

# PAZAPA CHURCH STRETTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1167025

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-05-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 'TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY SUPPORTING THE TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF MONEY (OR OTHER MEANS DEEMED SUITABLE) FOR THE PAZAPA CENTRE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS IN HAITI OR OTHER PERSONS, BODIES AND/OR ORGANISATIONS WITH SIMILAR MISSIONS.'

**Activities:** Provides financial support to Pazapa a school for disabled children in Haiti

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Haiti

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,231	£5,510	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,618	£1,820	-	-
2022-12-31	£4,494	£7,241	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,440	£3,203	-	-
2020-12-31	£4,013	£4,116	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev NOEL BEATTIE</b>	Chair	2019-05-02
Annabella Moira Orpen Brian		2025-12-10
Graham Duncan Jackson		2018-02-28
HELEN RUTH CRUMPTON		2019-05-02

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**Chairman's Report**  
**Pazapa Church Stretton**  
**2024**

We are a small, local charity which tries to support the lives of children and families in a very special school, in Haiti, classified as SEN provision. It *is* a very special, professionally run school in a very poor country, which suffered a devastating earthquake, of 2010, and is subject to frequent violent Caribbean storms. It is good to recall that it was the earthquake that got us, on the other side of the planet, involved.

Haiti has a history of slavery, upon which the western world became very rich. This people have an inherited resilience that provoked them to resist invasion by Napoleon's brother-in-law, to be the only black colony to win their own freedom. In 2024 they face a new threat through criminal gangs having taken control of the food supplies at the capital, port of Port-au-Prince, forcing the price of food up beyond the affordability of most Haitians. That resilience was tested again.

Even though the gangs had not yet travelled over the mountain range which lies between the capital and the south, Pazapa in Jacmel is affected. They are managing to feed the children and families in the community. Currently it is our contribution among others which enables them to transcend this crisis for now.

We have had fantastic donations from those who attend our events. Our Friends too are very generous in their regular gift-aided donations which make it possible for us to predict the funds we can send over the year. We are profoundly grateful to both groups for their generosity and to our Friends Association for their reliability. I think the story of Haiti does engage our empathy.

In particular I admire the commitment of our volunteer members of the committee, some of whom have been with us from 2010. It is a very happy and loyal group of people and the best of company. I have a high respect for every one; they make things happen and without whom, the charity just could not have survived as long as 14 years. I thank them all for their hard work; their humour and fun.

I do want to thank profoundly those from the Band on the Edge who gave us a splendid and popular jazz evening in the spring and the trio of musicians: Richard, Sarah and Chris, who gave us their time and talent in our delightful summer concert in July.

Noel Beattie

## **Pazapa Church Stretton**

**Charity number 1167025**

### **Treasurer's report for AGM 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 for year ending 31 December 2024**

During 2024 the generosity of our regular donors (both those who donate monthly and those who make generous `one off' donations, and other friends and those who attended events, meant that we were able to transfer donations totalling £5236 to the Pazapa School via the Siloe foundation. This was a larger sum than usual due to a request from Pazapa to send a single, larger, sum in order to obtain match funding from a third party, so a planned transfer was held over from late 2023.

We held a Jazz evening in April 2024 after having to postpone the event at short notice in October 2023. The event was a success and a surplus of £644 was achieved. Our thanks go to the Band on the Edge and to Ray Philpott for his help with the bar and to the Silvester Horne Institute for providing a great venue.

Our second fundraising event was the summer concert with Richard Silk, Sarah Westwood and Chris Lacey. We had a large audience and raised a surplus of £521.

During the year we had 17 friends who make monthly donations which also enabled us to claim Gift Aid of a total of £515. We should again put on record our sincere thanks, on behalf of the Pazapa School to those friends.

Financial position 2025 (to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

We have recently been able to transfer £3499 to Siloe and have a current balance of £644.25. Our monthly income from regular donors is £172 from 18 donors.

Graham Jackson



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## **Pazapa Church Stretton**

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**Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

AGM 4<sup>TH</sup> September 2024

Chairman's Report for 2023

As always our small committee over-stretched themselves to run a programme of funding events which are popular and generate an often surprising generosity of donations. We try to get the message across about why we, in the Strettons, should keep supporting this special needs school and clinic, so very far away. Those who deliver the message are well received and the response accordingly rewards the effort.

The ongoing traumas for the Haitian people remain increasingly challenging, The present one is an epidemic of gang-violence and oppression of the people by controlling access to food and other necessities of life, forcing prices high and beyond the poor. Whilst Jacmel, where our school is located, is not so much affected by the violence, food shortages are country-wide. Pazapa is the only body which can support the people in the neighbourhood of isolated and poor families. At present the school functions well but they need to spend more money on food, than they should. It is about survival in this community until this gang warfare against the people ceases.

