

LONE BUFFALO

Trustees' annual report for the period ended 31 December 2021

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 2021 were

Jackie Thomas
Andrew March
Jeremy Richens
Richard Johns

Structure, governance and management

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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 2021 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 in Phonsavan, Laos.

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;
- (c) Activities and other opportunities to develop skills, capabilities and resilience of young people, so they can participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;
- (d) Presentations and field trips to inform young people about their local community and country; and
- (e) Assistance with volunteer placements in local services and further education opportunities.

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Main achievements

Activities in 2021 continued to be disrupted by the Covid pandemic with a second lockdown halting activities between October and December, with only online teaching possible. Nevertheless, when it was possible up to 205 boy and girl students 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. Level 2, 3 and 4 classes completed courses with 85% of these students passing final assessments. 27 Lone Buffalo students completed their final year at High School in 2021. 22 have already started tertiary studies. The Student Coffee Co-operative continued to develop basic business skills and promote local produce. The significant achievement in 2021 was the launch of the 'Barrier Free Learning' programme with students in the four senior classes being provided with tablets to improve the online teaching experience, and to bring technology into the classroom, now we are back to face to face learning. The Lone Buffalo Girls Football Club was launched in 2021, with female students/alumnae managing the coaching, management, promotion and accounts. Lastly the first Develop Together life skills programme was completed, which delivered 16 workshops for 106 senior male and female students.

Financial review

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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.....28 July 2022.....

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Receipts and payments account for the year to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Corporate donations	4,991	-	4,991	4,252
Personal donations	31,658	-	31,658	22,844
US Embassy	1,170	7,785	8,955	7,662
UK Embassy	-	-	-	1,460
NZ Embassy	-	18,802	18,802	11,800
Gift Aid recovery	1,851	-	1,851	1,716
	<u>39,670</u>	<u>26,587</u>	<u>66,257</u>	<u>49,734</u>
Payments				
Support for school	37,011	18,617	55,628	50,601
Cost of generating funds	216	-	216	216
IT costs	4,247	-	4,247	1,646
Bank charges	225	-	225	225
	<u>41,699</u>	<u>18,617</u>	<u>60,316</u>	<u>52,688</u>
Net of receipts and payments	(2,029)	7,970	5,941	(2,954)
Funds at 1 January 2021	27,397	4,800	32,197	35,151
Funds at 31 December 2021	<u>£25,368</u>	<u>£12,770</u>	<u>£38,138</u>	<u>£32,197</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2021

Cash at bank	<u>£25,368</u>	<u>£12,770</u>	<u>£38,138</u>	<u>£32,197</u>
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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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

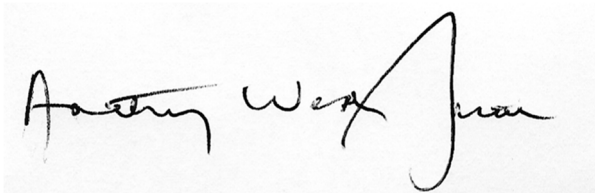
I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 29th July 2022