

Friends of Lindi Report to the Charities Commission – 31/10/22 – 30/10/23

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 Chris Hamilton Nick Hepher Stephen Scorer
Susan 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

The Chair and Treasurer visited Tanzania in November/December 2022.

Street libraries

Books for the street libraries were ordered from Nairobi and delivered to Dar es Salaam.

These were taken to Lindi and distributed to the 6 libraries. Inspection of current books and facilities was made and it was good to meet the librarians again and to remind them of our support. Second half payments were made to support their families in recognition of their work. 360 books were distributed.

Matt Green memorial basketball court

We were able to visit the completed court and talk to the young people using it and some volunteer coaches. This was a true tribute to our friend's life and a permanent structure for the youth of Lindi. We just need to encourage more girls to use it!

School sponsorships

We visited St Mary's School in Tabata where 3 students (2 girls and 1 boy) bade farewell to their teachers, as they would be transferring to Aquinas Secondary School, Mtwara in January 2023. They started Pre-Form One programme at Aquinas before we arrived in Dar. They each achieved Grade one in their PSLE,

which was excellent considering their backgrounds.

2 girl students finished Form One at Aquinas and one more entered her final year at Joy School, Mitwero in Lindi.

School fees for the 6 students were paid and in addition restricted sponsor funds were used for uniform, books, stationery and transport. We also paid for government health cards to cover eventual illness at school.

An additional sponsor was found for 2 girls from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend Aquinas School. There was enough funding to pay 50% of fees with the remainder being paid by the school. This is part of the school's drive to enable poorer families of able girls to benefit from the better standard of education at Aquinas.

The Chair and Treasurer visited Aquinas and the children during their time in Tanzania. A training session on teaching methodology was delivered to staff as well as assistance on data handling to improve monitoring of pupil progress.

Helping individuals

Friends of Lindi continued to support individuals in need. **Swalha** attended a private Pre-Form One course and we paid for her new school uniform for Secondary School. We enabled **Shafi** to join a Co-Operative of refrigeration workers to give him more chance of an income. We heard during the year that he had moved to Dar es Salaam for more work. **Mohammed Manzi**, the vet student, was having problems with suitable accommodation so we paid 50% of the rent for a better studying environment. The wonderful news regarding Manzi was that he applied for an 18-month internship in Denmark and was successful. **FoL** assisted with some passport and driving licence costs. This will be a great

opportunity for him to see advanced farming methods and to live in a completely different environment.

Fadhila, the deaf student finished her secondary education and we found a centre for the deaf in Matumbulu, Dodoma where she could be trained in income generating skills such as tailoring. In addition she attended a clinic in Dar to try and find a solution to her hearing problems. Mariam continued her training in makeup and started to earn some money working for friends. **Apendae** is studying to be a nurse and we paid for fees and a uniform to assist his studies. Arafa is a girl attending VETA, a vocational training centre in Lindi, to become a Refrigeration and Aircon technician. **FoL** help her with fees and transport to the college.

Pounds for Porridge

On our visit we discovered that there were many students struggling to come to school, as they were too hungry. Working with Angaza Secondary School in Lindi we now provided a meal a day for 15 girl students.

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 other than transport 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 Co-Operative Bank charity accounts. Additional monies for day to day school expenses are made to staff responsible at Aquinas School.

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.

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

August 26th, 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Lindi (Tanzania)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	30/10/22	To	30/10/23
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
	3,515	10,000	-	13,515
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,515	10,000	-	13,515
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,515	10,000	-	13,515
A3 Payments				
Website	196	-	-	196
Fundraising	57	-	-	57
School fees, travel and equipment	-	5,704	-	5,704
Community	1,774	-	-	1,774
Vocational	849	-	-	849
Health	511	-	-	511
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	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,387	5,704	-	9,091
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,387	5,704	-	9,091
Net of receipts/(payments)	128	4,296	-	4,424
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	128	4,296	-	4,424

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Savings for future school fees and sponsorships	-	9,641
	Running expenses and ongoing support to Lindi	1,186	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	1,186	9,641
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
B5 Liabilities			
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		Stephen Scorer Susan Scorer	

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Last year
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**When due
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Date of approval

29/08/24
29/08/24