



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2024

### 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 Chair 23 May 2023 Founding Trustee: Appointed Nov 2015	Board of Trustees
2	Margaret Hattersley	Vice Chair	Appointed 23 May 2023 *Trustee previously Appointed 1 Nov 2021	Board of Trustees
3	Richard Giles	Treasurer	Appointed 28 Feb 2023	Board of Trustees
4	David Geldart	CEO (pro bono) Previously Chair and CEO	New arrangement agreed 23 May 2023 Founding Trustee: Appointed Nov 2015	Board of Trustees
5	Barbara Pounder		Founding Trustee: Appointed Nov 2015	Board of Trustees
6	Andrew Lockwood		Resigned 17 September 2024	Board of Trustees
7	Brogan O'Connor		Appointed 10 Nov 2020	Board of Trustees
8	David Thorpe	Treasurer	Resigned 28 Feb 2023	Board of Trustees
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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
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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li></ol> |
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**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 eighteenth year was to continue to strengthen the links with educational establishments and other agencies in both countries. The planning of student volunteer visits to South Africa has been a priority. Three visits to South Africa took place during the year from three different institutions: St. Mary's School, Menston; The University of Leeds and Newcastle College. One visit to Leeds by teachers and students from Mnyakanya School in South Africa also took place during the year.

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 and deliver the 'Cycling to Success' programme with KZN Cycling. A formal partnership is in place with KZN Cycling, currently in the second year of a three year agreement.

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.

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

Literacy initiative introduced by 8-year-old volunteer supporting World Book Day and the KZN Dept of Education Literacy Priority Initiative

Water Tanks were provided at Thembinfundo School as an emergency sanitation measure

A variety of successful fundraising activities have taken place throughout the year

**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.

## Section D

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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 a record 10.623 young people from both countries involved in Bambisanani Programmes and Projects**
- 30 young people from three institutions in the UK together with 8 members of staff volunteered in South Africa for a period of more than 3 months in total. This involved 33 different schools of which 10 were new to the programme
- *Since the Bambisanani Partnership began a total of 27,122 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 53*
- 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
- The *Cycling to Success* programme in partnership with KZN Cycling continues to thrive and this year saw us teach 5,604 young people from some of South Africa's most rural, remote and deprived areas how to ride and maintain bikes.
- The *Bambisanani International Athletics Challenge* expanded to include 15 schools from South Africa and the UK involving 335 students. Since this programme began 1,207 primary school children from both countries have participated in the initiative
- 19 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
- The visit of 3 South African teachers and 2 students to Leeds was a significant achievement and will hopefully lead to more regular visits from South Africa
- 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
- A Literacy initiative by our youngest volunteer (8 years of age) brought 1091 reading books to two rural primary schools and an orphanage to enable them to participate in World Book Day
- Clean water was brought to Thembinfundo Primary School with the provision of 2 Water Tanks
- A collaboration with the *MyWalk* charity in South Africa we provided 716 pairs of school shoes for primary school children without shoes
- Several national and international articles have been published highlighting the impact of the charity
- The Bambisanani Partnership was invited to be represented at the South African 30 years of Democracy Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Abbey
- Newcastle College was named as an Association of Colleges Beacon Finalist for the British Council Award for Excellence in International Work (Results

Section D	Achievements and performance
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announced in March 2025)

- **The Bambisanani Partnership was named as Physical Education Sport charity of the Year** for the second year running

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

We aim to ensure reserves are maintained at least at £10,000. At the end of the financial year we hold cash at bank of £55,056. The Trustees have allocated the following funds for investment, subject to the projects being viable:

- Cycling project £10,000
- Football pitch development £35,000

**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 and fundraising

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
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Future plans –

- To establish a multifaceted fundraising programme
- Organise 3 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 3' 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.

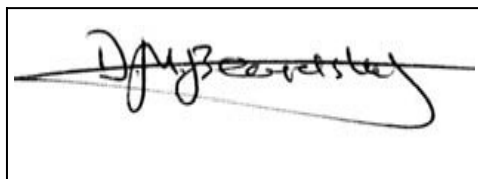
- Work with South African schools to develop an Indigenous Zulu Games project for UK schools
- In collaboration with KZN Department of Education and other agencies develop a programme of work with Thembinfundo Special School in South Africa introducing modified sports and related Physical Education activities. Explore the possibility of drilling a Bore Hole at Thembinfundo to provide sustainable clean running water
- 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
- Expand both the Literacy and Shoes programmes started in 2025
- Introduce the Bambisanani Ubuntu Schools linking UK and SA schools in specific 'one to one' school partnerships
- 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

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025



