



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 March 2023 **Period start date** to **29 February 2024**
Period end date

Charity name: ANNIE WALSH MEMORIAL SCHOOL (AWMS) OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION (UK BRANCH)

Charity registration number: 1165222

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of pupils attending the Annie Walsh Memorial School, Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa in such ways as the Trustees may determine from time to time.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In planning our activities for the year, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit were considered and taken into consideration. Our fundraising activities for this period were as follows: 1. Thanksgiving Service – March 2023 2. Annie-Grams social event - June 2023 3. Africana Night event – November 2023
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees are aware of guidance in respect of public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity is managed by alumni who are volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours they put into managing the Association's affairs. They also pay annual subscriptions and give donations from time to time.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Alumni who are volunteers try their very best to raise funds to continue to support the school and pupils in Freetown.</p> <p>Since the lifting of the Covid restrictions, the association has organised a number of face-to-face fundraising events which have been successful.</p> <p>At all these events, we have appealed to individuals and our supporters to sponsor these under privilege girls at our alma mater.</p> <p>Trustees continue to explore other ways of raising funds to carry out our aims and objectives as set out in our governing instrument, such as sponsored walks participated by members etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our yearly scholarship awards have benefitted about 50 disadvantaged pupils from all backgrounds at the school each year. 2. Our association has continued to support some of the building /development projects going on in the school. 3. Ongoing refurbishment of the school's chapel, washrooms and toilets at the school was undertaken to enable the girls to receive their education in a clean and safe environment. 4. The association has sponsored teacher development programmes to enhance their ICT capabilities as well professional development programme.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As per report from Independent Accountant
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As above
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	As above
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	As above

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Refer to report from Independent Accountant
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Reserve policy to cover scholarship awards
Other		None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution & Bye-Laws
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed every two years at the Annual General meeting held in February. (Next AGM February 2025)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	During their induction, Trustees are encouraged to study the Byelaws, which is the governing document of the association. Safeguarding, health & safety courses are undertaken.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ANNIE WALSH MEMORIAL ACHOOL (AWMS) OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION (UK BRANCH)
Other name the charity uses	AWOGA UK
Registered charity number	1165222
Charity's principal address	1 MILLERS TERRACE SHRUBBERY ROAD GRAVESEND KENT DA12 1JW

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	Claudia Bultman	Chair		
2	Rosemond Amado-Taylor	Secretary		
3	Dannette Davies	Treasurer		
4	Nadia Palmer	Vice Chair		
5	Gertrude Morgan	Social Secretary		
6	Lorraine Davies	Asst Treasurer		
7	Emilda Thompson	Asst Social Secretary		
8	Julie Awoonor-Gordon	Trustee		
9	Olga Buck	Trustee		
10	Mel Sawyer	Trustee		
11	Dennishia Showers	Trustee		
12	Edith Wilson	Asst. Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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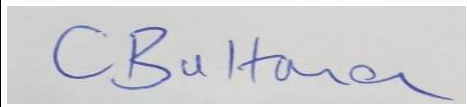
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	CLAUDIA BULTMAN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	19/12/2024	

**The Annie Walsh Memorial School
Old Girls Association (UK Branch)**

Registered Charity number 1165222

**ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st MARCH 2023 TO 29th FEBRUARY 2024**

AWOGA

Accounts for the period from 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024


Charity Name	The Annie Walsh Memorial School Old Girls Association
Working Name	AWOGA
Charity Number	1165222
Bank	Nat West Bank, 504 Brixton Road, London, SW9 8EW
Independent Accountant	Crest Accounting Ltd, 49 Verdayne Avenue, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey. CR0 8TW

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024

	Unrestricted Funds Period Ended 29 February 2024 £	Restricted Funds Period Ended 29 February 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS Period Ended 29 February 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS Period Ended 28 February 2023 £
Incoming Resources (Note 3)				
Voluntary Income	32,219	16,412	48,631	37,101
Gift Aid			0	0
Interest	538		538	28
Total incoming resources	<u>32,757</u>	<u>16,412</u>	<u>49,169</u>	<u>37,129</u>
Costs of Providing Charitable Activities (Note 4)				
Cost of providing Charitable Activities	33,616	8,425	42,041	21,772
Charitable Activities	11,389		11,389	7,644
Independent review	350		350	350
Total Resources expended	<u>45,355</u>	<u>8,425</u>	<u>53,780</u>	<u>29,766</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(12,598)</u>	<u>7,987</u>	<u>(4,611)</u>	<u>7,363</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total Funds brought forward	<u>68,115</u>	<u>6,659</u>	<u>74,774</u>	<u>67,411</u>
Total Funds carried forward	<u>55,517</u>	<u>14,646</u>	<u>70,163</u>	<u>74,774</u>

AWOGA
Balance Sheet as at 29th February 2024

	29 February 2024	28 February 2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets	500	0
Current Assets		
Prepaid	8,680	1,089
Cash at bank and in hand	61,333	74,035
Accrued Income		0
Total Current assets	<u>70,513</u>	<u>75,124</u>
Creditors falling due within one year (Note 5)		
Accrued Costs	(350)	(350)
Net Assets	<u>70,163</u>	<u>74,774</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	55,517	68,115
Restricted Funds	14,646	6,659
Total Funds	<u>70,163</u>	<u>74,774</u>

Approved: 
Position: President
Date: December 22, 2024

AWOGA
Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

*the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

*and with the Charities Act 2011.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations are included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources and incoming resources from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its members. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are directly allocated.

Fixed assets

	Computer Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 March 2023	358
additions	1,000
<u>At 28 Feb 2023</u>	<u>1,358</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 March 2023	358
2023	500
<u>At 28 Feb 2024</u>	<u>858</u>
Net Book Value	
At 1 March 2023	0
<u>At 28 Feb 2024</u>	<u>500</u>

Note 2: Trustees Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to the trustees in the 12 month period ended 29th February 2024

Note 3: Analysis of incoming resources

	Total Funds 12 month period to 29th February 2024 £
<i>Voluntary income:</i>	
Unrestricted donations	32,219
Restricted donations	16,412
Gift Aid	0
<i>Investment income:</i>	
Bank Interest	538
Total	<u>49,169</u>
	12 month period to 29th February 2024 £

**Note 4: Analysis of costs of providing
charitable activities**

General Admin	3,180
Website	610
Insurance/Legal	139
Cost of Fundraising	38,112
Total	<u>42,041</u>

Note 5 : analysis of Creditors

Accruals: Independent Review	<u>350</u>
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Annie Walsh Memorial School Old Girls Association (UK Branch) AWOGA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

29 February 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165222

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

1. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

23/12/2024

Name:

Patricia Jane Ward

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCMA, CGMA, MiP

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.