We have a valued band of loyal and regular sponsors who provide the base resources from which we can continue to support the school. We are indebted to them for their loyal, dedicated support. Our thanks go to those who have stayed with the charity, some for many years.

Again, I am proud of our committee and their partners, who have continued with us over the 12 years life of the charity in the Strettons. Thank you to you all.

Like all charities we need to attract new and younger members. We welcomed this year a committed Friend onto our committee, John Milham. There is room for others and that must be one of the issues we need to address in the following year.

Noel Beattie

### **Pazapa Church Stretton. Treasurer's report for 2023.**

During 2023 our generous and loyal Friends continued to provide a large proportion of the charity's income: a total of £2005 out of an overall income of £3617.

The Spring quiz evening was again very successful, raising over £500. We have been privileged to have Ben and Lynne Warren hosting these over several years. They are taking a well earned break from leading quizzes and so we extend our thanks to them.

The summer concert raised £525 in donations (before costs) and this remarkable sum is due to a combination of the audience's generosity and the quality of the musical entertainment provided by Richard, Sarah and Chris.

We were unable to go ahead with the planned jazz evening in October due to low ticket sales. The event was postponed until the following April (2024). This meant that the expected income was not received and so the overall income for the year was lower than in previous years.

One donation to Pazapa via the Siloé foundation, of £1699 was made during the year. We offered a further donation towards the end of the year but were asked to delay this until Spring 2024 in order to allow Siloé to obtain match funding from another donor. The holding over of a donation meant that the closing bank balance at the end of 2023 was larger than in the previous year despite the postponement of the jazz evening fundraiser.

Graham Jackson, Treasurer.



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## **Pazapa Church Stretton Chairman's Report 2022**

The Church Stretton community has been supporting the Pazapa Church Stretton charity since 2010, the year of the devastating earthquake. We manage to send funds some 3 times a year to Pazapa school and clinic in the deeply troubled and impoverished Haiti.

We are a small local charity with long-serving, committed volunteers and a good body of loyal Friends who donate gift-aided funds regularly. In the 12 years we have contributed approximately £50,000 which provides some of the necessary finance to help towards enabling the following to happen.

- Pazapa's (Step by Step in Creole) outreach programme monthly dry food distribution for those families desperately in need of nutrition.
- One hundred children regularly benefit from Pazapa's anti-epileptic programme receiving the medication they need to be safe and go to school.
- Specialist casts and braces are provided for children with clubfoot, and adapted play equipment has been installed at the school so children can engage in physical activities alongside their peers.

Amidst the turmoil of earthquakes, tropical storms, gang and political violence, fuel shortages and spiralling inflation, the need for places at the school and for outreach services and support has increased. Step by step, Pazapa is providing a beacon of hope to children and their families in Haiti.

The greater proportion of our fund-raising is done through three popular events. Our Quiz in March which is regarded as one of the best quiz events of the year, given by our Quiz master Ben Warren and his wife Lynne who have given this quiz for 5 years; we thank them for the many months of research and preparation. The other two are the promotion of two arts events: a summer classical ensemble and an evening of live jazz, both of which are of a very high standard. Thus, we also give back to the community really high quality entertainment through the generosity and gifts of our performers, to whom we are profoundly grateful. They are Richard Silk and Friends and Band on the Edge, and always a great pleasure to have with us.

None of this would happen without the dedicated work of our committee with whom I as chair find it a real joy to work. And indeed, the committee itself is glad to have the backing of our regular donors who give us a regular income and we thank them full heartedly. Not least are those who come to the events and are generous in their donations.

Noel Beattie  
August 2023

## Pazapa Church Stretton Treasurer's report for AGM 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

The charity's financial year is from January to December and this report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Once again, we, and the children, staff and management of the Pazapa project are very grateful to the Friends who make regular donations. We have 17 such Friends donating £165 per month in total. The gift aid associated with this giving adds a further 25% - increasing an already significant sum.

During 2022 our fund raising events were able to return to the pattern established prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and many people supported these events, enabling us to raise money and be part of enjoyable events.

Ben and Lynne Warren prepared and led the quiz in March to their normal excellent standard and between ticket sales and a raffle we raised £421. It was in some ways a poignant event as the previous quiz had been held in March 2020 – probably the last event in Church Stretton before the lockdown.

In June we held a morning concert in the URC where Richard Silk, Sarah Westwood and Chris Lacey treated the audience to a summer based programme. The three musicians do not charge for this and their generosity and that of the audience enabled a net sum of £326 to be raised on the morning.

We again held a Jazz concert in October – with 'Band on the Edge' providing an excellent evening of entertainment. Ticket sales, bar sales and a raffle gave an overall sum of nearly £900.

