

Talensi Community Development Foundation Trustees' Annual Report

Period: 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
Registration Number: 1174922



Statement from the Chair

Welcome to the 2023 Annual Report for the Talensi Community Development Foundation.

During 2023 we received two significant donations that will support delivery of our objectives over the coming years. The first was from the estate of Ann Parker with a request that it supports scholarships to study nursing and agriculture. The second was in memory of Julia Price, with request that it be used to enhance the facilities at the Tongo Senior High School.

During the year we spent £580 upgrading classrooms at the Tongo Senior High School including the installing of ceilings and fans in two classrooms. £520 was spent shipping tools, sewing machines, textbooks, shoes, and clothes to Ghana.

Two Trustees are planning to visit the Area of Benefit in early 2024. During this visit they can oversee the investment of the donation in memory of Julia Price and start promoting the Scholarships

Trustees were delighted to hear that in March 2023, pupils from the RGS Worcester linked up on-line with pupils at the Salvation Army Junior School in Tongo as part of their Ghana studies.

Trustees are indebted to those who make donations to support our work in the Talensi District and to the Royal Grammar School Worcester who continue to make donations of equipment to the schools in the Talensi District.

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.

The Foundation works with local leaders on projects that are supported by the Talensi community and help those facing hardship.

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

In 2023, the CDF built on existing work to improve educational outcomes for young people by investing in local schools and shipping donated sewing machines, tools, textbooks and reading books for the library.

The partnership between the Tongo Senior High School, Salvation Army Primary School and the Royal Grammar School Worcester continues to develop and teachers from RGSW are planning to visit Ghana in 2024.

Few students in Northern Ghana have access to IT. With the donation of iPads from RGSW and the CDF providing 4g Routers and data, pupils have access to a much wider range of contemporary information from the internet to support their learning and development.

In the UK, the RGSW have identified significant benefits for their students with the link to Ghana providing them with a rich insight into the lives of young people in northern Ghana.

As a result of a generous monthly donation, we continue to support two children whose parents had been unable to care for them and who had moved into the Baare Chief's compound. With help of CDF, they receive food, shelter access schooling and health care.

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.

This includes travel to Ghana to support investment of the Foundations monies.

Public Benefit

In selecting education as focus of investment, 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 headmasters of the different schools and Baare Chief, that the investment is benefiting young people from across the Talensi District.

Financial Review

During the financial year 2023 the turnover of the charity was £13,756 (£4,303) This was received from donations to the foundation, tax relief on donations and supporters using www.giveasyoulive.com to generate additional donations as when they shop online.

During 2023 the Foundation spent £1,350 (£2,722) delivering its objectives. This included shipping costs, work on school buildings and purchase of data for the schools to access the internet.

During the year, the Foundation received two significant donations. The first was in memory of Julia Price which will be invested in Spring 2024 to create a multipurpose laboratory at the Tongo Senior High School. The second was for scholarships in memory of Ann and Jim Parker.

At the end of the year the CDF held £ 14,162 (£1,756) in cash. This included the ringfenced £6,354 for scholarships and £5,000 to be invested in 2024 on a laboratory at the Tongo Senior High/Technical School .

During 2024, Trustees will undertake a review of how we manage payment of goods and services in Ghana. The aim is to ensure we achieve value for money in money transfers from UK Sterling to Ghana Cedi, there is clear lines of responsibility and accountability and we achieve our stated objectives.

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
Nicholas Parker	Treasurer
Lynn Plimley	Joint – Secretary

Name	Position
Ann Lindon	Joint – Secretary
Juliana Crowe	Trustee
Kim Bell	Trustee
Geoff Lindon	Trustee
Mel Dafforn	Trustee
Ieuan Crowe	Trustee

Day to day management of the Charity is undertaken by Nicholas Parker and Juliana Crowe with support from fellow Trustees as required.



Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Talensi Community Development Foundation
Other names used	Talensi CDF
Registered charity number	1174922
Contact email	talensi.cdf@gmail.com
Charity's principal address	40 Canada Way, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR2 4ED
Bankers	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

Signature(s)		
Date	29 th April 2024	29 th April 2024
Full name	Rev. Owain Bell	Nicholas Parker
Position	Chair	Treasurer



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Receipts and payments accounts

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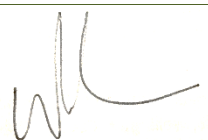
For the period from 1/1/2023 To 31/12/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Donations	5,909	6,354		12,263	3,481
Social Media	88	0		88	27
HMRC Gift Aid	1,394	0		1,394	795
Interest	11	0		11	0
Sub total (Gross income)	7,402	6,354		13,756	4,303
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	0	0		0	0
Sub total	0	0		0	0
Total receipts	7,402	6,354		13,756	4,303
A3 Payments					
Bank Account Fees (CAF)	61	0		61	89
Overheads	189	0		189	23
Tongo Senior High Technical School	580	0		580	1,810
Shipping	520	0		520	800
Sub total	1,350	0		1,350	2,722
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
None	0	0		0	0
Sub total	0	0		0	0
Total payments	1,350	0		1,350	2,722
Net of receipts/ (payments)	6,052	6,354		12,406	1,581

A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,756			1,756	175
Cash funds this year end	7,808	6,354		14,162	1,756

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in the Bank*	7,808	6,354	0
	Total cash funds	7,808	6,354	0
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Yes	Yes	Yes
B2 Other monetary assets	None	Nil	Nil	nil
B3 Investment assets	Details None	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details None	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details None	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	When due
	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Owain Bell (Chair)		29 th April 2024
Signed two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Nicholas Parker		29 th April 2024