



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From**



**01/01/23** Period start date To **31/12/2023** Period end date

**Charity name: House of Caring Sierra Leone**

**Charity registration number: 1177112**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The charity was set up to give shelter and protection to children who became orphans during a historical war. It has continued to provide this care to boys who warrant it.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>House of Caring works towards the relief of poverty and hardship amongst orphans and other vulnerable children in Sierra Leone in particular. We do this by providing financial and practical support, including education and shelter.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have considered the charity commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the activities and objectives for the year. The local community and general public at large have benefited from the work that we do directly with the boys.</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Other		

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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Together with the parent body in the USA, we maintain an orphanage that is fully staffed and cares for eight boys.</b></p> <p><b>Successful virtual fundraiser was done</b></p> <p><b>Solar panels and a water borehole were installed.</b></p> <p><b>Since moving to the new premises in the same locality, the community have welcomed the boys quite well. The interaction is reciprocal.</b></p> <p><b>The charity bears the cost of the water bill, as it allows neighbours to get free, clean water from the home.</b></p> <p><b>The boys have formed a football team, who are part of a league.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>All achievements were fulfilled.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>There were plans to hold two fundraising activities in the form of a luncheon sale and a quiz night. Unfortunately one venue cancelled at the last minute and we could not find a replacement at a reasonable cost, so the activity had to be cancelled. Our objectives were not met.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>We have a healthy financial balance</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The total reserves held back, will make sure that our commitments to the orphanage can be met for at least six months if a situation arises where our income stops.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£5000.00</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>No uncertainties.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Membership Subscriptions Donations from family and friends</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Donor fatigue as a result of the economic crisis.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by the membership at general elections, via a voting process.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees use the induction course materials provided by the charity commission. Other trustees keep updated with news from the commission during the year and having discussions with fellow trustees at meetings.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	House of Caring Sierra Leone
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177112
Charity's principal address	8 Hollycroft Close South Croydon Surrey CR2 7FE

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ade Daramy	Chair		Membership
2	Francess Easmon	Secretary		Membershio
3	Madonna Johnson	Asst. Secretary		Membershio
4	Joy Fraser-Amosun	Treasurer		Membershio
5	Alafia Gabbidon			Membershio
6	Willis Olukotun-Williams			Membershio
7	Joy Richards			Membershio
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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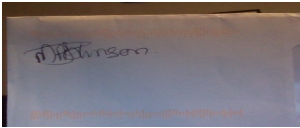


Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Madonna Johnson

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Assistant Secretary

Date

29/10/2024

<b>House of Caring Sierra Leone (UK)</b>	<b>2023 Full year</b>	<b>2022 Full year</b>
Cash at Bank brought forward	24,110.26	20,995
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>	<b>1,095.00</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>1,873.29</b>	<b>3,733</b>
<b>Fundraising from events</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>668</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,618.29</b>	<b>5,376</b>
Hire of Rooms/other UK cost	-	-
Orphanage Support Grants remitted	4,892.45	2,371
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>4,892.45</b>	<b>2,261</b>
<b>Net income in Year</b>	<b>1,274.16</b>	<b>3,115</b>
<b>Fund Position</b>	<b>22,836.10</b>	<b>24,110</b>

	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
<b>Members Subscriptions</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>Sponsors by Standing order:</b>		
Emile Meheux	180	180
Isabella Lisk	60	60
Claudia Lasite	60	60
Lindsay Benjamin	180	180
Patrice Wellesley Cole	600	600
Margarette Stevens	240	240
A Richards	240	
SSD & EL Easmon	30	
R Easmon	20	
<b>Total Sponsors direct debit</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,320</b>