We have a number of supporters who make one of gifts during the year and we would like to acknowledge this and to thank them for their continued support.

Transfers of funds to Pazapa, via Siloe, were made on three occasions in 2022, totalling £7099. This sum is greater than a typical year because the year started with funds in the bank ready to transfer. Our total income was £4493.90 and expenditure was £7241.25. The closing bank balance was £550.08.

Banking: On line banking with two trustees to independently approve any payments or transfers has worked well. The main difficulty is with the closure of the Church Stretton (and then Shrewsbury) branches of T.S.B. Access to cash floats and the banking of cash receipts from events is becoming an increasing challenge for small charities like Pazapa Church Stretton.

Graham Jackson 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

### Update

In 2023 we have held a quiz (raised £467) and a summer concert (£482) and made one transfer to Siloe of £1699.00. The bank balance on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is £1652.58.



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Chairman's 2021 REPORT  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 AGM

In Haiti 2021 was a very difficult year for all Haitians. Setbacks happened in waves: an earthquake, the assassination of President Moïse, Tropical Storm Grace, gang violence, kidnappings, and always, COVID. Bad news is frequent in Haiti but all this together was devastating for all communities.

Somehow. in their own words:

*"the Pazapa Centre for Children with Disabilities (CWDs) had persevered through 34 years of hurricanes, uprisings, and earthquakes, and it persevered this year, too. Amid all the difficulties, there were achievements"*.

Those achievements were:

In February 2021 Pazapa's rural outreach programme completed Club Timoun (means 'child' in Kreyol). This is a building for social-educational meetings of 14 CWDs and their families in rural Lafond, near Jacmel.

Since the earthquake of 2010, the original building had fallen into disrepair. Parents and community leaders oversaw the solid design and construction, and they donated their time and labour. The construction was underwritten by a Siloé donation of \$4,000 toward building materials, a large fraction of which came from Pazapa Church Stretton. The Outreach mentors in Lafond now continue inclusive educational activities in this new space, and Club Timoun became a centre for Disability-Advocacy community meetings.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April Pazapa held its first 'Creole Day' Fair. The staff prepared Cassava and peanut butter, coffee and hot chocolate and many other meals and approximately 200 Pazapa families, the Jacmel community and the press were there.

They opened the Special Education School and increased students from 116 to 130. Medical programmes continued with a donation of \$4,500 by First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor.

Here in the UK we were still finding our way through the Covid pandemic in 2021. We did not get started with our fund-raising events until the excellent summer concert in June. The summer afternoon tea with the Friends of Pazapa Church Stretton was a delightful event and people offered generous donations. The Jazz evening in the autumn was well supported and as it was the first gig for the band for two years they did not take any fees, as a token of goodwill.

We have a growing body of Friends who remain loyal with regular donations that is now a substantial part of our funding which we transfer as often as we can in the year. My profound thanks to them all, for their continuing support.

I am also so pleased that we have such a loyal and committed Pazapa Committee, some of whom have been with us from the beginning in 2010. Again, my profound thanks to them, for all they do and bring, on behalf of the Pazapa children, families and staff.

We are always amazed by the achievements of this community in Jacmel in the face of the many hardships. The superb staff have made a real difference to the lives of people there. In our 12<sup>th</sup> year we are proud to be associated with the life and work of this school and clinic.

Thank you, Noel Beattie



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**Chairman's Report of 2020**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

I find it difficult to report at the AGM on the previous year when we are close to the end of next period of time. However this year, we are reporting on a year when things stood still, during the lockdowns and withdrawal from public events. It was framed by the last public event in March, the annual Quiz, just before the first lockdown, and ended by the successful Appeal to the Friends Association and to personal friends, to whom we owe much gratitude. In fact we, the Committee were not inactive, nor indeed were the Friends who maintained their regular monthly donations and to those others who made one-off donations during the year. I do recall a measure of anxiety in running the Quiz at that time but it was really such a good evening on which to begin our suspension.

**The Newsletter:** Helen, Graham and Louise put together a very attractive Appeal Newsletter which was so well received, and inspired a return, helping to keep funds flowing to our Pazapa school and clinic - our thanks to them all. And to all of you, who supported this cause during that time.

**Regular Donations:** I want to draw attention to the trend which we have seen grow over the years and particularly this year kept Pazapa in the public mind and I want to celebrate this with you. I would like this to go out to the Friends. It was 88% of giving plus Gift Aid that sustained our contribution in 2020. In a more regular year with 3 events it was 55%. The events themselves can raise that proportion of our total funds even more.

I want to finally thank all our Friends, Supporters and interested people for your attention to our cause, your commitment and support. I want again to express my profound thanks for the loyalty of the members of the Committee, everyone, including those who after many years have stood down; and of course, the enjoyment of working with such a great and generous group of people.

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