

The Hummingbird Initiative



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Charity Registration Number 1182406

THE HUMMINGBIRD INITIATIVE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023

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INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE FROM THE CO-FOUNDER

We have continued to grow in strength this year, both as a team and as an organisation, a large contributing factor being that I visited Kanjoo for the first time since we began operating in 2019! The trip was essential for staff morale, motivation, relationships and to put everything into context for future communications.

We have also had the opportunity to work with private funders who have accelerated our school infrastructure projects with their financial support and guidance.

Aspects of our governance have also improved, with centralised google spaces set up to improve our communications, access to documents and the running of the organisation.

We are still working very closely with the community to ensure that all of our projects can be managed and sustained by the community themselves so that the projects can continue to show benefit for generations to come. We continue to focus on education as being the pillar stone to long lasting change and poverty reduction, be it in schools or out in the community.

We very much look forward to the year ahead and continuing to improve the quality of life for those in Kanjoo, Kenya.

Winky

Co-Founder and Trustee

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and the independently examined financial statements for the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO", "Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Trust Deed.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by its Constitution document dated 12 March 2019 and is a registered charity (charity registration number 1182406).

The names of the persons who were Trustees at any time during the year ended 31 March 2023 and up until the date of signing these accounts were as follows:

C L Skevington
G Gough
S Trollope

The statutory power of appointing new and additional Trustees is exercisable by the Trustees.

Principal address

The principal address of the Charity is:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Hummingbird Initiative (“THI”) is a United Kingdom-registered Charitable Incorporated Organization. The organization has been working in Kenya to improve the livelihoods of the people living in the Kanjoo sub-location, Meru County since 2019. The community is on the outskirts of Meru National Park and close to Mount Kenya, the second-highest mountain in Africa. Therefore, the community lives in a sensitive ecosystem and the high human population has made the situation more complex. The community is challenged by numerous issues including human-wildlife conflict, water scarcity, high illiteracy levels, and retrogressive cultural practices. The main source of income in the community is *miraa* (khat – a stimulant drug that is legal in Kenya) farming which has been experiencing several challenges in the global market. Furthermore, Kanjoo is a marginalized community with inadequate basic amenities and infrastructure.

THI was founded after Winky Skevington and William Travers were introduced. They had a similar goal: to help rural communities in Africa to develop and sustain a higher standard of living, at a local level, with particular emphasis on sound environmental and wildlife practices. Winky's inspiration was rooted in Education and Will's from countless interactions with rural communities whilst working with his organisation, The Born Free Foundation, of which he is the Executive President and Co-founder. Winky is a teacher whose passion for and relationship with Africa developed after time spent working in a school in Kenya and travelling extensively through East Africa. Georgina Gough has recently come on board to join The Hummingbird Initiative as a Trustee. Until now, she has been the Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars Livery Company, covering all aspects of administration for both the Company and the Charitable Trust. THI is committed to working collaboratively with other charities, individuals and organisations, if at all possible, recognising that the provision of public benefits and services is interconnected.

Our objectives, as listed on the Charity Commission official website, are:

To address the following 3 issues for people living in rural communities in Kenya, East Africa and other developing countries as the trustees see fit. To bring together and co-ordinate the resources of relevant charities, agencies, organisations and individuals to identify and address these challenges:

1. The relief of sickness and preservation of health of people living in rural communities in Kenya, East Africa and other developing countries as the trustees see fit, in particular but not exclusively by, bringing together and co-ordinating the resources of relevant charities, agencies, organisations and individuals to identify and address the challenges that they face in accessing primary health care.
2. The advancement of education of people living in rural communities in Kenya, East Africa and other developing countries as the trustees see fit, in particular but not exclusively by supporting access to basic education, buildings, curriculum development, availability of resources, specialist teachers and teaching professionals.
3. Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees from time to time determine.

Achievements and performance of the Charity

Having registered with the Charity Commission in March 2019, THI were able to start delivering projects.

For the year 2022/23, THI were able to undertake several major projects, thanks to the generosity of a number of donors. The impact of the projects is summarised as follows:

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Kalimikuu Primary School Classroom Construction and Furnishing

Project Overview:

The Kalimikuu Primary School Classroom Construction and Furnishing project aimed to address the lack of adequate learning spaces. A new classroom was constructed and equipped with necessary furniture to create a better learning environment.

