

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2022		31	08	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bambisanani Partnership CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1163461

Charity's principal address

C/O BWCAT

Bradford Road

Ilkley

Postcode

LS29 6AE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Darren Beardsley	Chair	Appointed 23 May 2023 *Trustee previously	Board of Trustees
2	Margaret Hattersley	Vice Chair	Appointed 23 May 2023 *Trustee previously	Board of Trustees
3	Richard Giles	Treasurer	Appointed 28 Feb 2023 New Appointment	Board of Trustees
4	David Geldart	CEO (pro bono) Previously Chair and CEO	New arrangement agreed 23 May 2023	Board of Trustees
5	Barbara Pounder			
6	Andrew Lockwood			
7	Brogan O'Connor			
8	David Thorpe	Treasurer	Resigned 28 Feb 2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 08/09/2015
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related

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parties;

- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C

Objectives and activities

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

1. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS AT MNYAKANYA HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOLS / INSTITUTES OF EDUCATION IN THE NKANDLA REGION OF KWAZULU NATAL AND AT ST MARY'S MENSTON SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES WITHIN WEST YORKSHIRE, BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES AND FACILITIES FOR EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOLS.
2. THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE NKANDLA REGION OF KWAZULU NATAL BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING SPORT.
3. TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH SPORTING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPACITIES AND SO THAT THEY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

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)

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees' meetings.

The focus of our activities in our eighth year was to continue to strengthen the links with educational establishments and other agencies in both countries. The planning of post Covid student volunteer visits to South Africa has also been a priority. Five visits to South Africa took place during the year, four with student volunteers from four different institutions. Work was completed to incorporate Newcastle College as a new UK member of the Bambisanani Partnership

In collaboration with Rotary Clubs in the UK and South Africa work has continued to develop ICT provision at Mnyakanya High School.

Preparatory work has continued with Mnyakanya School and South African partners to develop a Sports Pitch for the school and wider community.

Work has continued to embed the 'Cycling to Success' programme and indeed expand it to other areas in partnership with KZN Cycling. A formal partnership was signed with KZN Cycling

The Bambisanani Athletics Challenge involving primary schools in South

Africa and Leeds has developed from a successful pilot programme to become an annual event involving even more schools from both countries.

Extensive time has been invested over the last year developing existing partnerships and developing new ones with a view to future collaborations, including with the KZN Department of Sport and Recreation, KZN Department of Higher Education, KZN Cycling, South African High Commission, British Council, Global School Alliance and the Sport at the Service of Humanity Foundation.

A close working relationship has been developed with fellow Yorkshire sports-related charity, The Jordan Sinnott Foundation.

Members of staff from St. Mary's School, Newcastle College and a Trustee from the charity undertook a Research and Development visit to South Africa with a view to expanding links with colleges/universities and KZN Cycling as well as preparing to re-establish student volunteer visits to South Africa for summer 2023.

The charity has worked closely with Mnyakanya High School to establish bursaries for particularly deserving students to attend university

The Bambisanani Partnership was invited speak at two major International Conferences about its work.

A variety of fundraising activities have taken place with an annual Dinner being introduced

Post all the Covid-19 restrictions and frustrations this has been a highly productive year for the partnership.

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.

Grant making: The Bambisanani Partnership is essentially not a grant making charity but where financial support is given, we always seek to obtain an element of funding from South African sources as well as our own. This is an important principal for our charity and ultimately seeks to build capacity and empower the communities that we work with in South Africa. By not funding any project 100% continues to 'lever' additional funding for the community led projects that we are engaged with. In every sense we believe that this brings considerable added value to our work.

Volunteers: The Bambisanani Partnership has no employees and as such continues to be run entirely by volunteers. During the past year more than 50 volunteers in both countries have contributed in various ways to the ongoing running of the charity and the provision of our programmes and activities. Many of these volunteers are serving teachers or lecturers who have skilfully included, and in many cases embedded, the work of the Bambisanani Partnership within their educational establishments.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The following are some of this year's achievements:

