

# **Talensi Community Development Foundation Trustees' Annual Report**

Period: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021  
Registration Number: 1174922



## **Statement from the Chair**

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Report for the Talensi Community Development Foundation, our fourth annual report.

We start with sadness as our Treasurer, Linda Milligan, passed away in November 2021. She is missed by many, and the Trustees thank her for her work and enthusiasm to support the setting up of the Talensi CDF and its running in its first four years.

2021 continued to be challenging globally with the Covid19 pandemic but some normality occurred as travel, albeit with restrictions and tests, opened up and Trustees Nick Parker and Juliana Crowe visited the area of benefit to see the work being supported by the Foundation and report back to fellow Trustees.

Thankfully, Ghana continues to be one of the countries least affected by Covid with cases low and life continuing with few restrictions. The community remain vigilant with increase hand washing, mask wearing in more formal settings and community offered vaccination.

While the pandemic continued to have an impact on fundraising, we raised £3,616 (£1,376) and made an investment of £4,545 in improvements at the Tongo Senior High School. The highlight of the years was a live internet link between pupils from Talensi and Worcester, with school choirs sharing songs.

Next year will bring new challenges, which Trustees will seek to overcome so we can continue to support community efforts in Talensi District of Upper East Ghana and meet our charitable objectives.

**Reverend Owain Bell**  
**Chair Talensi Community Development Foundation**

## Objectives

The objectives of the Talensi CDF are to work with and support the Talensi community to:

- i. ensure all young people can access and benefit from training and education
- ii. create opportunities for employment for all
- iii. provide financial and other assistance for the maintenance, improvement and provision of public amenities.
- iv. promote health and wellbeing

In delivering these activities, the Foundation invests in projects that are supported by the community and to sustainably harness and manage the natural resources of the area to help those facing hardship and for mutual benefit.

The Foundation's final objective is to promote and support dialogue between the Talensi community and others in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, to share learning and bring mutual charitable benefits. This may be through links between schools, health practitioners, business, and community groups.

## Activities and Achievements

While Covid19 continued to have an impact on fundraising in 2021, we invested reserves from 2020 and new donations to support improvements to the school. This included installation of ceilings and fans in the Library and IT room. These improvements had been identified as priorities by pupils and staff to create a cooler environment to study in. At the same time, the library was repainted, additional book selves provided, electric plugs provided in each classroom and the exterior of the school painted.

We also collected donated items and shipped these to Talensi District. This included two sewing machines, tools and wellington boots. The sewing machines will support two families to earn an income as tailors, the wellington boots offer protection from snakes when working in fields and collecting Shea Nut and the tools have been donated to the school.

## Related Party Disclosures

In managing the Talensi Community Development Foundation, Trustees receive no remuneration and have made no claims for travel or any other expenses.

## Public Benefit

In selecting the Tongo Senior High School as a project to invest in, the Trustees had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. They have been assured through visits by Trustees, photographs and communication with the Headmaster and Baare Chief, that the investment is benefiting young people from across the Talensi District. It is achieving this by improving their future prospects to secure, knowledge, life skills and pathway to improved financial independence, .

A majority of Trustees have no family links with the area of benefit. Where there are family members, the Trustees ensure any personal benefit is incidental and family members are not the principal beneficiaries.

## Financial Review

During the financial year 2021 the turnover of the charity was £3,440 (£1,376). This was received from donations to the foundation, tax relief on donations and sponsored links on [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and Give as you Live.

During 2021 the Foundation invested £4,545 in improvements and additional IT equipment for the school. £245 was spent on overheads (bank charges and website) and £114 shipping donated items to Ghana.

At the end of this accounting period there is £109 (£1,474) remaining. These funds are held the Talensi CDF Bank Account.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Talensi CDF is registered with the Charity Commissioners as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1174922).

Trustees are appointed for terms of 4 years by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Trustees. Trustees are selected who have an interest in the objectives of the Foundation and the skills, knowledge and experience needed to support the effective governance, administration and promotion of the Talensi CDF.

For the period of this Annual report the Trustees were:

Name	Position
Rev. Owain Bell	Chair
Linda Milligan	Treasurer (Died 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021)
Lynn Plimley	Joint – Secretary
Ann Lindon	Joint – Secretary
Juliana Crowe	Trustee
Kim Bell	Trustee
Geoff Lindon	Trustee
Nicholas Parker	Trustee (Acting Treasurer)

Day to day management of the Charity is undertaken by Nicholas Parker with support from fellow Trustees as required, including role of Treasurer after 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## Reference and Administrative details

<b>Charity name</b>	Talensi Community Development Foundation
<b>Other names used</b>	Talensi CDF
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1174922
<b>Contact email</b>	<a href="mailto:talensi.cdf@gmail.com">talensi.cdf@gmail.com</a>
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	43 Toronto Close Worcester, ENGLAND, WR2 4DD
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank (Charity Aid Foundation) 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling, Kent, ENGLAND, ME19 4JQ

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Date</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Rev. Owain Bell	Nick Parker
<b>Position</b>	Chair	Trustee



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1/1/2021 To 31/12/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Donations (Net of CAF Donate Fees £98.97)	2,912			2,912	1,243
Amazon/Give as you live	74			74	61
HMRC Gift Aid	630			630	71
Grant Income	0			0	0
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income)	3,616			3,616	1,376
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	0			0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	0			0	0
<b>Total receipts</b>	3,616			3,616	1,376
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Fees (CAF) & Meeting rooms	110			109	60
Fees Website Hosting	145			145	217
Tongo Senior High School Building Fund	4,546			4,545	390
Shipping	114			114	
<b>Sub total</b>	4,915			4,912	667
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	0			0	
<b>Sub total</b>	0			0	
<b>Total payments</b>	4,915			4,912	667

<b>Net of receipts/ (payments)</b>	<b>(1,299)</b>				<b>709</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	<b>0</b>				<b>0</b>
A6 Cash funds last year end	<b>1,474</b>				<b>765</b>
	<b>1,474</b>				
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>175</b>				<b>1,474</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds  to the nearest £	Restricted funds  to the nearest £	Endowment funds  to the nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in the Bank	<b>131</b>		<b>1,474</b>
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>131</b>		<b>1,474</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	nil		nil
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None			
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	None			
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	When due
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None			
	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
Signed two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Owain Bell (Chair)		30/05/2022
		Nicholas Parker		30/05/2022