

## FoL TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

26 Langley Road
Chippenham
Wiltshire
SN15 1BX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mark Provis	Chair		
Peter Whitby	Treasurer		
Rachel Lambert	Secretary		

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(e.g. trust, association, company)

Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods  
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by board of trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

For the public benefit, to bring sustainable improved drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene in particular but not exclusively in Sub-Saharan West Africa to those who have access to only unimproved facilities, in particular but not exclusively by providing access to improved drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene through appropriate technologies and education for the advancement of health or the saving of lives in accordance with Christian principles.

#### Definitions

For the purpose of this clause 'Unimproved sanitation' means open defecation (when human faeces are disposed of in fields, forests, bushes, open bodies of water, beaches or other open spaces or disposed of with solid waste); facilities that do not ensure hygienic separation of human excreta from human contact (unimproved facilities include pit latrines without a slab or platform, hanging latrines and bucket latrines); shared sanitation facilities (sanitation facilities of an otherwise acceptable type shared between two or more households. Only facilities that are not shared or not public are considered improved).

For the purpose of this clause 'Improved sanitation' means that facilities are likely to ensure hygienic separation of human excreta from human contact. They include the following: flush/pour flush to: piped sewer system, septic tank, pit latrine, Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrine, pit latrine with slab, composting toilet.

For the purpose of this clause 'Unimproved Drinking Water' includes: unprotected dug well; unprotected spring; cart with small tank/drum; surface water; bottled water (bottled water is considered to be improved only when the household uses water from another improved source for cooking and personal hygiene). Surface drinking-water sources include: river; dam; lake; pond; stream; canal; and irrigation channels.

For the purpose of this clause 'Improved Drinking Water' means public taps or standpipes; tube wells or boreholes; protected dug wells; protected springs; rainwater collection; piped household water connection located inside the user's dwelling, plot or yard.

For the purpose of this clause 'Appropriate Technology (AT)' means technology that is designed to be "appropriate" to the context of its use. Typical AT's may be more labour intensive but require fewer resources and use low cost and readily available materials wherever possible.

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

#### Team Visits

Due to financial restraints and work commitments no field visits were made during this period.

#### Ziguinchor Team/Boreholes

The team is still going strong with Balde & Jean-Claude leading things in Ziguinchor and Parfait overseeing and offering technical advice when needed remotely. Saloum continues to carry out water quality testing.

The Boring Project continues at an average rate of 10 new borehole installations each month. The total number of FoL boreholes is now 400 which equates to over 40,000 people being supplied with water!

#### Regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In making decisions concerning the public benefit the trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

#### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Ziguinchor team have demonstrated the capacity to install 10-15 new boreholes per month. Our challenge is to find the level of funding to match their capability (£1,800 - £2,700 per month).

We want to recognise the work of Susie Spencer. When able, she continues to enthusiastically fundraise and spread the word about FoL on our behalf in some very creative ways.

**Section D Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The trustees have set a level equivalent to three months of operating costs for the organisation as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the organisation from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure. It also provides a cash flow for grants and contracts that are paid in arrears.

The trustees have calculated the level of reserves to be 25% of the previous financial year operating costs.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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

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

Our funds come from a combination of individual donors (one-off and repeat donations) and small grants from trusts and foundations.

As we do not have any core costs (salaries, rent, utilities etc.) the vast majority of our expenditure during the period of 2024/2025, was on project costs that directly support the key objectives of FoL such as materials, monitoring and evaluation. The remainder was spent on marketing/publicity, subscriptions, training, and fundraising.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mark Provis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

03/11/2025

## BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at bank	£6,018	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544
<b>General Fund</b>					
Fund brought forward	£10,240	£5,845	£4,232	£6,544	£6,264
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£3,450	£10,240	£5,845	£-2,312	£280
<b>Restricted Fund</b>					
Fund brought forward	£58	£-2,395	£3,000	£0	£1,690
Surplus (deficit) for the year	£-7,730	£58	£-2,395	£3,000	£-1,690
<b>Total</b>	£6,018	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544

Signed



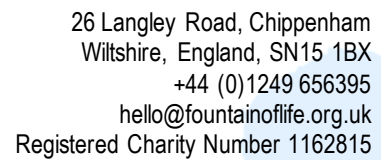
Peter Whitby (Treasurer)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31st March 2025 Total Funds	31st March 2024 Total Funds	31st March 2023 Total Funds	31st March 2022 Total Funds
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Donations, Legacies and similar resources						
Voluntary donations	£6,189	£6,534	£12,723	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923
Legacies						
Grants receivable						
From other bodies						
Other grants receivable						
Total donations and legacies	£6,189	£6,534	£12,723	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923
Operating Activities						
Activities for generating funds						
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives						
Total Operating Activities						
Investment income						
Other incoming resources						
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>	£6,189	£6,534	£12,723	£24,137	£19,898	£11,923





## Costs of generating funds

Costs of generating voluntary

Costs of generating voluntary donations	£2,049	£2,049	£2,185
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Charitable expenditure	£1,133	£17,271	£18,404	£18,886	£16,448	£10,735
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Grants payable

To other charities

Other grants payable

Activities in futherance of charity's objectives

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Governance costs

Other resources expended

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	£3,007	£-10,737	£-7,730	£3,066	£3,450	£-2,312
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Gross transfer between funds

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of own fixed assets

Gains/(losses) on revaluation and

disposal of  
investment assets

Fund balances brought forward	£13,085	£663	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232	£6,544
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Fund balances carried forward at 31st	£16,092	-£10,074	£13,085	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232
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Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2024	£16,092	-£10,074	£13,085	£13,748	£10,682	£7,232
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## Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)
<b>General Fund</b>												
Unrestricted giving	£6,534	£3,113	£3,421	£12,193	£8,626	£3,565	£7,796	£1,001	£6,795	£8,423	£9,742	-£1,319
Payments directly for Charitable purposes												
Tax refunds												
Bank charges												
Interest received												
Accountancy												
Travel expenses		£69			£557			£950			£993	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,534</b>	<b>£3,182</b>	<b>£3,352</b>	<b>£12,193</b>	<b>£9,185</b>	<b>£3,008</b>	<b>£7,796</b>	<b>£1,951</b>	<b>£5,845</b>	<b>£8,423</b>	<b>£10,735</b>	<b>-£2,312</b>
<b>Restricted Fund</b>										<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
Payments directly for Charitable purposes	£6,189	£17,271	-£11,082	£11,944	£18,886	£58	£12,102	£14,497	-£2,395			
<b>Total for the year</b>	<b>£12,723</b>	<b>£20,453</b>	<b>-£7,730</b>	<b>£24,137</b>	<b>£28,071</b>	<b>£3,066</b>	<b>£19,898</b>	<b>£16,448</b>	<b>£3,450</b>	<b>£11,423</b>	<b>£10,735</b>	<b>£688</b>
Fund balances brought forward			£6,748			£10,682			£7,232	£6,544		
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2024			-£982			£13,748			£10,682	£7,232		