

**THE ZAMBEZI SUNRISE TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 8 MAY 2024**

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**M W DENTON  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT  
KEIGHLEY**

THE ZAMBEZI SUNRISE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 8 May 2024.

STATUS: Registered Charity (England and Wales) No 1169587

TRUSTEES: Joanne Gillette  
John Gillette  
Nicola Short  
Robert Smith  
Jonathan Ashley-Norman K.C.

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## **THE ZAMBEZI SUNRISE TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 8 MAY 2024**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The Zambezi Sunrise Trust is a charitable trust and was established pursuant to a Declaration of Trust made on 8 May 2016.

##### **ORGANISATION**

The body of trustees throughout the period of this report comprised the three original trustees, as well as two others. Any further trustees must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called in compliance with the Declaration of Trust. A trustee may resign his or her trusteeship at any time by notifying the other trustees but only if enough trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings.

##### **RELATED PARTIES**

The Charity has no related parties.

##### **TRUSTEES**

Throughout the period of this report the body of trustees comprised the original trustees: Joanne Gillette, John Gillette, Nicola Short, Robert Smith and Jonathan Ashley-Norman K.C.

##### **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the Charity are:

To promote for the public benefit, primarily but not exclusively within the Republic of Zambia, (a) the advancement of education and (b) the relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst children in such manner as the trustees may think fit including without limitation the purchase of books, teaching materials, cooking materials, foodstuffs, cleaning materials, clothing, sporting equipment, building materials or medical supplies or the making of grants for the purchase of the same, the purchase of land upon which to build school facilities, the paying of school fees or the paying of teacher salaries.



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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 8 MAY 2024**

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

This, the eighth year of the charity, saw significant progress in the development of our projects.

Our flagship project, the construction of Linda Community School, a school for vulnerable children in Livingstone, Zambia, continued with the completion of two new significant buildings. The new science block (with water, electricity and gas, as well as equipment for experiments) allows children to study hands on practical science for the first time. This is a major new teaching asset and several other local government schools that lack such a facility have booked teaching time there as well. We also built an 'insaka' that was the subject of the Runner Up prize for the Engineering Outreach Award from the Worshipful Company of Engineers in the U.K. This structure combines traditional architectural elements with an innovative surrounding wall and interior bench made from 'eco-bricks' made by children in the school. The 'insaka', opened by the Mayor of Livingstone, is used to support the feeding programme, as an additional teaching space and, outside school hours, by our women's empowerment group. Both structures were built to budget. We also cooperated with Livingstone City Council in providing an improved access road and dry central area to the school (this was ongoing at the end of the reporting period). 2024 saw the first Grade 12 (the senior school year group in the Zambian education system) begin and complete their studies at the school – a significant development (when we first began building the school it only provided for the seven primary school grades). They were supported with the requisite Grade 12 textbooks and desks. The school also received its Examination Centre status from the government, allowing children to sit public examinations under the school's own auspices. We were again able to distribute significant uniform donations to the school (from supporting schools in the U.K.), provide new desks and other learning materials, as well as conduct maintenance to the existing structures. Internet was installed by supporters for the first time in the head teacher's office and two classrooms. Letter exchanges and video links (including, for the first time, one featuring choirs) between the school and our supporting schools in the U.K. continued.

Our support to Nekacheya Primary School also continued. A new aspect of this was facilitating dyslexia training for the staff via video link from the U.K. Uniform from a supporting school in the U.K. was also donated to this school. Nekacheya also achieved Examination Centre status during this period.

Our support to Njokomalomo Basic School in Western Province / Barotseland was expanded to include the construction of three boarding huts, as well as facilitating the construction of three more by a partner organisation. Uniform donations were also distributed there.

Knitted donations made by our supporters, as well as being distributed in the community and at Linda Community School, were also donated to children at De Santo Centre for The Deaf in Livingstone. Other donations to the community included food and clothing.

Our women's empowerment group, Tiyese ('Let's Try') Craft Initiative, continued to enjoy success. As well as securing an outlet in a busy Livingstone eatery, their products were also chosen to be in the gift shop of The Livingstone Museum, Zambia's premier museum. They also continued to make curtains for our supported schools. They received a major piece of recognition when they were



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invited by the Mayor of Livingstone to represent the city in the exhibition tent during the visit of the President of Zambia for International Women's Day. President Hichilema visited the Tiyese stall and met their spokesperson, as well as two of our trustees.

'Homework Club' continued to be supported and developed at Linda Community School. Adult education classes continued there in the facilities we have previously built. Some teachers at the school were given support in enhancing their teaching qualifications.

Four of our trustees were able to visit Zambia and visit our projects during the reporting period.

Three new schools in the U.K. joined those that already support us. They all enjoyed letter and/or art exchanges with a school in Zambia as well as at least one video link during this period. A dozen schools now support the charity and derive benefit from it through their links to schools and children in Zambia.

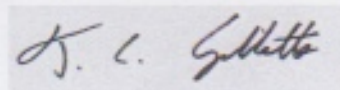
The year's fundraising activities involved events held by several of the schools, as well as by supporters in the U.K. (including doing the Great North Run, other sponsored runs, donating the proceeds of open gardens stalls and a music night) and Ireland (with bake and dress sales). Further well received talks by trustees were given to Women's Institutes. A successful 2023 Big Give Christmas Challenge online campaign raised much of the funding for a large ablution block at Linda Community School that was built in the next reporting period.

The charity received a second Movement For Good Award from Benefact Group.

At the end of the reporting period the charity was well placed to continue pursuing its objects. As well as successful fundraising, the period saw increased support and co-operation with the District Education Board, the Mayor and the City Council in Livingstone, all of whom attended the opening of the new science block and insaka at Linda Community School. The charity was able to confidently look forward to further supporting its beneficiaries in 2024/25.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results shown within these financial statements are in line with the expectations of the trustees.



John Gillette

Trustee

3 February 2025

## THE ZAMBEZI SUNRISE TRUST

### Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The Zambezi Sunrise Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Zambezi Sunrise Trust for the year ended 8 May 2024, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

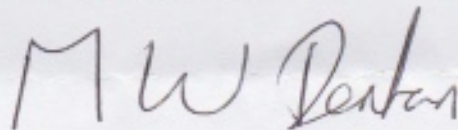
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### 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 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.

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.



M W Denton

Chartered Accountant

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3 February 2025

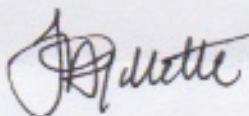


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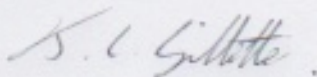
Balance sheet as at 8 May

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Current assets</u>		
Bank account	36,377	57,018
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<u>Net Current assets</u>	36,377	57,018
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	36,377	57,018
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<u>Trust income account</u>		
Surplus of income over expenditure for the year	36,377	57,018
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These accounts were approved by the trust and signed on their behalf by:



Joanne Gillette



John Gillette

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Income and expenditure account

for the year ended 8 May

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Donations and fundraising events income	54,797	49,930
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	54,797	49,930
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<u>Expenditure</u>		
Zambezi Sunrise Trust project expenditure		
In England and Wales	1,330	281
(outside England and Wales, in Zambia)	74,108	64,688
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Surplus of expenditure over income for the year	(20,641)	(15,039)
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