves and thus £4,000 designated as reserves.

Income

Our total income in 2021 was £48,845. The majority of our income comes from individuals and churches. During 2021 we also received income from trusts and foundations that we had applied to for funding.

Expenditure

Our total expenditure in 2021 was £48,762. 95.9% of this went to fund the work of *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*. This calculation excludes that expenditure restricted for fundraising - as a result of income we received in 2017 specifically to enable fundraising from trusts and foundations.

End of year balance

Our total end of year cash balance was £17,763. (2020: £17,680)

Independent Examination

As our total charitable income exceeded the threshold of £25,000, our accounts are subject to an independent examination.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

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| Signatures: | DAVID ELTON | PHILIP GREEN |
| Full names: | David Elton | Philip Green |
| Position: | Trustee – Treasurer | Trustee – Chairperson |
| Date: | 15/08/2022 | 15/08/2022 |

Independent Examiner's Report

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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JAIMÉE YOUNG

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Date: 17 August 2022

Detailed summary of accounts

Money brought forward from previous years

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | 9,033 | 11,188 |
| General funds | 4,647 | 3,450 |
| Total | 17,680 | 18,638 |

Income

| | 2021 | | | 2020 | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Regular giving | 19,971 | 6,602 | 26,573 | 21,130 | 7,052 | 28,362 |
| Single donations | 17,496 | 1,275 | 18,771 | 7,924 | 16,441 | 24,365 |
| Trusts | 3,500 | - | 3,500 | - | 5,772 | 5,772 |
| Gift aid | - | - | - | 1,995 | 673 | 2,668 |
| Total | 40,967 | 7,877 | 48,845 | 31,230 | 29,938 | 61,168 |

Expenditure

| | 2021 | | | 2020 | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Grants given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) | 33,158 | 11,707 | 44,865 | 28,617 | 28,814 | 57,431 |
| Professional fees | 1,902 | - | 1,902 | 1,417 | - | 1,417 |
| Fundraiser | - | 1,995 | 1,995 | - | 3,279 | 3,279 |
| Total | 35,060 | 13,702 | 48,762 | 30,034 | 32,093 | 62,127 |

Summary of restricted funds

| | Brought forward £ | Income £ | Allocated Expenditure £ | Carried forward £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Covid-19 appeal | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| Education (general) | - | 840 | 840 | - |
| Education (school farms) | - | 4,250 | 4,250 | - |
| Education (RUMPS) | 4,733 | 24 | 4,145 | 612 |
| Health (general) | - | 668 | 668 | - |
| Vulnerable Households (General) | - | 995 | 995 | - |
| Vulnerable Households (OVCs) | - | 600 | 308 | 292 |
| Fundraiser | 4,300 | - | 1,995 | 2,305 |
| Total | 9,033 | 7,877 | 13,702 | 3,209 |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash funds | | |
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | 3,209 | 9,033 |
| General funds | 10,554 | 4,647 |
| Total | 17,763 | 17,680 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Other monetary assets | | |
| Gift aid: claimed, not received | 2,703 | - |
| Gift aid: unclaimed | 697 | 856 |
| Total | 3,400 | 856 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Fee due for Independent Examination | 570 | 540 |
| Total | 570 | 540 |

Notes to the accounts:

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments method as permitted by s.133 Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission.

2. Restricted funds

Expenditure incurred by a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) from grants received in the year has been allocated to restricted funds using an average exchange rate of 1 GBP: 4,673 UGX.

3. Trustees' remuneration

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

4. Guarantees and debts outstanding

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162178

Accounts



Trustees' Report and Accounts

for the year ending 31 December 2020



Nurture hope in the Butaleja District of Uganda by enabling people to overcome the hurdles that prevent them reaching their full potential.

Introduction to a little bit of HOPE

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Our programmes are divided into four main areas:

- **Education:** including school farms, community library, reusable sanitary towels, and scholarships.
- **Health, water and sanitation:** including health education programmes, pit latrine and smokeless stove construction, and borehole fixing.
- **Business and innovation:** including apprenticeships, training, and saving and small loan schemes.
- **Vulnerable households:** including the support of vulnerable children, and working with widows.

