

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st April 2020-31st March 2021

Charity Name - Rwanyana Community Trust

Registered charity number – 1177712

Charity's Principal address - 73 Old Wortley Road, S611NQ

Name of charity trustees who manage the charity

Stuart Marriott (Chair)

Mandy Kemp (Secretary)

Martyn Kemp (Treasurer)

David Bevan

Barbara Marriott

Doris Stubbs

Type of Governing Document - Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted - Charitable trust

Charity trustee selection method - Appointed by existing trustees

Summary of the objectives of the charity - Education and poverty relief in the village of Rwanyana in Uganda

Summary of main activities undertaken

In view of the trust's aims of supporting education and relief of poverty in the village of Rwanyana in Uganda the trust has, in summary, supported the running of the Bevan Community School, a hostel for 16 needy children and a clinic serving the basic medical needs of the village population, thus reducing the financial burden for villagers who otherwise would have to travel away for treatment.

In order to achieve these aims, the trust has established some secure continuing funding supported by other one off activities.

Bevan Community School

Bevan Community School was started as a nursery in 2013 by Grace Bevan, who was brought up in the village, but now lives in South Yorkshire with her husband and family. By February 2020, the beginning of the school year, the school had a full range of classes incorporating 3 nursery classes and Primary 1-6. The aim is to progress the school to the full 1-7 primary classes in the next year. In theory it is a fee paying school giving a wider range of educational experiences to the pupils than can normally be offered in a village government school. However, there is a great deal of extreme poverty in the village so some parents contribute in kind or by offering their labour. However, this is not sufficient to run the school efficiently and some very needy pupils are sponsored by individuals in UK. At the time of writing, 50 pupils are sponsored. They, via the school administrators, receive £25 per month each, which goes towards their uniform, the two meals per day the school offers and a contribution towards the running of the school. The school has a small swimming area on Lake Bunyoni which is about 2 km from the school. There all the children learn to swim, thus hopefully reducing the incidence of drowning which is very prevalent in the region. The trust provided funding to improve the simple facilities at the area.

The Hostel

As a result of a very generous donation from an individual donor, we were able to provide funding for the construction and furnishing of a hostel for 16 very needy children, selected by the Project Director and his wife. The hostel is built directly adjacent to the home of this couple so that the children effectively become part of the larger family, being involved in the day to day running of the whole compound. All of the children in the hostel are sponsored so a contribution is already made towards their upkeep. One sponsor provides a regular contribution to the general running of the hostel.

The Clinic

In July 2018 the son of two of the trustees died and they pledged to raise money for a clinic to be set up in the village in his name. The fund raising for this project was very successful. In January 2019 the clinic began operation. The Community Nurse, Brenda, has seen over 1000 patients for minor complaints and referred a number of patients to government clinics. She also arranges classes for women in the village on health, hygiene and nutrition.

Summary of Main Achievements.

The section above entitled **Main Activities** does in fact summarise the main achievements of the trust but below we set out some more detailed facts and figures.

50 children are sponsored by UK donors to the tune of £25 per month. Sponsors receive regular letters and photographs of the children through the medium of Whatsapp.

Two donors pay for the salary of the community nurse.

Two donors cover the cost of materials for the clinic.

One donor has pledged to top up the fund covering costs of transporting patients to hospital and paying for necessary extras.

In summary, as a result of the trust's activities, approximately 200 children receive a level of education otherwise denied them and enjoy 2 nutritious meals per day; 16 vulnerable children live in a safe and loving environment; approximately 1000 villagers were treated for minor complaints.

However, Covid has had a profound effect on the village and the trust. The good news is that, as far as can be ascertained, the virus has not spread to the village and no cases have been reported. On the negative side, restrictions on travel and business activities imposed by the government have meant that farmers who normally sell their excess produce in the nearby town of Kabale, have been denied this outlet. Furthermore, the nearby border with Rwanda, another source of trade, has been closed. This, coupled with some very poor harvests, has resulted in some severe hardships in the village.

During the reporting period, all schools in Uganda have been closed, apart from a short period of time when a planned gradual re-opening was abandoned. It is expected that schools will re-open in January 2022 but the negative effect on the education of young people cannot be overstated.

