



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 18 January 2020 to 18 January 2021

Charity name: NKURINGO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT (NECS)

Charity registration number: 1181777

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Nkuringo Education and Community Support is a UK based charity supporting both education and the community in Nkuringo, a region in south west Uganda.
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsorship of local needy children to attend either Primary or Secondary School. A defined sum is paid yearly to cover full board, educational materials and uniform• Building of classrooms and dormitories, funding of desks and all material requirements to enable the schools to provide a full education and enable the students to pass the government exams• Provision of Helping Hand loans to local residents. These loans are managed by the local community committee and enable individuals to apply for a loan to start or improve a business. These loans are paid back with minimal interest into a central pot and loaned out to new applicants.• Provision of water tanks, solar panels and other support to the local community to overcome the difficulties of living in a remote region with minimal access to water and power.• Provision of hens and goats to needy people to give them access to eggs and milk to provide sustainable long-term support to supplement a meagre diet.• Provision of a medical fund to enable local needy residents to access complex medical support and in some cases save lives.• During the pandemic provision of large quantities of poshu as food aid for the 80 plus local villages.

Achievements and Performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>The charity has continued to increase the number of children in education in the community. By building new classrooms and funding appropriate equipment and educational materials the schools now offer an excellent level of education with examination pass marks that are some of the highest in the area.</p> <p>The medical fund has provided life saving treatment for several members of the community. This includes the removal of large goitres from two women who would have died if they had not received urgent medical help to remove them, a boy paralysed from the waist down receiving medical help and then practical help to enable him to continue his education. We do all we can to ensure all members of our chosen community receive the support they need.</p> <p>Normally the charity makes two trips a year to the community with sponsors to check on progress of projects and assess the impact of the support provided. All support is discussed with the community leaders to ensure it fits in with local customs and beliefs and, where possible, the aid provided is to enable the receiver to build on that support and become self-sufficient.</p> <p>During Covid we have relied heavily on WhatsApp and Zoom to remain in contact with the leaders of the community and have tailored our support to meet the unusual and ongoing demands of a country still largely in lockdown. We continue to require full accountability for all gifts and donations, Photos are then shared in our regular newsletter and GO UGANDA NECS Facebook page to ensure all sponsors can see transparently what their money is doing to support the area.</p> <p>The community is aware of the support and advice they can receive from NECS and during these difficult times we have been called on to help provide for the victims of several disasters including a landslide that took out houses and left women and children destitute.</p> <p>Our regular newsletter is published available online, in print and is also emailed to all sponsors around the worlds as well as to the community so all can see the work being done and be proactive in ensuring we build on our successes.</p>
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Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>The charity does not have any debts. The funds in hand at the end of the financial year (£8,572.52) include £3,000 that belongs to Trustees and has been placed in the accounts at the request of the Charity Bank (CAF) to ensure there is always a minimum of £1000 held in each of the three accounts.</p>
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	The rest of the money held is money waiting to be sent out to Uganda to pay for sponsorships etc. Every donation received is sent in its entirety to Uganda and is allocated to a specific project which is then followed through
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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Currently the £3,000 reserve is money that is provided at zero interest by Trustees. As the charity grows it is hoped that the “free” money made from Easy Fundraising and other money matching schemes will enable the charity to repay the Trustees in question and keep the required £3,000 reserves from its own generated funds.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The charity is currently solvent and has a regular income from the annual sponsorships provided by members of the public. The regular newsletter is key to a continued growth in the number of people who support the projects we highlight and report on.
The charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	There are over 450 students now fully supported by regular yearly donation. If a sponsor is unable to continue to sponsor a child another sponsor is quickly found via the newsletter and Facebook page GO UGANDA NECS. Sponsors regularly carry out specific fund raising activities to raise money for specific projects (building a classroom, funding desks and chairs or providing the money to build accommodation for the Batwa, as an example). The newsletter is sent around the world and NECS has sponsors in a number of countries including America, Canada, Spain, Australia, France and of course the United Kingdom.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	The charity is governed by a Trust Charter
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	The charity was initially set up by one Founder (now Chair) and five trustees – people who had already been working informally with the charity before it achieved legal charity status. Since then two further trustees have been voted in as Trustees. To become a Trustee a person needs to be proposed by an existing Trustee and then achieve a majority of votes from other Trustees at an exceptional meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	NKURINGO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Other names used	NECS
Registered charity number	1181777
Charity’s principal address	Pelham House Cound Park Gardens, Cound Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 6BP

TRUSTEE NAME	OFFICE (if any)	DATES ACTED (if not whole year)
Janet Carol Duchesne	Chair/Newsletter/General	
Stephen R E Knowlden	Newsletter/Clinic	
Melanie Dolding	Secondary School	
Jacqueline Knight	Data Protection/ Gift Tracking	
Jennie Aldridge	Primary School	
Kate Bishop	School Liaison	
Tara Garritt	Fund Raising	
Karrie Mellor	Treasurer	Karrie became Treasurer on 23 rd January 2021 and is included on this list as she is responsible for preparation of the accounts for the period in question

Adam Hardy Secretary

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)	Janet Carol Duchesne	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	7 September 2021	

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**Accounts for the period from
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 18 JANUARY 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2021 Total £
Receipts	
Donations and Grants	67,840.53
Loans from Trustees	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>70,840.53</u>
Payments	
Payments to the charity	67,245.75
Bank Charges	126.00
Total Payments	<u>67,371.75</u>
Transfer to Fund Balance	<u>3,468.78</u>

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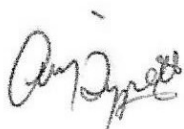
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 18 JANUARY 2021

	2021 £
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank and in hand	8,572.52
Less: Current Liabilities	
Loans from Trustees	<u>3,000.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>5,572.52</u>
Funds	
Funds brought forward at 19 January 2020	5,103.74
<u>Fund Income generated year to 18 January 2021</u>	
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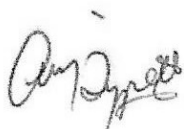
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