

HOOKE COURT IN MALAWI

England & Wales · Charity number 1167089

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2016-05-13

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:IMPROVING PRIMARY EDUCATION PRACTICE IN RURAL AREAS OF AFRICAPROVIDING CHILDREN IN THESE AREAS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

Activities: The charity works in a rural area of northern Malawi supporting 9 primary schools in the Bandawe zone. Volunteers spend two weeks every summer working with children and teachers to help improve education. Trustees raise money to provide educational resources for all the schools on annual basis. trustees visit the area at regular intervals to check on progress and use of resources.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Malawi

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£29,759	£24,044	-	-
2024-08-31	£32,580	£44,885	-	-
2023-08-31	£23,473	£20,043	-	-
2022-08-31	£15,340	£20,110	-	-
2021-08-31	£16,172	£18,663	-	-
2020-08-31	£19,937	£7,113	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN VIAN	Chair	2015-09-01
CAROLINE Williams		2015-09-01
Daphne Belcher		2017-10-10
FIONA BOGGIS		2015-09-01
Gillian Felicity Brugge		2018-10-05
Marilyn Leah		2017-12-04
PETER COOPER		2018-10-05
RICHARD MCNEAL		2015-09-01
SARAH MCCONNELL		2015-09-01
SUSANNA MCNEALL		2015-09-01
christopher McConnell		2023-11-29

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Accounts

HOOKE COURT in MALAWI Chairman's Report 2025

2025 has been another successful year in the support given to the primary schools in Malawi. Continual contact has been made throughout the year with the schools and the PEAs thanks to the work of secretary Fiona Boggis and treasurer Sarah McConnell. For this we are very grateful.

Regular donations have been received which has enabled us to purchase equipment for the schools in the two zones.

Achievement and Performance 2025

Summer Project 2025

Four Trustees and a representative from Prodigal Bikes volunteers took part in the summer programme.

All 8 schools in the Bandawe Zone were visited by three trustees. The Headteachers were present and were welcoming. It was good to see some of the classroom displays provided in previous years still being used and to see that the Malawian teachers had added their own resources to the classrooms. Many classrooms remain without desks and doors and are in a poor state of repair.

The new classroom at Mkundi School, funded by The Mercers' Livery Company, was officially opened; representatives from the Nkatabay Education Office came for the ceremony and the two local Chiefs gave speeches of thanks. All receipts for the building work were seen and checked by the trustees.

Kapesca's new classroom, funded by St Marys's Primary School, Swindon, was also opened, again another celebration was had with the entire community present.

Eight out of ten Chintheche schools were visited, the new PEA accompanied the team on their travels. Many of the schools are at a distance from Chintheche which brings difficulties for both staff and pupils. The most rural schools have poor structures and lack sufficient staff; this can lead to a worrying drop out rate of pupils.

All Head teachers said how much they appreciated the

support of HCiM, particularly the provision of bicycles and resources.

Sponsored Pupils

Pupils who are being sponsored by a sponsor in the UK were seen. Gifts from the UK were handed out and thank you letters from the children for their sponsors were written. Six of the pupils have finished secondary school this year; three have gained enough points in their final exams to earn a place at a Government University, one at an independent University, and one of the boys with Hearing Impairment is working as an apprentice with Prodigal Bikes.

Edwin and Timothy, two boys who were sponsored previously, both reported in; Timothy has completed his university degree and said that he had a placement with the government office in Nkhatabay for six months.

We also met with the Head Teachers of Bandawe Secondary and Bandawe Girls' to make sure all was well with our sponsored children and to ensure links were maintained. The PEA at Bandawe identified six children in need of sponsorship at secondary school; sponsors from the UK have been found for these children.

Educational Resources

The PEA of Bandawe together with the PEA of Chintheche provided a wish list of resources for their schools: exercise books, pens, pencils, flip charts, chalk and markers for all 18 schools have been provided.

Bikes

Nearly all the bikes provided through Prodigal Bikes were accounted for. Peter Bradish Ellames, Prodigal Bikes (PB) representative and Pete Cooper, helped by the PB team in Bandawe - Christopher, Simon and Louis - repaired many of the bikes. Simon has worked as an apprentice for the past 12 months; Louis will be joining him in this role. Four wheel chairs were repaired.

