

Friends of Lindi Report to the Charities Commission – 31/10/21 – 30/10/22

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
- Live music evening and raffle
- Sponsored charity runs/cycles

Activity taken to achieve our objects

No visits were made to Tanzania in our financial year 2021-2022. 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.

A music evening and raffle were held in November 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. Two children graduated from Primary school and began their secondary education at Aquinas Secondary School in Mtwara, 120 miles south of Lindi. Pre Form one costs for the 3 children who will attend Aquinas Secondary

Support for a young girl **Swalha** to join the local library. We also support her with books, uniform and contribution to school food programmes.

Additional short-term sponsorships – We continued to support Fadhila, a young girl who lost her hearing as she entered secondary school. She attended Njombe school for

the deaf and had food, transport and clothing costs. New reading glasses were also needed. In addition we have sponsored a young Lindi man in nursing college in Dar es Salaam. This will be a 2-year sponsorship.

We also decided to help **Mohammed Manzi**. He is studying veterinary science in Morogoro. He has great prospects both for himself and for Chikonji village where he plans to return after graduating to assist farming and livestock activities of the villagers.

Income generation

Mariam a young woman in Lindi who looks after her young sister was helped with sweet corn for cooking and selling. She also wanted to become a beautician. She travelled to Dar to start an apprenticeship. We supported her travel and subsistence during this time. She transferred back to Lindi where she continued her training with a local salon. We have paid for the instruction as well as materials needed for her training.

Set up costs for the young man employed in refrigeration in Lindi This included an entry fee to a co-operative of tradespeople in Lindi. Also provision to start a street cooking business.

A grant for a new juice-making machine to enable one of the mothers of a sponsored girl to have an improved income

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

Community projects

Following remembrance donations we arranged refurbishment of a community basketball court. This is widely used by youth of Lindi, both boys and girls.

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 Tanzanians 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

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 our community in Crowborough and beyond.

Steve Scorer,

Chair of Friends of Lindi

July 31st, 2023



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Lindi (Tanzania)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

10/30/2021

To

10/30/2022

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					
	7,289	5,500	-	12,789	15,123
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,289	5,500	-	12,789	15,123
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,289	5,500	-	12,789	15,123
A3 Payments					
Small projects	1,059	-	-	1,059	-
Website	125	-	-	125	-
Fundraising costs	120	-	-	120	-
School costs and equipment	-	7,820	-	7,820	-
Community support	1,014	-	-	1,014	-
Vocational fees	1,007	-	-	1,007	-
Health care	50	-	-	50	-
Sub total	3,375	7,820	-	11,195	5,854
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,375	7,820	-	11,195	5,854

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	3,914	- 2,320	-	1,594	9,269
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	3,914	- 2,320	-	1,594	9,269

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	7/31/2023
	Susan Scorer	7/31/2023