

Friends of Marsabit
Annual Report of the Trustees and Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

UK Patron: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Administrative Information

Friends of Marsabit is a Charitable Trust, registered with the Charity Commission on 10th October 2016. The charity number is 1169552. It is also regarded as a charity by HMRC for gift aid purposes.

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Trustees who have served between 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024 are:

Revd Lee Batson
Mr Phil Gray *Treasurer*
Rt Revd Rob Martin *Chair*
Mrs Sue Martin
Ven. Ruth Patten
Mrs Elisabeth Wadland *Secretary*
Ven. Alex Cendi

Structure, governance and management

Trustees are appointed according to the terms of the constitution. Trustees meet at least twice a year.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity ('the objects') are:

1. To advance the Christian religion in the Anglican Diocese of Marsabit in Kenya or such areas of Kenya that shall include the area now comprised in the said Diocese by such means as the Trustees may determine, through the provision of grants or other assets.
2. To support local communities within the said Diocese or areas covered by the present Diocesan boundaries to facilitate their survival, education, health, social and spiritual welfare or economic wellbeing.
3. To promote a wider understanding of the problems facing the peoples of Northern Kenya in relation to environmental degradation, climate change, interethnic tensions, traditional practices etc.

The Friends of Marsabit seeks to meet these objects by encouraging individuals and organisations to make financial contributions for the general work of the Diocese of Marsabit, or to respond to individual appeals as they are made. We write regular newsletters to over 400 supporters, visit local UK churches, travel to Kenya, and seek to bring someone from Kenya to UK whenever possible

Review of the year

2024 was the eleventh full year for the Friends of Marsabit (hereafter the Friends), and the trustees met four times in the year, still on zoom, to enable our Kenyan trustee to attend. The database, enabling better communication with those who support the Trust's work, is deemed to be consistent with the requirements of Data Protection Regulations.

During 2024, the Chair of Trustees visited Marsabit and was able to see the latest situation. He visited churches and schools, including two schools for which we have provided grants for classrooms and a laboratory. He took part in the consecration of a new church and visited two churches that had recently been started. He saw the Diocesan plot where they are building rental housing to provide income and help with self-sufficiency. He met with the ladies who make beaded goods, which are taken for sale in the UK to provide them with income for goats and school fees. He also discussed the Diocesan accounts with the accountant to check on the receipt of our grants

Trustee funds raised in 2024 were used to fund several development projects designed to improve the livelihoods of the peoples of Marsabit, and enable the Diocese to become more self-sufficient. Trustees approved the transfer of funds, mainly to support the general running of the Diocese. However, we made other development grants, including grants towards the purchase of another motorcycle, major renovations of the Bishop's house, the training of clergy and young people, school fees and the support of the new secondary schools.

Our three newsletters have kept Friends informed of activities in Marsabit and aware of the challenges faced by the people in the area. We have also circulated the newsletters produced by the Diocese, the Voice of Hope, to our Friends

Financial review

£48, 228 was received during 2024 (2023: £51640). We gave grants totalling £50962 (2023: £54165). The Trust entered 2024 with funds carried forward of £5341 (2023 £7285).

Reserves policy

There is no need for the Trustees to keep any money in reserve as there are no ongoing financial commitments for the charity.

Friends of Marsabit

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2024

1. Introduction

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	—	—	—	—	—
Voluntary income	41,875	6,161	—	48,036	51,640
Activities for generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Investment income	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	41,875	6,161	—	48,036	51,640
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	—	—	—	—	2,205
Cost of generating voluntary income	235	—	—	235	530
Charitable activities	42,648	8,485	—	51,134	54,165
Total expenditure	42,884	8,485	—	51,370	56,902
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(1,009)	(2,323)	—	(3,333)	(5,261)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	978	914	—	1,892	308
Gross transfers between funds - out	(914)	(978)	—	(1,892)	(308)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(945)	(2,388)	—	(3,333)	(5,261)
Total funds brought forward	3,865	3,420	—	7,285	12,547
Total funds carried forward	2,920	1,032	—	3,952	7,285
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	2,920	—	—	2,920	3,865
Designated					
One Off Designated Gifts	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Chelmsford	—	—	—	—	—
Development Projects	—	—	—	—	62
Epping	—	—	—	—	—
Evangelist	—	—	—	—	—
Girl's School	—	125	—	125	125
Medical Costs	—	50	—	50	50
MotorBikes	—	—	—	—	—
New Churches	—	—	—	—	—
Relief and Humanitarian Provision	—	532	—	532	532
Salaries Diocesan	—	284	—	284	0
School Fees	—	40	—	40	1,825
Training and Education	—	—	—	—	825