General Benefits:

The project directly benefited 50 pupils and will continue to annually by providing them with a comfortable and conducive classroom. This enhanced setting promotes focused learning and engagement, improving education.

Makutano Primary School Classroom Construction and Furnishing

Project Overview:

The Makutano Primary School Classroom Construction and Furnishing project aimed to expand the school's capacity. Furnishing the classroom created an improved learning space for the pupils.

General Benefits:

The project directly benefited 50 pupils annually, alleviating overcrowding and creating an enhanced learning atmosphere. This expansion ensures that more students can receive quality education.

Mwomwere Primary School Classroom Construction and Furnishing

Project Overview:

The Mwomwere Primary School Classroom Construction and Furnishing project focused on enhancing the school's infrastructure by constructing a new classroom and providing necessary furniture.

General Benefits:

Similar to the previous projects, this initiative directly benefited 50 pupils and will do so annually. The additional classroom and furnishing contribute to a more comfortable and effective learning environment.

Sports equipments for pupils at Makutano, Mwomwere and Kalimikuu primary schools

Project Overview:

The provision of sports equipment aimed to promote physical activity and engagement among pupils at Makutano, Mwomwere, and Kalimikuu primary schools.

General Benefits:

This ongoing project directly benefits 1486+ pupils annually across the three schools. It encourages a healthy lifestyle, teamwork, and skill development through sports.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Reference books for pupils and teachers at Makutano, Mwomwere and Kalimikuu primary schools

Project Overview:

The Reference Books project aimed to enhance educational resources by providing valuable reference materials to pupils and teachers.

General Benefits:

Similar to the sports equipment project, this ongoing initiative directly benefits 1486+ pupils annually across the three schools. It supports a holistic and comprehensive learning experience.

Construction of a Tower and Installing Tanks at Kalimikuu Borehole for access to water

Project Overview:

The Water Access Improvement project aimed to provide clean and accessible water to the Kalimikuu community by constructing a tower and installing water tanks connected to the Kalimikuu borehole.

General Benefits:

The project aims at directly benefiting 963 individuals by addressing a fundamental need for clean water, ensuring better health and well-being for the community. The second part of the project, the water piping out into the community, will be done next. As it stands, the tanks are feeding one main pipe that goes out to the community but more connections are in process.

Arts resources for NAC-Nkiri primary school

Project Overview:

The Arts Resources project focused on providing creative materials to NAC-Nkiri Primary School, enhancing the artistic development of pupils.

General Benefits:

The project directly benefits 460+ pupils annually, fostering creativity, self-expression, and a well-rounded education.

4	1,486+
No. of schools impacted	Number of pupils that will benefit from the sports equipment per annum
	1,486+
	Number of pupils and teachers that will benefit from the reference books per annum
963	150
No. of beneficiaries for the tower and tank constructed/installed at Kalimikuu borehole	No. of pupils that will benefit each year courtesy of the constructed classrooms
	460+
	No. of beneficiaries per annum that will benefit from the art resources

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Future plans

For the coming 2023-2024 year, THI has the following planned projects:

- Second Classroom and Staff room completion
- NAC-Nkiri Primary School Ablution Blocks (No. 2)
- Kalimikuu Primary School Ablution Blocks (No. 2)
- WASH ToT Training and Roll-out
- Addition of ceilings to the THI built classrooms

Financial review and reserves

Details of the financial position are set out in the statements on pages 8 and 9.

The Charity's main source of income was from donations, which amounted to £59,673. Grants to organisations totalled £55,891 and other costs totalled £17,972 leaving net outgoing resources for the year of £14,852 (2022 – £764) and the total funds of the Charity at 31 March 2023 amounted to £4,241 (2022 – £19,093).

