



Report on the Friends of Potter's Village Charitable Incorporated Organisation (FoPV)

Financial Year July 2023 – June 2024

The Friends of Potter's Village is a funding organisation based in the UK, which provides financial support for Potters' Village Ministry, a Christian project operating under the auspices of the Anglican Diocese of Muhabura in Kisoro, Southwest Uganda, with a Ugandan board managing the project on the ground.

Potter's Village Ministry was set up to provide a Crisis Centre to receive and nurture abandoned or orphaned babies. Over half the babies return to their extended family, with others being fostered or adopted. A few, often with special needs, are eventually resettled in other residential facilities, elsewhere in Uganda. A social worker is employed to oversee all this, check on children up to the age of 5 after their return home and ensure compliance with Ugandan law and requirements.

In the year January 2023-24 they admitted 18 babies to the Crisis Centre. 29 children were resettled to extended family or fostering. They currently have 48 children on community support, and 13 children resident in the Crisis Centre. The children on community support also attend the Centre monthly, to have their weight and general progress assessed and to pick up on any problems. Their social worker also does regular home visits to check on those who find it difficult to attend. The number of children on community support has been reduced, to help with the staff workload and financial commitments.

The Paediatric Medical Centre at Potters Village provides the only neonatal special care unit in the district of Kisoro. It also offers inpatient and outpatient facilities for all children in the district, up to the age of 12. Three Ugandan Clinical Officers oversee the medical care provided. The obstetric services previously provided on site are coming to an end later this year. 859 children have received care as an in-patient and 3838 as an out-patient this year.

A community nutrition program, supporting mothers to keep their child well-nourished on return home, continues to be very successful. The immunisation program remains a vital part of keeping children well and has a high attendance each week. Around 10 mothers who require depot injections to keep mental health problems in check are supported in the community.

The Rehabilitation Unit set up in 2019 to provide a basic level of therapy for disabled children and their families, is growing in popularity. It is staffed by two nurse therapists who have received special training, and a trained physiotherapist joined in February 2024.

A new outpatient clinic for HIV positive patients commenced in May 2019. This is funded by the government and enables the appointment of an HIV counsellor provided by Potter's village. The Ugandan board are currently seeking to appoint this person.

A generous fund raiser in the UK has committed to providing funds to enable 10 nurses to have additional training to diploma level, over the next 5 years. 2 nurses have commenced this program.

The Friends of Potter's Village are running an appeal for a new vehicle for the project, which will cost about £ 30,000 . The vehicle gets very hard wear, transporting staff, children and their relatives, and supplies for the project. It is crucial to the running of Potter's Village and needs to be roadworthy, hence the relatively high cost, but it should last a good long time.

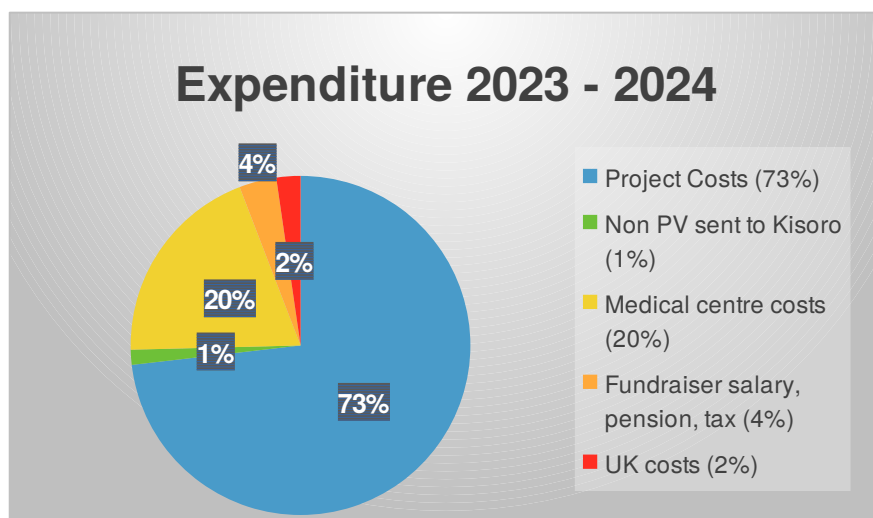
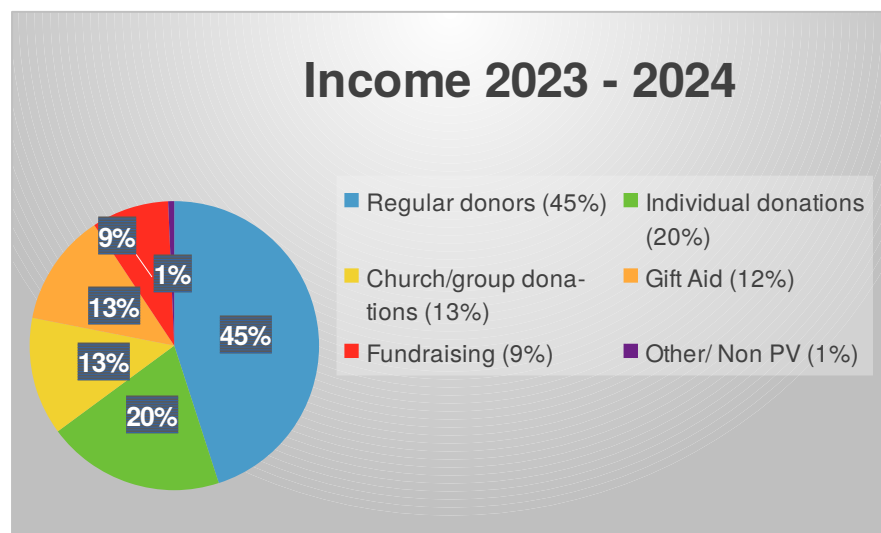
We had a successful Celebration Day held at All Saint’s Church in Marple, in Autumn 23. We used this to keep our supporters abreast of several new developments. We are planning another, to be held in All saints’ Church, Wokingham, next October.