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	1,344	1,943
Cash at bank and in hand	2,607	5,342
	3,952	7,285
Net current assets less current liabilities	3,952	7,285
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Epping	—	—
Evangelist	—	—
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Medical Costs	50	50
MotorBikes	—	—
New Churches	—	—
Relief and Humanitarian Provision	532	532
Funds of the charity	3,952	7,285

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Chelmsford - Chelmsford							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Chelmsford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Developmnt - Development Projects							
Restricted	62	200	200	(62)	—	—	—
Sub-total for Developmnt	62	200	200	(62)	—	—	—
Epping - Epping							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Epping	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Evangelist - Evangelist							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Evangelist	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Girls - Girl's School							
Restricted	125	—	—	—	—	—	125
Sub-total for Girls	125	—	—	—	—	—	125
Medical - Medical Costs							
Restricted	50	—	—	—	—	—	50
Sub-total for Medical	50	—	—	—	—	—	50
Motorbikes - MotorBikes							
Restricted	—	1,030	1,030	0	—	—	—
Sub-total for Motorbikes	—	1,030	1,030	0	—	—	—
NewChurch - New Churches							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for NewChurch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
OneOff - One Off Designated G							
Designated	—	11,625	11,625	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for OneOff	—	11,625	11,625	—	—	—	—
Relief - Relief and Humanitar							
Restricted	532	—	—	—	—	—	532
Sub-total for Relief	532	—	—	—	—	—	532
SCHFEES - School Fees							
Restricted	1,825	1,778	3,563	—	—	—	40
Sub-total for SCHFEES	1,825	1,778	3,563	—	—	—	40
Salaries - Salaries Diocesan							
Restricted	0	3,152	2,867	(1)	—	—	284
Sub-total for Salaries	0	3,152	2,867	(1)	—	—	284
Training - Training and Educati							
Restricted	825	—	825	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Training	825	—	825	—	—	—	—
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	3,865	30,250	31,259	64	—	—	2,920
Sub-total for General	3,865	30,250	31,259	64	—	—	2,920
Grand total	7,285	48,036	51,370	—	—	—	3,952

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
1007 - Cards Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
1001 - Donations	26,098	11,625	6,161	—	43,884	46,213
1002 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 - Gift Aid	4,151	—	—	—	4,151	5,426
Total	30,250	11,625	6,161	—	48,036	51,640
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
1006 - Bead Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
1004 - Interest Received	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
INCOME TOTAL	30,250	11,625	6,161	—	48,036	51,640

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

2007 - Beads Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
2008 - Visits from Marsabit	—	—	—	—	—	2,205
Total	—	—	—	—	—	2,205

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

2003 - Administration Expenses	235	—	—	—	235	230
2004 - Trustee Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	300
Total	235	—	—	—	235	530

Charitable activities

2001 - Contribution to Diocesan General Account	30,852	11,625	8,485	—	50,962	42,025
2002 - Contribution to Diocesan Development Acc	—	—	—	—	—	12,000
2005 - Bank Charges	171	—	—	—	171	140
2006 - Contribution to Bishop Rob for School Fe	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	31,023	11,625	8,485	—	51,134	54,165
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	31,259	11,625	8,485	—	51,370	56,902
GRAND TOTAL	(1,009)	—	(2,323)	—	(3,333)	(5,261)

This report dated: 12 March 2025

Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of Friends of Marsabit

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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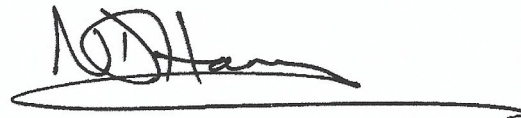
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