Risk management

It is confirmed that the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 4 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Catriona Skevington



Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUMMINGBIRD INITIATIVE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Hummingbird Initiative (the charity), charity number 1182406, for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charity Act;
- to follow all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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4 January 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Income and expenditure			
Incoming resources			
Donations received		59,673	33,935
Resources expended			
Charitable activities	3	73,863	34,055
Governance costs	4	<u>662</u>	<u>644</u>
Total resources expended		<u>74,525</u>	<u>34,699</u>
Net incoming resources		(14,852)	(764)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>19,093</u>	<u>19,857</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,241</u>	<u>19,093</u>

All recognised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities and no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains or Losses is presented. There were no discontinued or acquired activities during the current or preceding year.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Non-current assets			
Tangible assets	5	<u>1,039</u>	<u>1,840</u>
Current assets			
Receivables	6	731	969
Cash at bank	7	<u>3,131</u>	<u>16,924</u>
Total assets		4,901	19,733
Current liabilities			
Payables	8	<u>660</u>	<u>640</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,241</u>	<u>19,857</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund			
FUND BALANCE	9	<u>4,241</u>	<u>19,093</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Trustees on 4 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Catriona Skevington

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are drawn up on the going concern basis, which assumes The Hummingbird Initiative will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider the current and forecast cash resources to be sufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the charity for at least 12 months.

The accounting policies adopted by the Trustees are outlined below:

a) **Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations, are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

b) **Resources expended**

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accrual basis. Irrecoverable VAT is included with the item of expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure has been analysed between:

- i) Charitable activities – all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity, which is charged in the year.
- ii) Governance costs – all expenditure for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

c) **Fund accounting**

The charity's fund is unrestricted and the Trustees are free to use it in accordance with the charitable objects. The fund is represented mainly by cash.

d) **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise current bank account balances and are subject to insignificant risk of change in value.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

f) Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included in the balance sheet at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the full cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life. The principle rate in use is:

Computer Equipment: 25%

Other Tangible Assets: 25%

2) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity during the period neither were they reimbursed expenses during the period.

3) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Books	300	-
Furniture for Mwomwere school	5,000	-
WASH Programme	3,500	-
Kalimiku and Mukatano classrooms	22,700	
Maji Africa Water Tanks	11,500	
Mwomwere classroom	11,600	
Kanjoo Water Project	-	3,307
Maano Water Project	-	11,539
Other projects	<u>1,291</u>	<u>-</u>
	55,891	14,846
Support costs (note 4)	<u>17,972</u>	<u>19,209</u>
	<u>73,863</u>	<u>34,055</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

4) SUPPORT COSTS

	Basis of Apportionment	Support Costs £	Governance £	2023 Total £
Staff costs	Actual	12,810	-	12,810
Website costs	Actual	450	-	450
Bank charges	Actual	860	-	860
Insurance	Actual	1,776	-	1,776
Advertising and marketing	Actual	1,275	-	1,275
Depreciation of fixed assets	Actual	801	-	801
Independent examiner's fee	Work done	-	662	662
		<u>17,972</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>18,634</u>

5) FIXED ASSETS

	Basis of Apportionment	Support Costs £	Governance £	2022 Total £
Staff costs	Actual	12,385	-	12,385
Website costs	Actual	991	-	991
Bank charges	Actual	645	-	645
Insurance	Actual	2,324	-	2,324
Computer expenses	Actual	435	-	435
Advertising and marketing	Actual	1,628	-	1,628
Depreciation of fixed assets	Actual	801	-	801
Independent examiner's fee	Work done	-	644	644
		<u>19,209</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>19,853</u>

Cost	Computer Equipment	Other Equipment	Total
At 1st April 2022	1,610	1,595	3,205
Additions	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>1,610</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>3,205</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st April 2022	667	698	1,365
Charged	<u>402</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>801</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>1,069</u>	<u>1,097</u>	<u>2,166</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2023	<u>541</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>1,039</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>943</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>1,840</u>

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6) RECEIVABLES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	731	727
Accrued income	<u>-</u>	<u>242</u>
	<u>731</u>	<u>969</u>

7) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current account	<u>3,131</u>	<u>16,924</u>

8) PAYABLES: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	<u>660</u>	<u>640</u>

9) FUND BALANCE

The charity's fund is unrestricted, and the Trustees are free to use it in accordance with the charitable objects. The fund is represented mainly by cash.

Analysis of the movements in the fund for the current period are presented below.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fund balance brought forward	19,093	19,857
Incoming resources	59,673	33,935
Resources expended	<u>(74,525)</u>	<u>(34,699)</u>
Fund balance carried forward	<u>4,241</u>	<u>19,093</u>