



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 19 January 2021 to 18 January 2022

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 for students and teachers, 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 goats, hens, seeds and equipment to the schools to enable them to grow their own vegetables and have eggs and milk to provide food in a sustainable way long term.• 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 the local needy residents to access complex medical support and in some cases save lives

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, 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. In this past year we have also funded the purchase of 20 sewing machines and carpentry equipment to enable the students at both schools to learn skills that will benefit them and give them an alternative to an academic future should they require it. This equipment has already been used to set up free evening classes for the local people to ensure everyone has access to support to enable them to make a better future for themselves.</p> <p>The medical fund continues to provide life saving treatment to members of the community. This year this included specialist medical support to an infant with complex needs and horrific bedsores who lost her mother at birth. Without hospital treatment the child would have suffered a long and lingering death but is now recovering with family.</p> <p>Normally the charity makes two trips a year to the community with sponsors to check on progress of the 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 relied heavily on WhatsApp and Zoom to remain in contact with the leaders of the community and tailored our support to meet the unusual and ongoing demands of a country still largely in lockdown. We have continued to require full accountability for all gifts and donations. Photos are then shared to our regular GO UGANDA NECS Facebook page to ensure all sponsors can see transparently what their money is doing to support the area.</p> <p>Now travel restrictions have been lifted the NECS Trustees are planning a trip in November 2022 to check out the community and review in depth the impact of donations and check all funding has been used appropriately. There will also be health and safety checks to ensure all is ready for a return to the twice yearly sponsor trips in 2023 which provide us with a complete picture of the results of our funding and the opportunity to finely tune future support.</p> <p>The community is aware of the support and advice they can receive from NECS and we are always ready to respond quickly to tragedy or disaster. The area is always prey to landslides and our support of the victims has often been required.</p>
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	Our regular newsletter is published and available online, in print and is also emailed to all sponsors around the world as well as to the community so we can all see the work being done and be proactive in ensuring we build on our successes
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>The charity does not have any debts. The funds in hand at the end of the financial year total £11,014.67.</p> <p>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.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	It is a requirement of our Charity bank that we hold £2000 in our accounts at all times. This money is now made up of "free" money we have received from Easy Fundraising and other money matching schemes which enables us to send other donations out to Nkuringo in their entirety.
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 the 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)	<p>There are over 500 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 living unit for a teacher, textbooks for students, providing money to build accommodation for the Batwa, as an example).</p> <p>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.</p>

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	<p>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. There are now eight Trustees.</p> <p>To become a Trustee a person needs to be proposed by an existing Trustee and then achieve a majority of votes from the other Trustees at an exceptional meeting.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	NKURINGO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Other name the charity uses	NECS
Registered charity number	1181777
Charity's principal address	Pelham House Cound Park Gardens, Cound, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 6bp

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	TRUSTEE NAME	OFFICE (IF ANY)
1	Janet Carol Duchesne	Chair/Newsletter/General
2	Stephen R E Knowlden	Newsletter
3	Melanie Dolding	Secondary School
4	Jacqueline Knight	Data Protection/Gift Tracking
5	Jennie Aldridge	Primary School
6	Kate Bishop	School Liaison
7	Tara Garritt	Fund Raising/Red Box Project
8	Karrie Mellor	Treasurer

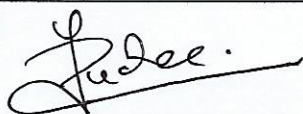
Adam Hardy

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	CHAIR	
Date	8 September 2022	

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73,719.85

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Payments

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71,073.70

Bank Charges 204.00

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71,277.70

Surplus Transferred to Fund Balance
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 18 JANUARY 2022

	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
Assets	
Cash in Bank and in hand	—
<u>11,014.67</u>	
Total Assets	<u>£</u>
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Funds	
Balance brought forward at 19 January 2022	
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Accountants Report:

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