In 2020, responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting lockdown was a key focus within each of these programme areas.

Our work is guided by a number of 'approach statements'. They are:

- We focus our resources on the poorest of the poor
- We endeavour to promote sustainability, not dependency
- We only fund projects initiated and led by local people
- We take monitoring and evaluation seriously
- We account for every penny we spend
- We support people of all faiths, because our work is founded on Christian principles.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Highlights from 2020

At the beginning of 2020, there were detailed plans for the year ahead. COVID-19 changed most of them! In 2020, the people of Butaleja were largely spared from the ravishes of the virus itself, however, the impact of lockdown were significant. However, what was evident through was resilience and innovation. Although our priorities shifted many of our core programmes continued - some like borehole fixing becoming more urgent than ever, others like the making of reusable sanitary pads saw were adapted so they continued to have impact.

Our COVID 19 Response

Working closely with the District's COVID-19 Taskforce, *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*, were at the heart of responding to the pandemic. This was made possible by our supporters in the UK donating £15,304 as part of our emergency appeal.

Prevent

- Part of the taskforce's education campaign which aims to inform people about COVID-19 and reduce the likelihood of it spreading. This reached approximately 180,500 people. Later, a similar campaign focused on educating the community about gender-based violence and violence against children – both of which rose dramatically as a result of lockdown. This effort reached 240,000 people.
- We stepped up our programme of fixing boreholes, repairing 16 boreholes during the year. This enabled 13,300 people to have easier access to safe water – essential for washing hands.

Prepare

- We helped Busolwe Hospital to prepare for an outbreak. We enabled them to establish a 10-bed isolation ward. We also supplied them Personal Protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, and an infrared thermometer.

Provide

- With so many people relying on daily income to buy daily food, lockdown provided a serious challenge. We provided 2,240 households with food parcels, benefiting 11,700 people.



Repairing a borehole



Equipping an isolation ward



Delivering food parcels

Education – a RUMPs production centre

One of our headline projects is our RUMPs programme. We educate girls – in school, and women in the community, how to make 'Reusable Menstrual Pads'. Too many girls miss school for several days each month, and as they get further behind, dropping out completely becomes more likely. With schools closed, we couldn't run this programme in our usual way – but our team in Uganda recognised that RUMPs were more essential than ever – as sanitary products were increasingly hard to access.

Therefore, as restrictions began to ease, we created a 'RUMPs Production Centre' at the Busolwe Community Library!

We painted one of the spare rooms, connected electricity, provided furniture – including storage for materials and the finished pads, and purchased four sewing machines. By the end of the year, 1,537 pads have been made at the Centre and distributed to girls and women in the community. When the pads are given out, training is also provided, and where possible, we conduct follow up visits to ensure that pads are being used correctly, and provide further instruction where necessary.

Running the centre, is a volunteer named Geoffrey. He was part of our scholarship programme and studied tailoring at college. He's using this an opportunity to improve his own skills in using a sewing machine and is

enjoying training others to make RUMPs. It was surprising that a man volunteered for this task – but when asked about it, he explained that he was happy to make anything which enabled him to practise his tailoring skills. We are hoping that he is setting an example in the community and will make other men more comfortable with the subject of menstruation!

The centre serves as a central place for women and young people to learn how to make the pads, which is particularly important while schools are closed and women can't meet in larger groups. With more free time, many girls from local schools have been coming to the centre to use the sewing machines to make pads for their own use, and also to sell on at affordable prices to friends.



Geoffrey working at the RUMPs production centre

During lockdown, there has been a significant increase in teenage pregnancies – the *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)* team have been involved in a number of initiatives to provide education, and safety, to young girls. One of these initiatives is a 'youth corner' – a youth club style activity based at the local library. This has also increased the number of girls learning how to make RUMPs.