As a trust, we have fulfilled our basic obligations to the village project and gone beyond them as far as we were able. The agreement with the sponsors of the sponsored children is that the young person receives an education and two hot meals per day in term time. Regarding food, clearly as the school kitchen has been closed, it has been impossible to provide hot meals apart from for the children in the hostel. In lieu of this we have funded the distribution of dry food- maize and beans primarily to the families of all sponsored children. Furthermore, recognising the dire need of so many other children, we have extended this service to as many other families as we can afford, following the advice of the project manager.

It is vital to keep the school running throughout this difficult period so, with the agreement of the school authorities we have continued to fund the salaries of the teachers at half pay. This decision is against the background of many teachers in private schools leaving the profession because they are not being paid. The teachers have done what they can to maintain some basic education by sending worksheets and the like to the pupils. This has been difficult as the village is large and widely spread.

The trust has funded some vocational education in the meanwhile, providing equipment for sewing, knitting, carpentry and bee keeping. Although the numbers involved are at the moment quite small, we see this as a project which might be developed when life gets back to normal.

During this reporting period, we introduced a new initiative. We discovered that for £50 it was possible to buy locally a solar system consisting of a small panel, a battery and two or three lightbulbs- suitable to light a typical small house during the evening. By the end of the reporting period, following a Christmas appeal, 30(?) panels had been installed. An added bonus is that 3 young people -2 boys and 1 girl- were trained up by the electrician and now are able to instal the systems unaided- although they are checked afterwards, of course. Meanwhile, the village clinic remains an enormous asset. As well as fulfilling her daily duties of attending to patients at the clinic, the community nurse has set standards of hygiene and behaviour in the community with the aim of keeping the virus at bay.

For the period covered by this report the trust reported receipts of £39,890 and payments of £30,728. This compares to £24,433 and £23,277 respectively for the previous year. Cash funds at the end of this reporting period stood at £14,520.

Policy on Reserves

The trust, because of its small size does not have a policy on reserves as the majority of income is spent to cover immediate cost.

Signatures



Martyn Kemp – Treasurer/Trustee



Mandy Kemp – Secretary/Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Rwanyana Community Trust

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

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					
Child/School sponsorship	16,580	-	-	16,580	-
One-off donations	4,887	-	-	4,887	-
Emergency relief	6,485	-	-	6,485	-
Gift Aid	3,609	-	-	3,609	-
Emergency Medical	-	150	-	150	-
Clinic Sponsorship	-	1,406	-	1,406	-
Family Planning	-	365	-	365	-
Latrines	-	3,250	-	3,250	-
Solar	-	3,159	-	3,159	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,561	8,329	-	39,890	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,561	8,329	-	39,890	-
A3 Payments					
School/Hostel	16,177	-	-	16,177	-
Solar	-	3,165	-	3,165	-
Clinic	-	1,559	-	1,559	-
Emergency Medical	-	350	-	350	-
Emergency Relief	4,676	-	-	4,676	-
Building/Maintenance	630	-	-	630	-
Latrines	-	3,200	-	3,200	-
Family Planning	-	171	-	171	-
Vocational	700	-	-	700	-
Float to cover money transfer charges	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,283	8,445	-	30,728	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,283	8,445	-	30,728	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,278	- 116	-	9,162	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,358	-	-	5,358	-
Cash funds this year end	14,636	- 116	-	14,520	-

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

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Co-Op business account	14,521	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	14,521	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

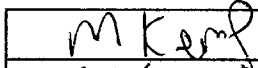
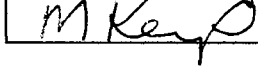
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Martyn Kemp	15/01/2022
	Mandy Kemp	15/01/2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rwanyana Community Trust.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Rwanyana Community Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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').

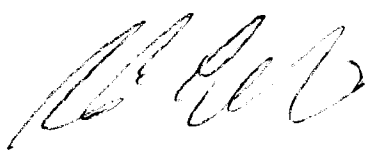
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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. 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.



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14th January 2022