- This year saw 4007 young people from both countries involved in Bambisanani activities. 41 young people from four institutions in the UK together with 11 members of staff volunteered in South Africa for a period of more than 3 months in total. This involved 33 different schools of which 17 were new to the programme.
- *Since the Bambisanani Partnership began a total of 16,703 young people have been involved in its various projects and programmes. Significantly this now includes students from primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities. Over the past three years the number of educational establishments involved in our work has increased from 17 to 38*
- In collaboration with Mnyakanya School and Rotary Clubs in South Africa and the UK, Computer Applications Technology (CAT) provision at Mnyakanya School has been dramatically improved with the school achieving specialised CAT status via assessment by the KZN Department of Education.
- Mnyakanya School achieved its best ever examination results and recorded a significant increase in student enrolment citing the Bambisanani Partnership as an important factor in that success with particular reference to the ICT Suite and Water Installation Project provided by the charity
- Our *Cycling to Success* initiative continues to expand and in July a significant partnership agreement was signed with KZN Cycling that will see us jointly train more than 5,000 young people a year, from some of South Africa's most rural, remote and deprived areas how to ride and maintain bikes. 2,356 children have already participated in the programme.
- The *Bambisanani International Athletics Challenge* expanded to include 15 schools from South Africa and the UK involving 335 students. Since this programme began 852 primary school children from both countries have participated in the initiative
- 15 Bambisanani Awards presented to three South African schools recognising and rewarding achievement of students
- In partnership with the Jordan Sinnott Foundation annual awards have been presented in South Africa encouraging sport and sports leadership in young people. Football shirts from the Sinnott 25 campaign were distributed to children at Mnyakanya High School and Vumanhlamvu Primary School
- Two students from Mnyakanya School have been awarded Bambisanani Partnership bursaries as a contribution towards their university fees. Both students are studying to become teachers at the University of South Africa. One student qualified this year.
- Several national and international articles have been published highlighting the impact of the charity
- Charity Founder and CEO, David Geldart gave a speech at the International Olympic Academy in Ancient Olympia and also contributed to an international Global School Alliance webinar
- **The Bambisanani Partnership was named as Physical Education Sport charity of the Year**

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to ensure reserves are maintained at £10,000. We currently hold cash at bank of £55,501, with Trustees considering how best to use this funding.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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 main source of funding has been donations.

The majority of income is applied to the objectives of the charity and we keep all other costs to a minimum. This is achieved by the dedicated trustees that volunteer their time to ensure the success of the charity.

The charity has no guarantees and no debt outstanding at the year end.

Section F Other optional information

Future plans –

- To establish a multifaceted fundraising programme
- Organise 4 visits of volunteers from schools/colleges/universities in the UK to South Africa to develop and extend Bambisanani programmes and projects in 2024.
- Deliver 'Year 2' of the Joint Development Plan with KZN Cycling (see MOU) expanding the Cycling initiative to 5,000 children pa in rural KZN
- Expand the Bambisanani International Athletics Challenge for primary schools in both countries and explore other curricula engagement between the schools involved which are driven by sport. Introduce a 'Central Venue Final' in both countries.
- In collaboration with Mnyakanya School and Rotary Clubs in South Africa and the UK improve Computer Applications Technology (CAT) provision at Mnyakanya School with the aim of raising standards academic standards across the school.
- Work with South African schools to develop an Indigenous Zulu Games project for UK schools
- In collaboration with KZN Department of Education and other agencies develop a programme of work with Thembinfundo Special School in South Africa introducing modified sports and related Physical Education activities
- Develop existing university/college partnerships in both countries to expand the

joint training of Physical Education teachers and Sports Coaches

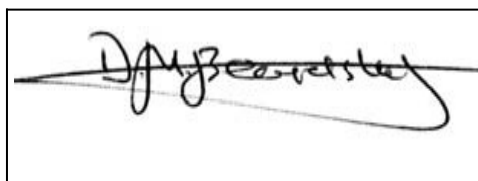
- Develop the *Bambisanani Certificate* for primary schools in both countries that promotes sport, leadership, volunteering and global citizenship
- Develop the *Bambisanani Award* for secondary schools in both countries that promotes sport, leadership, volunteering and global citizenship
- Continue to work with a range of partners in South Africa in order to build a sports ground for the Mnyakanya community
- Contribute to the *Sport for All* World Summit Declaration and subsequent Declar-Actions
- Explore the possibility of new joint initiatives in collaboration with the British Council, KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport and Recreation and KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education
- Establish a good working relationship with the First Secretary (Political) at the South African High Commission in London
- Establish a good working relationship with the new Community and Partnerships Manager at the Global Schools Alliance
- Promote internationalism and global citizenship in collaboration the Global Schools Alliance and other agencies
- Highlight the work and impact of charities in general, and our own work specifically, through written articles, interviews and conferences

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) Darren Beardsley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

8th April 2024