

Beka Welfare Trust – Annual Report for the Year 2022

Introduction:

Beka Welfare Trust is a charitable organization dedicated to alleviating poverty with two primary objectives: relieving and preventing poverty in Swindon, and providing relief, healthcare, and education to those in the Beka region of Pakistan to enable self-sufficiency. Throughout 2022, we remained steadfast in our mission.

Swindon Initiatives:

In Swindon, we actively engaged with our local community and businesses, focusing on providing essential support to homeless and rough sleepers. Our approach centered on tangible support, such as food, clothing, blankets, and personal hygiene products. This strategy resonated well with our local residents and businesses, who enthusiastically joined our cause, directly improving the lives of those in need.

During the winter months, we provided two meals a day, four days a week, to 16-20 homeless individuals in the Swindon area. These services included distributing warm clothing, blankets, jackets, shoes, socks, toothpaste, and brushes, all of which were made possible through generous contributions from our local residents.

During the holy month of Ramadan, we collaborated with local residents and businesses to provide food and water for 40-50 people daily during iftar. This initiative was a testament to the inclusivity of our efforts, as people of all faiths, religions, and ethnic backgrounds came together to support those in need.

The holiday season in Swindon was particularly heartwarming, as we distributed gifts to those in need during Christmas. Special meals were prepared by the local community, and everyone, including those without families, was welcomed to enjoy the festivities.

Operational Progress in Beka, Pakistan:

In Pakistan, our efforts are currently in the documentation phase, progressing slowly due to local legal requirements. Nevertheless, we have implemented the "help yourself" policy, encouraging local residents and businesses to invest in digging wells for clean water to combat waterborne diseases. Additionally, orphaned children have been enrolled in local schools, and we are actively seeking partnerships with other charities to support uniforms, tuition fees, and other education-related expenses.

Adapting to Changing Regulations:

The changing political landscape in Pakistan has necessitated adjustments in laws, rules, and regulations, impacting our operations. We are actively working to open a charity bank account and align our activities with the requirements of the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom and Pakistan.

Trustee's Report:

Our charity's core objective is to empower beneficiaries to achieve economic self-sufficiency at minimal cost. All of our trustees serve voluntarily and do not receive any benefits from the charity. We conduct annual reviews of the charity's aims, objectives, and activities.

In the year ending on December 31, 2022, we actively engaged with our local communities, businesses, and other organizations to develop strategies for assisting those in need. It became clear that local communities preferred contributing goods and food rather than monetary donations. We are immensely proud of the Swindon community's contributions, particularly during the winter when they provided waterproof blankets, warm clothing, shoes, toothpaste, and brushes. These items were distributed to those in need with the help of our local residents.

Our food projects were particularly successful, reaching a significant number of individuals during the Christmas season and Ramadan, thanks to the support of local businesses. We actively encouraged people to participate by bringing fresh food, clothing, books, and contributing to children's educational expenses.

Managing Risk:

We recognize that risk is an inherent part of our operations. However, we have taken steps to manage and quantify these risks to ensure the continued success of Beka Welfare Trust.

Our Future Project:

Looking ahead to the future, we are excited to share our plans for the year 2023/24. Beka Welfare Trust is in the process of preparing to launch education and training facilities for adults, specifically focusing on providing IT courses. We recognize that in today's rapidly evolving world, digital literacy and IT skills are essential for individuals to fully participate in our diverse society.

Many adults in our community are currently struggling with basic IT skills, including the use of MS Office tools and various digital platforms. Our forthcoming initiative aims to bridge this gap by offering IT courses in Swindon. These courses will be designed to have a significant impact on people's lives by improving their IT proficiency.

The benefits of this project are multifaceted. By enhancing their IT skills, individuals will become better equipped to find employment opportunities, as digital literacy is increasingly a requirement in the job market. Moreover, these skills will empower individuals to use technology effectively in their workplaces, thereby boosting their career prospects.

Additionally, the IT skills acquired through our courses will also be crucial for self-employed individuals. They can manage their records online, communicate via emails, and leverage various digital tools to streamline their businesses. This will not only improve their efficiency but also open up new avenues for growth and success.

In the coming year, we will reach out to our community and local businesses to garner support for this important project. We believe that by equipping adults with essential IT skills, we can enhance their quality of life, increase their employability, and contribute to a more digitally inclusive and prosperous society. We look forward to making a positive impact and fostering a more digitally literate and empowered community in Swindon.

Financial Statement: 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2022

- Donation of the year: £2801.29
- Balance brought forward (b/f): £2362.53
- Total: £5163.82
- Less expenses: £80.51
- Net Donation: £5083.31

Beka Welfare Trust continues to make a positive impact in both Swindon and the Beka region of Pakistan. We are committed to our mission of relieving and preventing poverty while promoting self-sufficiency and improving the lives of those in need. We look forward to overcoming the challenges that come our way in 2023 and beyond.

Beka Welfare Trust Audit Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2022

Introduction:

This report presents the findings of the independent examination of Beka Welfare Trust's financial accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022. The examination was conducted in accordance with the general direction provided by the Charity Commissioners, and it adhered to prescribed guidelines for such reviews.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report:

The examination conducted was in compliance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commissioners. An independent examination involves a review of the accounting records maintained by the charity, along with a comparison of the financial statements presented with these records. It also includes an evaluation of any unusual items or disclosures within the accounts. Any matters of concern were addressed with the trustees to seek explanations or additional information as required. It is important to note that this independent examination does not encompass the comprehensive scope of evidence typically obtained during an audit. Therefore, this report does not constitute an audit opinion on the accuracy and completeness of the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

Following a thorough examination of the charity's financial records and relevant documentation, I am pleased to report that no matters have come to my attention that give reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. The requirements stipulated under section 41 of the 1993 Act concerning the maintenance of accounting records have not been met.
2. The preparation of financial statements, in accordance with the accounting records and the accounting requirements of the Act, has not been adhered to.
3. There are any matters or disclosures that should be brought to the attention of the readers of this report to facilitate a proper understanding of the charity's financial accounts.

This report is prepared in accordance with the highest standards of professional ethics and objectivity and is based on the evidence gathered during the examination. It is important to recognize that the nature and extent of procedures carried out are less comprehensive than an audit; hence, no opinion on the financial statements' accuracy is expressed.

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