Health, water and sanitation – Focusing on four villages

While giving so much of our attention to the health emergency facing the entire world and being part of the District-wide education efforts, we continued our commitment to the villages of Suni, Namadumwe, Madungha and Nabala B to work with the community to promote good hygiene and sanitation – with the aim of reducing the outbreak of disease. In the four villages, households with access to a latrine rose from 34.6% to 56%.

Fazira Mutambuli says, "I am a mother of four children [and] also a member of the village health team in this village, overtime I have been hearing that [a] little bit of hope is implementing a sanitation program in Namahoho our neighboring village I have been admiring such a program to be implemented in my village to improve on the sanitation standard but am so happy that such a program will be in my village this year"



Education sessions seek to engage the whole community.

Business and innovation – Apprenticeships

The 2020 cohort were unable to be enrolled at the beginning of the year, but towards the end of the year, 20 young women did begin our apprenticeship programmes – either learning tailoring or hairdressing. This is Joseline's story: *'I got pregnant in 2018 at the age of 18 years in primary Five (P.5) then dropped out of school and now am 21 years old, am staying with my mother because the boda boda man (motorcycle-taxi driver) that made me pregnant ran off! I have had many challenges in raising up my baby because I had no source of income but when such an opportunity by a little bit of HOPE came that could enable me learn a skill that would later earn me some money I was more than ready to take it up. Am already having some critical techniques in hair dressing through being attached to an experienced hair dressing trainer and I bright new future ahead'*

Vulnerable households – enabling farming to generate income

Much of our work with vulnerable women groups is to enable them to generate income through small scale farming efforts. We provide education, along with essential inputs (such as seeds, tools, chickens and goats). This is Maria's story, *"I am so grateful for the support from a little bit of HOPE for the harvests from rice that I received. I planted 5kg of rice and I applied all the knowledge the staff of a little bit of HOPE advised me to do and to my surprise I harvested 300kg which I am sure I am going to see part of it to buy iron sheets to complete my house which has been pending since last year. I am equally thankful for the knowledge and skills I have received from the staff in savings, crafts and farming that has made me stand on my own now as a widow without begging, I as well sell vegetables, crafts and this partly increased my shares in my savings group and I bought a bull at 600,000UGX. I am happy for having mentored and nurtured by a little bit of HOPE"*



Maria with her rice harvest.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity (England and Wales) No.

1162178

Registered Office:

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Trustees:

Malcolm Bebb
David Elton (Treasurer)
Isobel Elton
Hannah Green (appointed 17/05/21)
Phil Green (Chair)
Rachel Mortimer (resigned 22/02/20)
Eliza Reger (appointed 08/10/20)
Amy Smyth
Amy Spooner (resigned 08/10/20)

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Independent Examiners:

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Structure, governance and management

a little bit of HOPE was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 12th June 2015*. Trustees are appointed by existing trustees. The day-to-day activities – for example, communications, fundraising, and administration are shared between the trustees. In 2020, our volunteer – who was managed by the trustees - retired. During 2020 our fundraising – from charitable trusts – was enhanced by the services of a fundraising consultant (we had received specific funding to pay for this).

One of the trustee's main responsibilities is to monitor how monies we grant to *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)* is spent. The treasurer receives detailed monthly finance updates, the chair of trustees talks regularly both the director and chairperson of *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*, trustees each have one or two projects that they specifically oversee – including receiving quarterly reports. Phil Green visited in January 2020 – to see the impact of the projects first-hand, however since then no visit have been possible as a result of COVID-19.

* Previously *a little bit of HOPE* was a registered trust (1147623) – following the transfer of assets, the trust has been closed and removed from the Charity Commission's register of charities.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

Our current policy is to retain a minimum of £4,000 in unrestricted reserves at all times. However, during 2018, in order to ensure *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)* had sufficient cash to undertake its activities during the transfer process from the current charitable trust (Registered charity number 1147623) to this charity (Registered charity number 1162178), our reserves were drawn upon. With the transfer process completed in 2019, we successfully rebuilt this during the year. The charity ended 2020 with a cash balance of £17,680, of this £9,033 was restricted, leaving £4,647 in unrestricted free reserves and thus £4,000 of this designated as reserves.

