



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Charity name: Rural Schools Water Project

Charity registration number: 1170858

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of Rural Schools Water Project as set out in its governing document are:

"For the public benefit, to relieve poverty and suffering in any part of the world through:

- 1. Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, in particular, but not exclusively, in rural schools and surrounding communities;*
- 2. Promoting healthy lives and raising awareness and understanding of physical and mental health wellbeing for all at all ages;*
- 3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all;*
- 4. Achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture, and;*
- 5. Promoting the reduction and elimination of inequality, and in particular gender inequality affecting women and girls living in poverty."*

The charity's main activities in relation to those purposes were:

- Producing an educational video in Uganda demonstrating a water filtration system to promote safe water practices in rural schools.
- Developing the Rainwater App, a free tool to help users design efficient and resilient rainwater harvesting systems using local climate data.

Throughout the year the structure of the board of trustees was altered to maintain compliance with the requirements of third parties. The board accepted the resignations of Baaldesh Singh, Kimberley Ducimo and Sharon Akech.

The board of trustees was informed on very short notice that our bankers required notarised documentation for trustees with non-British citizenship. Failing to provide this documentation would have resulted in the charity being de-banked. It was impracticable to provide the documentation, and the board accepted the resignations of Sharon Akech and Kimberley Ducimo.

Baaldesh Singh tendered his resignation from the board of trustees after becoming aware of the policies of his employer, an international law firm, which preclude trusteeships.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	RSWP issues small grants to local actors in Uganda to enable their participation in evaluation and community engagement activities on topics of water, sanitation and hygiene. All grants issued in 2024 were paid after evidence of need was received, and only up to levels that were budgeted and agreed in advance of the activities taking place.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	RSWP does not make social or program-related investments

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Filtration Awareness Project – Uganda: In July 2024, trustees Will Knapman and Sharon Akech collaborated with African Water Solutions in Tororo, Uganda, to produce a short educational video demonstrating the use of a Sawyer water filtration system at a rural primary school. This initiative aimed to promote water safety awareness in rural educational settings and to serve as a practical, accessible resource on the installation and use of filtration systems. • Development of the Rainwater app: During the financial year, we initiated the development of the <i>Rainwater</i> app, a free web-based tool designed to help users model and evaluate rainwater harvesting systems using real climate data and local design variables. The app simplifies complex technical calculations, supporting the design of more efficient, cost-effective, and climate-resilient rainwater systems.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	RSWP ended the year with cash of £749 (2023: £808). Trustee expenses of £0 (2023: £1,979) were paid to support evaluation activities in Tororo District, Uganda. The principal source of income was public donations of £15 (2023: £0).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	RSWP aims to hold reserves sufficient to continue operations for 12 months. At present the cost of operations is low enough that available cash is more than sufficient.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties over the charity's going concern status because the cost of its operations is negligible.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election to post by existing board of trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rural Schools Water Project
Other name the charity uses	RSWP
Registered charity number	1170858
Charity's principal address	Cedar House, St. Francis Close, Butingford SG9 9SH



Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Will Knapman	Chair		Board
Matt Coote			Board
Isobel Stewart			Board
Anabella Spanos			Board

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None.

Other optional information


None.



Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) William Knapman

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc) Chair

Date 18/06/2025



Matt Coote

Trustee

18/06/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rural Schools Water Project

No (if any)
1170858

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01 September 2023

To

31 August 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	829
Donations	15	-	-	15	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15	-	-	15	829
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15	-	-	15	829
A3 Payments					
Grants paid	73	-	-	73	180
Foreign transaction fee	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative costs	-	-	-	-	12
Platform fees	0	-	-	0	-
Trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	1,979
Sub total	74	-	-	74	2,171
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74	-	-	74	2,171
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 59	-	-	- 59	- 1,343
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	308	500	-	808	2,150
Cash funds this year end	249	500	-	749	808

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	249		-
	Sage grant for reading materials	-	500	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	249	500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None held	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
	None held		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
None held		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
None held		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval