

LONE BUFFALO

Trustees' annual report for the period ended 31 December 2020

Registered charity number 1169163; registered on 13 September 2016
Principal address 7 Mount Harry Road
SEVENOAKS
TN13 3JH

Trustees during the period to 31 December 2020 were

Jackie Thomas
Andrew March
Jeremy Richens
Richard Johns

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its constitution was adopted on 23 June 2016.
All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives

Each year the charity reviews its objectives with reference to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charity's objectives for 2020 were to advance the education and improve the life chances of the young people in and around Phonsavan, Laos through the provision, maintenance and support of the Lone Buffalo English Development Centre.

Activities

The objectives are achieved by providing to students in Phonsavan:

- (a) English language education and training;
- (b) Sport and leisure activities to promote health and social wellbeing;
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- (e) Assistance with volunteer placements in local services and further education opportunities.

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Main achievements

An average of 200 boy and girl students (about 52%/48% ratio) between the ages of 11 and 18 were provided with up to 6 hours per week of structured English language lessons taught by qualified teaching professionals together with the opportunity to participate in team sports, mainly soccer, and individual exercise in the school gymnasium. Film making was a popular extra curricular activity and the LB Media Crew received recognition awards at Student Film Festivals in Taiwan and Korea. 101 new students were enrolled during 2020, and 40 finished their state school studies and 37 of these have progressed to university or college. During 2020 the Student Coffee Co-operative continued to develop basic business skills and promote local produce. 12 more students were recruited by their peers who departed to study at tertiary level. Develop Together, a new programme for senior students was launched in August and is already proving very successful in developing life skills.

Financial review

The charity receives donations from individuals and corporate bodies and sponsorship from the US and UK and other embassies in Vientiane, Laos, and others, towards the cost of specific activities. All funds received, except for some minor costs of governance, are used to support the school.

The charity maintains a cash reserve within unrestricted funds which is sufficient to cover at least six months regular support for the school. However because donations and sponsorship, especially from corporate bodies and embassies, are not received on a regular basis during the year and remittances to support the school are made only when needed by the school, the level of the reserves will from time to time exceed this minimum level.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Jackie Thomas

Date.....8 July 2021.....

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Receipts and payments account for the year to 31 December 2020

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | 2019 Total funds |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Corporate donations | 4,252 | - | 4,252 | 12,248 |
| Personal donations | 22,844 | - | 22,844 | 17,063 |
| US Embassy | 4,929 | 2,733 | 7,662 | 11,026 |
| UK Embassy | 1,460 | - | 1,460 | 4,325 |
| NZ Embassy | - | 11,800 | 11,800 | - |
| Gift Aid recovery | 1,716 | - | 1,716 | 1,342 |
| | <u>35,201</u> | <u>14,533</u> | <u>49,734</u> | <u>46,004</u> |
| Payments | | | | |
| Support for school | 35,665 | 14,936 | 50,601 | 32,094 |
| Cost of generating funds | 216 | - | 216 | 216 |
| IT costs | 1,646 | - | 1,646 | 1,786 |
| Bank charges | 225 | - | 225 | 1,256 |
| | <u>37,752</u> | <u>14,936</u> | <u>52,688</u> | <u>35,352</u> |
| Net of receipts and payments | (2,551) | (403) | (2,954) | 10,652 |
| Funds at 1 January 2020 | 29,948 | 5,203 | 35,151 | 24,499 |
| Funds at 31 December 2020 | <u>27,397</u> | <u>4,800</u> | <u>32,197</u> | <u>35,151</u> |

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2020

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lone Buffalo

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lone Buffalo Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

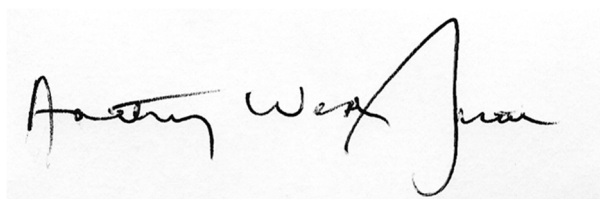
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do 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 & Reports] Regulations 2008 other than any requirement to 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Weston Smith', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Signed:

Name: Anthony S Weston Smith
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales
Address: 132 Oakhill Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1NX
Date: 15th July 2021