

Friends of Lindi Report to the Charities Commission – 31/10/20 – 30/10/21

Registered charity number: 1176494

Address: Sandale, Old Lane, Crowborough East Sussex,
TN6 3QH

Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees

Date of constitution: 3 January 2018

Trustees:

Alex Creasy Jen Creasy Chris Hamilton Nick Hephher
Stephen Scorer Susan Scorer Suzi Scorer

Trustees were recruited from interested supporters. Friends of Lindi (FoL) has policies for new trustees including eligibility, appointment, conflict of interest and induction to the role.

Chair: Stephen Scorer, Sandale, Old Lane, Crowborough,
East Sussex, TN6 3QH

Treasurer: Susan Scorer

Administrator: Win Creasy (MBE), Tarbet, Pescot Avenue,
Longfield, Kent, DA3 7NA

Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Organisational structure

Decisions on raising and spending funds are made by agreement of the majority of trustees. FoL has worked with Joy School, Mitwero, Lindi, St Mary's International School Dar es Salaam (where 2 students now study as boarders), Aquinas Secondary School Mtwara, parents/guardians of children sponsored, as well as local teacher contacts made during the 3 year VSO placement from 2014-2017.

Where FoL work is based: Lindi town and region – Southern Tanzania

Objects of the charity

“The prevention or relief of poverty in Lindi, Tanzania by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.”

“The prevention or relief of poverty [or financial hardship] in Lindi Tanzania by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.”

“To relieve the poverty of young people by the provision of grants to enable them to participate in healthy recreational activities that they could not otherwise afford.”

Material expenditure on fundraising

Website registration and operation

Leaflet printing

Principal funding sources

- Private donations
- Match funding by commercial organisations
- Online music quiz

Activity taken to achieve our objects

Covid 19 pandemic began to curtail activities from March 2020. No visits were made to Tanzania in 2020-2021. Activities were limited to what could be achieved remotely. In some ways this increased the capacity of our local representatives and we made closer contact with teachers in the boarding schools.

An online music quiz was held in March 2021 to supplement funds

School fees for 6 sponsored students including fees, uniforms, books, stationery and transport for the children. In addition the charity funded BIMA health insurance for the sponsored children. This continued throughout the financial year 2021-2022

Continued funding of one boy to attend VETA, a vocational school in Lindi. He had been failed by the secondary system but is now studying to be a Refrigeration and Air Conditioning technician. In addition the charity supported him during his field placement in Dar es Salaam.

Video games business additional equipment costs to expand the business enabling a young man to support him and family members as he studied at vocational college.

Additional short-term sponsorships – Sackville School

shutdown due to Covid and fund raising activities ceased. We had to raise additional funds to support Fadhila at Njombe School for the deaf and for Apendae's schoolbooks and uniform. Funding provided for boarding fees, uniform and schoolbooks.

Income generation A juicing machine was purchased for one Lindi mother to enable an enhanced income. We felt this investment would be offset by the mother's ability to pay for basic needs for her daughter who is sponsored at school.

A chicken-rearing project has been started in Chikonji by one of the young people we helped in the past. He is now studying Vet science in Morogoro but has family in Chikonji. It is hoped that the investment will be a revolving loan and that the better rearing practices will be shared to others in the village.

An emergency payment was made to repair the roof of a house destroyed in high winds. A family we have supported in the past lives in the house.

Friends of Masasi donation to assist a small number of vision impaired children to visit a clinic in Dar es Salaam for sight restoration treatment.

Street libraries We continued to support the librarians although it was not possible to buy or transport books remotely during this period.

Unpaid voluntary contributions

FoL is run by volunteers, who organise presentations and fundraise for the charity. Volunteers run and post on the website and produce leaflets. In addition we use the services of 2 local people for logistical assistance during the

year. No monetary payment is made for these services.

Statement of the financial management policies

The charity complies with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, the preparation and scrutiny of statement of accounts and the preparation of annual returns and reports. Proper accounts and records are kept and the treasurer regularly reports the financial position to trustees meetings. Monies are now transferred to our 2 local volunteers via World remit from our Barclays charity accounts. In addition payments are made direct via World Remit to one of the teachers at St Mary's for the two girls boarding there.

Plans for the future

Continue supporting students in English Medium Schools

Continue and expand support for older students who need funding for vocational courses after being failed by the secondary system.

Assist local entrepreneurial initiatives, which aim to alleviate poverty

Contribute to partner organisations where needs fulfill the requirements of our objects

Open more Street Libraries

Increase our work with local groups such as Lindi Sports Development and now Friends of Masasi who are helping to restore sight through regional hospital consultants

Continue to use local partners to identify needs and implement projects. The aim is to transfer more autonomy and responsibility to local partners with a view to increased sustainability of our work

Increase fundraising activities to include local schools and our community in Crowborough and beyond.

Steve Scorer,

Chair of Friends of Lindi

July 25, 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Lindi (Tanzania)

1176494

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

10/31/2020

To

10/30/2021

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 £
A1 Receipts					
	6,123	9,000	-	15,123	11,005
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,123	9,000	-	15,123	11,005
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,123	9,000	-	15,123	11,005
A3 Payments					
Small projects	316	-	-	316	-
Website	320	-	-	320	-
Fundraising costs	312	-	-	312	-
School costs and equipment	-	4,542	-	4,542	-
Community support	1,030	-	-	1,030	-
Vocational fees	426	-	-	426	-
Health care	74	-	-	74	-
Sub total	2,478	4,542	-	7,020	5,854
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,478	4,542	-	7,020	5,854

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	3,645	4,458	-	8,103	5,151
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	3,645	4,458	-	8,103	5,151

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

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B5 Liabilities

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stephen Scorer	7/25/2022
	Christina Hamilton	7/25/2022