Income

Our total income in 2020 was £61,168. Income from individuals (including gift aid) and churches accounted was £55,396 while the remaining £5,772 was received from charitable trusts.

Expenditure

97.6% of our expenditure went to fund the work of *a little bit of HOPE (Uganda)*. This calculation excludes that expenditure restricted for fundraising - as a result of income we received in 2017 specifically to enable fundraising from trusts and foundations.

End of year balance

Our total end of year cash balance was £17,680 (2019: £18,638).

Independent examination

As our total charitable income exceeded the threshold of £25,000, our accounts are subject to an independent examination.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Signatures | DAVID ELTON | PHILIP GREEN |
| Full names | David Elton | Philip Green |
| Position | Trustee – treasurer | Trustee – chairperson |
| Date | 22/09/2021 | 22/09/2021 |

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of *a little bit of HOPE* ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) 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.

JAIMÉE YOUNG

Jaimée Young

For an on behalf of:

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 13/10/2021

Detailed summary of accounts

Money brought forward from previous years

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reserves | 4,000 | - |
| Restricted funds | 11,188 | 13,620 |
| General funds | 3,450 | 2,827 |
| Total | 18,638 | 16,447 |

Income

| | 2020 | | | 2019 | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Regular giving | 21,310 | 7,052 | 28,362 | 17,703 | 7,002 | 24,705 |
| Single donations | 7,924 | 16,441 | 24,365 | 14,136 | 2,137 | 16,272 |
| Trusts | - | 5,772 | 5,772 | - | 3,900 | 3,900 |
| Gift aid | 1,995 | 673 | 2,668 | 4,308 | 48 | 4,356 |
| Total | 31,230 | 29,938 | 61,168 | 36,147 | 13,087 | 49,234 |

Expenditure

| | 2020 | | | 2019 | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | General £ | Restricted £ | Total £ |
| Grants given to a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) | 28,617 | 28,814 | 57,431 | 24,421 | 15,519 | 39,939 |
| Professional fees | 1,417 | - | 1,417 | 688 | - | 688 |
| Bank charges | - | - | - | 176 | - | 176 |
| Fundraiser | - | 3,279 | 3,279 | - | 6,240 | 6,240 |
| Total | 30,034 | 32,093 | 62,127 | 25,284 | 21,759 | 47,042 |

Summary of restricted funds

| | Brought forward £ | Income £ | Allocated expenditure £ | Carried forward £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Covid-19 appeal | - | 15,304 | (15,304) | - |
| Education (general) | - | 540 | (540) | - |
| Education (school farms) | - | 5,720 | (5,720) | - |
| Education (RUMPs) | 3,608 | 5,802 | (4,678) | 4,733 |
| Health (general) | - | 210 | (210) | - |
| Vulnerable Households (general) | - | 1,762 | (1,762) | - |
| Vulnerable Households (OVCs) | - | 600 | (600) | - |
| Fundraiser | 7,579 | - | (3,279) | 4,300 |
| Total | 11,188 | 29,938 | (32,093) | 9,033 |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Cash funds | | |
| Reserves | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Restricted funds | 9,033 | 11,188 |
| General funds | 4,647 | 3,450 |
| Total | 17,680 | 18,638 |
| Other monetary assets: | | |
| Gift aid: unclaimed | 856 | 497 |
| Total | 856 | 497 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Fee due for Independent examination | (540) | (540) |
| Fee due for fundraising support in December 2019 | - | (720) |
| Total | (540) | (1,260) |

Notes to the accounts:

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments method as permitted by s.133 Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission.

2. Restricted funds

Expenditure incurred by a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) from grants received in the year has been allocated to restricted funds using an average exchange rate of 1 GBP: 4,576 UGX.

3. Trustees' remuneration

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

4. Guarantees and debts outstanding

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.