

Abraham's Oasis UK

Charity Commission 1176951

HMRC XT34479

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Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2021

Charity Number 1176951

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees

S. Small, Chair of Trustees

Dr. P. Rice, Treasurer (reappointed 08.10.2021)

R. Kennedy, Secretary (reappointed 05.05.2021)

R. Burke

A. Kerr

K. Kerr

L. Thomson (resigned 08.10.2021)

N. Edwards (appointed 08.10.2021)

Contact Address

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Renfrew,
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Bankers

Reliance Bank,
Faith House,
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London. EC3R 8EB.

Independent Examiner

D. Chapin.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

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The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Review of achievements and performance

Income for the year was £27,058 and the Trustees are delighted that £22,124 has been sent to Ethiopia, a record amount. 2021 was a challenging year. Throughout 2021, civil war has been raging in Ethiopia and the Tigray area has been cut off. Internet, electricity and food supplies have all been intermittent or non-existent and the local banks have been closed. In previous years AOUK has focussed on supporting the Education projects carried out by Abraham's Oasis Ethiopia but because of the hostilities these have been scaled back. The Trustees therefore agreed that AOUK grants be made towards the support of 40 orphans housed at Grace Village, the support of 20 child refugees (unaccompanied internally displaced minors), and the support of women living in a safe house for female victims of gender based violence. Support for these groups includes food, education, medical and counselling services. Reports have been received from Ethiopia on these activities and there is regular telephone contact with Abraham's Oasis Ethiopia.

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Financial Review

Income for the year was £27,058 and £22,124 was sent to Ethiopia.

As at 31st December 2021, the cash reserves were £8,640. AOUK has a policy of holding reserves sufficient to meet known liabilities, currently zero. In normal times most of the balance held would have been transferred to Ethiopia but, since the banking system is not operating in Tigray, finding safe funding routes has become challenging. Rather than transfer funds into Ethiopian banks, where they would be subject to local currency devaluation, the Trustees preferred to hold funds in the UK pending resolution of this issue.

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Revenue and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
Note 1	Note	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Standing Order			0	0.00
One-off Funds Generated	2		0	0
Misc or in lieu of flowers (Analysis revised in 2021)			0.00	0.00
Trustees		4940.00	0.00	4940.00
Individuals (not trustees)		6439.48		6439.48
Churches		10956.98	0.00	10956.98
Other charities (inc PAYPAL)		3955.68		3955.68
HMRC gift aid reclaim		766.25	0.00	766.25
TOTAL INCOME		27058.39	0.00	27058.39
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Transfer to Ethiopia		22124.00	0.00	22124.00
Foreign exchange costs	3	150.00	0.00	150.00
Printing costs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Air Fares		0.00	0.00	0.00
Monthly bank charges	4	65.70	0.00	65.70
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		22339.70	0.00	22339.70
NET INCOME BEFORE RELEASE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS		4718.69	0	4718.69
Net transfers between funds in/ out restricted		0	0	0.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4718.69	0	4718.69
Balances brought forward at 1 Jan		3921.66	0	3921.66
Balances carried forward at 31 Dec year end		8640.35	0	8640.35

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Statement of Assets and liabilities 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	9	8640.35	3921.66
Total		8640.35	3921.66
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	10	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		8640.35	3921.66
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FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted		8640.35	3921.66
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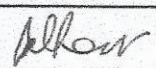
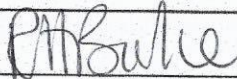
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ADRIAN DAVID KERR	ROSEMARY HELEN BURKE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	VICE-CHAIR
Date	06/OCT/2022	

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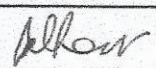
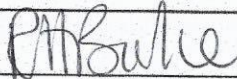
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Abraham's Oasis UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Abraham's Oasis UK (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I would make a recommendation, going forward, to keep a journal of donations in date order showing Donation Date, Donor Name, Donation Amount, Donation Means and Reference No. (if any), and Date Donor was Thanked. This could be as simple as a spreadsheet where the total annual donation amount agrees with the amount in the Revenue and Expenditure Statement. I recommend keeping the source documentation for all the donations together in one folder. I also recommend that, for each donation, donors be thanked in writing with an accompanying receipt in a timely manner, unless the donor is anonymous to the Trustees. These recommendations are in support of the best relationship with donors, which tends to maximize donations.

I recommend that every effort be made, going forward, to ensure that receipts from Abraham's Oasis (Ethiopia) for funds sent to it by Abraham's Oasis UK are received by AO UK on a timely basis.

I recommend, going forward, that values in the Revenue and Expenditure Statement be easily copied or calculated from summary totals in the AO UK Accounts spreadsheet of banking transactions.

Signed: 

Name: Donald Chapin

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
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Date: 3 October 2022