A bike and tools were provided for Frank, another past pupil at HI, who lives away from Bandawe and was identified as being capable of setting up a small bike repair business.

All bikes are greatly appreciated as they make life easier for those teachers who have to travel long distances to school.

Sanitary Kits

100 sustainable sanitary kits donated by Dignity by Design, Yeovil, and 300 pairs of girl's underwear were distributed; material was bought for pupils at HI to make their own kits. Patience, at Mkundi, has made 40 kits during the year.

School in a Bag

Fifty 'School in a Bags' were given to pupils in the Bandawe Zone; the Head Teachers reported that the bags had a positive impact on the attendance and performance of the pupils.

Knitting and associated resources

Local ladies made fourteen blankets out of the knitted squares taken out from the UK; ten blankets were given to the Hearing Impaired school and four to the Special Needs room.

Uniform donated by William Perkin's School was distributed to schools in the Bandawe Zone.

School for the Hearing Impaired

The money from the Swedish family was given to the school for food.

The playground built last year, summer 2024, has been well used and was in need of repair; this was achieved and extra swings were added.

Sponsorship

At present we have links with four UK schools who in contact with each other via whatsapp messaging and fundraise for their partner school.

East Allington for Munkhokwe

St George's, Weston Super Mare for Chivumu

St Mary's Swindon for Kapesca

Rydon for Mkundi

Container

£200 was donated to Prodigal Bikes who "bought" space in a container being transported to Malawi by *Changing Stars Malawi*. Bikes, sewing machines, carpentry equipment and sundry other items were delivered to Bandawe and distributed amongst the various schools.

Fund Raising

The application to The Mercers' Livery Company for funding for a classroom at Mkundi was successful and the project has been completed.

An 80's disco raised much needed funds.

Generous donations from Dylan Cooper's birthday celebration were received.

Future Plans and Challenges

Summer Volunteer Project August 2026

The PEAs and teachers have requested more teacher training and Management training for Head Teachers.

The classrooms need general maintenance, repair of doors, floors and the blackboards need painting.

Many schools say that they need new classrooms.

We plan to continue to build strong relationship with the two PEAs and encourage shared working practices.

I wish to thank all the Trustees for their continuing support for the work we are undertaking supporting the schools in Malawi and also Prodigal Bikes, Dignity by Design and School in a Bag.

We look forward to continuing our work making a difference to so many children through the support given to their schools in Malawi.

Alan Vian

October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Heads of Court in Whitehall

No. (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from		To	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Summer Programme	-	3,372	-	3,372	6,944
General donations	3,243	-	-	3,243	2,361
school sponsorship	-	11,426	-	11,426	11,202
sanitary products	-	300	-	300	-
School in a Bag	-	996	-	996	700
Pupil sponsorship	-	8,194	-	8,194	6,127
prodigal bikes	-	503	-	503	475
Gift Aid	1,725	-	-	1,725	4,265
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	507
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,968	24,791	-	29,759	32,580
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,968	24,791	-	29,759	32,580
A3 Payments					
summer programme	-	3,265	-	3,265	14,017
general donations	2,843	-	-	2,843	21,012
school sponsorship	-	12,726	-	12,726	5,483
sanitary products	-	486	-	486	-
schoo, in a bag	-	346	-	346	-
pupil sponsorship	-	3,609	-	3,609	4,373
prodigal bikes	-	568	-	568	-
bank charges	64	-	-	64	-
insurance	136	-	-	136	-
Sub total	3,043	21,001	-	24,044	44,885
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,043	21,001	-	24,044	44,885
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,925	3,791	-	5,716	- 12,305
A5 Transfers between funds	- 224	224	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,029	9,997	-	15,026	27,331
Cash funds this year end	6,730	14,012	-	20,742	15,026

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	bank	6,729	14,012	-
	petty cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,729	14,012	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>S. McConnell</i>	SARAH M'CONNELL	3/6/26
<i>Fiona Boggis</i>	FIONA BOGGIS	3/6/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Hooke Court in Malawi

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2025

Charity no (if any)

1167089

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

C. Heptinstall

Date:

28/05/2026

Name:

Claire Heptinstall

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

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

Address:

8 Home Farm Close, Uploders, Bridport, Dorset. DT6 4RS

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

Testing Approach

The examination has been carried out on a sample basis; not all transactions have been reviewed.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a cash receipts and payments basis, which is acceptable under the applicable framework for small charities.

