



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2025

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
	Brogan O'Connor		Appointed 10 Nov 2020	Board of Trustees
6	Peter Iliff		Appointed September 2025	Board of Trustees

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;

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- relationship with any related 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

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.

2025 was a year of strong progress and meaningful impact for the Bambisanani Partnership. Working together with partners and communities, the Partnership continued to turn shared vision into action delivering initiatives that make a real difference in people's lives. Throughout the year, Bambisanani focussed on programmes that responded to community-identified needs while supporting long term growth and resilience. By placing communities at the centre of its work, the Partnership ensured that initiatives were relevant, inclusive and grounded in local realities. This approach strengthened trust and encouraged shared ownership of outcomes.

Collaboration remained the foundation of Bambisanani's success in 2025. By bringing together diverse partners around a common purpose, the Partnership improved coordination, used resources more effectively, and expanded its overall reach. This collective effort enabled greater impact than any single organisation could achieve alone. The focus of our activities in our nineteenth 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. Two members of The Jordan Sinnott Foundation Trust joined the team of volunteers in South Africa this year.

Primary and secondary school learners participated in a range of activities including Leadership programmes, Sports Festivals and Tournaments. Cycling Clinics, Literacy programmes and wider curricular and extra-curricular school activities

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 final year of a three-year agreement. Following a Review and further consultation a 3 Year Agreement from Summer 2026 – 2029 has already been signed.

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, Kit Aid, The Jordan Sinnott Foundation Trust, The Rob Stephenson Trust, Zulufadder Children's Trust, Rotary International, Oxted One World, Global School Alliance and the Sport at the Service of Humanity Foundation.

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

A Literacy initiative introduced by 8-year-old volunteer supporting World Book Day and the KZN Dept of Education Literacy Priority Initiative has continued into a second year

Water Tanks were provided at Thembinfundo School as an emergency sanitation measure and a Bore Hole has repaired to access clean water.

The charity has been recognised for its contribution towards UN Sustainable Development Goals 3,4,5,6,10 and 17

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

Overall, 2025 stands out as a successful and impactful year for the Bambisanani Partnership in terms of our charitable purpose. The progress achieved reflects the dedication of partners, community members, and supporters who believe in the power of working together. As Bambisanani looks ahead, it does so with confidence, strengthened relationships, and a continued commitment to creating positive and lasting change.

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.

Projects: All projects are 'needs led' and involve the local community at every stage.

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 80 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 7,515 young people from both countries involved in Bambisanani Programmes and Projects**
- 35 young people from three institutions in the UK together with 10 members of staff volunteered in South Africa for a period of more than 3 months in total. This involved 32 different schools of which 7 were new to the programme
- *Since the Bambisanani Partnership began a total of 34,844 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 four years the number of educational establishments involved in our work has increased from 17 to 60*
- Students involved in the Volunteer Programme recorded an average of a 39% improvement across a range of 10 key Employability Skills.
- 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 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, Water Installation Project, Sports and Leadership provided by the charity. The school has move from a Matriculation Pass rate of less that 20% to one now of over 90%.
- The *Cycling to Success* programme in partnership with KZN Cycling continues to thrive and this year saw us teach 3,490 young people from some of South Africa's most rural, remote and deprived areas how to ride and maintain bikes. This year the programme reached the significant milestone of working with 10,000 young people since inception; this achievement was recognised in the South African Parliament.
- The *Bambisanani International Athletics Challenge* expanded to include 13 schools from South Africa and the UK involving 346 students. Since this programme began 2,023 primary school children from both countries have participated in the initiative
- 17 Bambisanani Awards presented to three South African schools recognising and rewarding achievement of students
- One student from Mnyakanya School have been awarded Bambisanani Partnership bursary as a contribution towards their university fees.
- A Literacy initiative by our youngest volunteer (9 years of age) has now brought over 2000 reading books to two rural primary schools and an orphanage over past two years
- In conjunction with UK charity, *Kit Aid* and the Norwegian charity, *Zulufadder* over 2000 sports kits were sent to and distributed in South Africa this year
- The charity has continued to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goals: 3,4,5,6,10 and 17
- The University of Leeds gained a *Global Impact Award* for its Bambisanani work in South Africa
- Clean drinking water was brought to Thembinfundo Primary School with the provision of a repaired Bore Hole, 2 Water Tanks and additional plumbing.
- Several national and international articles have been published highlighting the impact of the charity, including a feature in the prestigious *Triologue Business*

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Handbook 2025.

- The BBC also interviewed the CEO about the success and impact of the charity

For additional supportive information also see:

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Section E

Financial review

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 £62,396.

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 quarantees and no debt outstanding at the year end.

INCOME	
Donations	15,505
Fundraising	7,537
Interest	811
TOTAL INCOME	23,853
EXPENDITURE	
Insurance	923

Conferences	
IT support	1,231
Equipment	
Cycling	6,601
Student bursary	
General Expenses	240
UK visit	1,000
Bank charges	75
Special school	
Funds online	
Water Project	3,610
Shoe Project	1,124
Sports Equipment	1,168
Books	247
Trophies	76
Minibus for Shirts	218
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,513

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
- Review Policies with a focus on Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Deliver 'Year 3' of the Joint Development Plan with KZN Cycling expanding the Cycling initiative to 5,000 children pa in rural KZN. Agree a further 3 Year Plan (MOU) with KZN Cycling with a particular focus on increasing both the number and percentage of girls involved in the programme.
- Review 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.
- 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
- Continue to work with partners in South Africa to improve clean water provision and sanitary conditions at Thembinfundo Special School
- 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 'Shipping' possibilities from the UK to SA with the Cardinal Partnership
- Via Newcastle College 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

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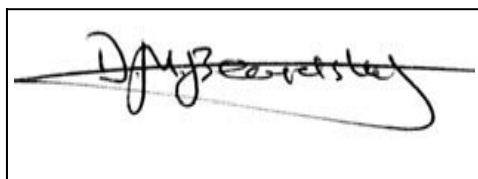
- Continue to work with a range of partners in South Africa to build a sports ground for the Mnyakanya community
- Expand both the Literacy and Shoes programmes started in 2024
- Introduce an Ubuntu and Sport Arts Project to schools in both countries
- Introduce the Bambisanani Ubuntu Schools linking 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
- Consider two University Bursary applications for disadvantaged SA students
- 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
- Complete substantial academic article for publication regarding the partnership in conjunction with the University of Alberta, Canada
- Plan appropriate 20th Anniversary Events and Celebrations

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

5th February 2026