We also had a very successful Trustees’ visit in January 2024. We were able to visit the project and were very heartened to see how well it was running. Relations with the local state hospital are good, and patients are transferred between the hospital and Potter’s Village regularly. The Crisis Centre continues to flourish.

At the end of the previous financial year, we reported a shortfall of Income over Expenditure and knew we had to take steps to rectify this. This year we are able to report an excess of just over £30,000. We achieved this in 3 ways

1. Appealing for more regular donors
2. Being honest about the situation which prompted people to give generously
3. Working with Potter’s Village Ministry to cut down their costs and ensure money is used more efficiently.

The breakdown of total Income and Expenditure for the year is shown below. Included in that is an Income of £29448 in funds restricted for the Medical Centre and an expenditure of £28551 on Medical Centre costs.



Friends of Potter's Village Trust					
Receipts and Payments Accounts					
Charity Number 1173948					
Year ended 30th June 2024					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	2022/23
		£	£	£	£
A1 Receipts					
General donations		64,088		64,088	55,670
Child Sponsorship		43,554		43,554	27,873
Restricted donations			28,913	28,913	29,299
Fund raising - sales etc		0		0	3,617
Interest received		2,905		2,905	1,462
Gift Aid tax recovered		18,617	1,273	19,891	11,824
Receipts on behalf of third parties			464	464	684
Transfer from Potters Village Trust				0	0
Other				0	0
		129,164	30,651	159,815	130,429
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc		0	0	0	0
Total receipts		129,164	30,651	159,815	130,429
A3 Payments					
PVM Capital costs				0	0
PVM Running costs		86,718	22,296	109,014	140,132
Medical Equipment and repairs			2,219	2,219	13,921
Fund raising costs		4,878		4,878	5,575
Charity running costs		4,514		4,514	3,137
Legal expenses				0	0
Payments from receipts on behalf of third parties			1,797	1,797	4,705
Sub total		96,111	26,312	122,422	167,471
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
Total payments		96,111	26,312	122,422	167,471
Net receipts/(payments)		33,054	4,339	37,393	-37,042
A5 Transfer between funds		0			
A6 Cash funds last year end		41,349	54,302	95,651	132,693
Cash funds this year end		74,403	58,641	133,044	95,651
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at end of the year					
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	
		£	£	£	
	CAFBank current	18,137	58,641	76,778	
	COIF Account	59,379	0	59,379	
	Assets	77,516	58,641	136,157	
	Liabilities				
	less held for PVM	-3,113		-3,113	
	Net assets	74,403	58,641	133,044	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

FRIENDS of POTTER'S VILLAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30 JUNE 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1173748

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 JUNE 2024

As the charity's trustees, 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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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; or
- the accounts did 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 and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Stephen Reynolds

Date:

26 February 2025

Name:

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.