Opening Balances

Opening balances, including the split between restricted and unrestricted funds, have not been re-reviewed and are assumed to be correct based on prior year reviews.

Closing Balances

Closing balances have been agreed to bank statements and records on a sample basis and are appropriately split between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Cash income

A proportion of the charity's income arises from fundraising activities where cash is collected. While a sample of banking records has been reviewed and reconciled to supporting documentation, there remains an inherent risk that not all cash received is fully recorded and deposited.

Trustees should remain mindful that cash handling presents a heightened risk of error or omission. To mitigate this, robust controls should be maintained, including segregation of duties where practicable, prompt banking of receipts, and the use of independent reconciliations of monies collected to amounts banked. Periodic spot checks further strengthen assurance in this area.

In country expenditure / petty cash:

A significant proportion of expenditure is incurred in-country and in local currency, which is consistent with the charity's activities. I note that, during the year, certain payments have been facilitated through the personal bank accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, primarily to minimise foreign currency transaction costs.

While supporting documentation such as receipts and bank statements has been provided to substantiate sampled transactions, this approach presents inherent weaknesses in the audit trail and financial control environment. In particular:

- The use of personal accounts reduces transparency and the segregation between personal and charity funds.
- There is an increased reliance on individuals to maintain complete and accurate records.

It is therefore positive to note that the Trustees intend to explore the establishment of a dedicated charity bank account that minimises foreign currency charges. Implementation of such an arrangement should significantly improve matters noted above going forwards.

In the meantime, mitigating controls are in place, including dual authorisation/initialling of expenditure and retrospective review of supporting evidence.

Overall Comment

Given the charity's size and limited resources, the Trustees have demonstrated a strong commitment to maintaining appropriate financial oversight. Practical controls, including dual authorisation of expenditure and the provision of supporting documentation, are in place and operating as effectively as can reasonably be expected in the circumstances. While there are inherent risks, particularly around cash handling and the temporary use of personal accounts, the proactive steps being considered—such as opening a suitable bank account—are positive and should further strengthen transparency and control going forward.

HOOKE COURT IN MALAWI

England & Wales - Charity number 1167089

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Hooke Court in Malawi

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167089

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Tim Watkins

Date:

13-Feb-25

Name:

Tim Watkins

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

FCA of the ICAEW

Address:

St Marys House, West Coker Hill,
Nr West Coker, Somerset BA22 9DG UK

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

The accounts are completed on a cash basis, not accruals as permitted.

Cash income:

The charity receives some income from events where cash is generated. All the cash bankings have been reviewed, but there is a risk that not all of the cash is banked/recorded. This is a common risk to such income that the Trustees should keep under review with segregation of duties assisting.

In country expenditure/petty cash:

Much of the expenditure is made in local currency in country, as is to be expected in this environment.

The Treasurer usually takes the cash out of her own bank account (as is most economical and is reimbursed). In country expenditure is then evidenced where possible, and payments are initialled by two people. There are risks to such a system, where all payments are not evidenced. Additionally, the use of the Treasurer's own account is not ideal, but understood in this circumstance.

The division of duties is helpful in this respect, and the dual initialling of expenditure beneficial. The trustees should keep a close review of the in-country costs/support/documentation to be assured that funds are properly spent.

The opening cash split of restricted/unrestricted funds have not been reviewed.



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/09/2023

To

Period end date
31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Pupil Sponsorship	-	6,127	-	6,127	6,661
School Sponsorship	-	11,202	-	11,202	783
School in a Bag resources	-	700	-	700	-
General Donations	2,361	-	-	2,361	4,886
Fund Raising	507	-	-	507	-
100 Club closure	-	-	-	-	-
Prodigal Bikes resources	-	475	-	475	252
Gift Aid	4,265	-	-	4,265	4,767
Summer programme - income from volunteers for accommodation, travel; donation from Hooke Court Ltd	-	6,944	-	6,944	6,125
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,133	25,447	-	32,580	23,473
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,133	25,447	-	32,580	23,473
A3 Payments					
school supplies	19,068	-	-	19,068	10,692
Kapesca School classroom build	-	5,483	-	5,483	-
Bank Charges	68	-	-	68	75
Insurance	1,876	-	-	1,876	-
Pupil Sponsorship - school fees	-	4,373	-	4,373	7,776
Summer programme expenditure - food, travel, resources for volunteers	-	14,017	-	14,017	1,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,013	23,872	-	44,885	20,043
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,013	23,872	-	44,885	20,043
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,880	1,575	-	- 12,305	3,431
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,909	8,422	-	27,331	23,900
Cash funds this year end	5,029	9,997	-	15,026	27,331

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	5,029	9,747	-
	Petty Cash	-	250	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,029	9,997	-

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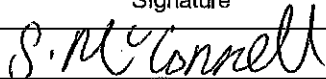
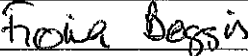
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. M'CONNELL	13/2/25
	Fiona BEGGIS	13/2/25

Hooke Court in Malawi

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1167089

Address: Hooke Court, Dorset, DT8 3NX

Trustees:	Alan Vian	Chair
	Sarah McConnell	Treasurer
	Fiona Boggis	Secretary
	Peter Cooper	
	Caroline Williams	
	Daphne Belcher	
	Suzanna McNeall	
	Richard McNeall	
	Peter McNeall	
	Gilly Brugge	
	Marilyn Leah	
	Christopher McConnell	

Bankers HSBC

Independent Examiner: Tim Watkins

Website: www.malawi.hookecourt.co.uk

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity, number 1167089, operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) by a constitution dated 27/04/16.

Trustees have been appointed for their educational, financial and fund raising skills. They will serve for one year and then stand for re-election. All trustees are required to undergo a DBS check and child protection policies are in place.

Policy decisions are made by the trustees who meet at least 3 times a year for this purpose. Decisions in Malawi may be made by local Educational Advisers only with the approval of the trustees.

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

- To improve primary education practice in rural areas of Malawi

- To provide children in these areas with the opportunity to engage in learning activities inside and outside the classroom
- To provide confidence in the Malawi teachers to train and work with each other

Public Benefit

The beneficiaries of the charity are currently

- Primary school children in the 23 schools in the Bandawe and Chinteché zones, Nkhata Bay, Malawi.
- Ten students are sponsored through secondary education
- Bicycles for selected teachers within the primary schools

Performance

School Support

- Educational Resources

Educational resources were sourced locally and distributed to all schools within the zones

- School in a Bag

100 bags were distributed to pupils in the Chinteché zone; they were chosen for their attainment and attendance.

- Sponsored Schools

We now have 6 UK schools sponsoring schools in Malawi. We used this money to provide educational resources as well as other specific requirements.

Kapesca School received £6500 est. donation to build a classroom

- Summer Programme

A group of 11 volunteers and trustees visited in July / August 2024 and provided teaching to children and teachers in both zones

- Prodigal Bikes

A volunteer from Prodigal Bikes came with the teachers and maintained bikes donated by Prodigal Bikes. They also repaired a wheelchair and a few little bikes for younger children. The bikes are all used by teachers to get to school, meetings at other schools and for transporting exam papers etc. between schools

- School for Hearing Impaired

Money for food had been provided and money raised in memory of one of the founding trustees was used to provide a playground for the children who board

- Sponsored Children

10 children are sponsored through secondary school, each with individual sponsors in the UK. All were seen during the summer programme and school reports were received.

A member of staff from the District Office visited whilst we were in Malawi and recognised our achievements and support.

Future Plans and challenges

- Continue to partner with Prodigal Bikes and send out another consignment of bikes in the autumn of 2024.
- Buy space in a container owned by “Changing Malawi” in order to provide more resources including carpentry equipment.
- Develop the bike maintenance apprenticeship scheme and begin a similar carpentry apprenticeship scheme.
- Try to engage more with the Chintheche Zone, develop a working relationship with the new Primary Education Adviser.
- Develop the teacher training element of the programme in Bandawe
- Apply for grants in the hope of building a second classroom.

Chair of Trustees

Alan Vian

Date 150225