



The 4th Annual report of Devon Centocow Link CIO

Registered Charity No 1183269

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Name of Charity: **Devon Centocow Link**

It was registered as a charity on 7th May 2019

Devon Centocow Link (DCL) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution)

Number: Registered Charity No. **1183269**.

Main charity address:

4 Tuffery Court, Devon road, Exeter EX4 7BR

Trustees:

Jane B Habermehl,	Chair
Stephen P White,	Secretary
Esther Hannah,	Trustee / Signatory
Mark Richards.	Treasurer (from November 2021)

Bankers:

TSB, 22 The Strand, Exmouth, Devon EX8 1AG

Sort code: 30-93-15

Account no: 00995423

BIC: TSBSGB2AXXX



A sketch of Centocow Mission Church by Jane Habermehl made during her visit in October 2019.

Summary of Objects

The prevention or relief of poverty in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and in particular but not exclusively in the Centocow area of KwaZulu-Natal by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Chairpersons Report 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Overview

This was another busy year for our partners in KZN and we were pleased to once again fund two important projects: The Quaker Relief grant for WLTP was in its second year and we successfully secured the third year of funding which began in November 2022 and the First Aid project was rolled out to the Pre-school teacher members of ISCA.

Home based achievements

Mark and Jane designed the new temporary Website and logo and we published a membership pack to attract new members, initially at the Respect Festival. Sadly, we were not able to have a presence at the Respect Festival as Jane and Mark were unable to travel from Spain for the event. We were able to put up an effective display and attract a lot of interest at the International Womens' day event in March at the Phoenix centre and created a significant list of people interested in receiving newsletters.

Steve's visit

Steve had another successful visit to Centocow during April. He met with Sibongile and was able to attend one of their workshops.

He bought some basic resources for the pre-schools and attend of the ISCA teachers' meeting in which the new constitution was finally adopted. Nine members were elected to the management committee and Steve was able to help to transport the members who were to be signatories to the bank to finally establish their own ISCA account.

WLTP

Sibongile's report shows continuing success, increased community awareness of the work they are achieving and the start of the workshops for men and boys.

Girls are now taking the initiative in clearing waste around local streams as well as testing local water. The introduction of the cleansing, rite of passage ritual for girls has also been continued within the communities.

The girls have passed on their knowledge to their peers at school, thereby developing their leadership skills and have participated in workshops on nutrition and women's health, substance abuse and safety, human rights and sexual health rights.

ISCA First Aid Project

In August We were sponsored for funding by Graham Prescott from The Just Trust who forwarded our application for £3000 to the Network for Social Change Charitable Trust . They raised £4325 for us and with the help of Zimbili we organised First Aid training for 60 teachers and First Aid kits for 60 nurseries. This was carried out in January and March 2023



A big thank you to all the trustees

Jane Habernield

Chairperson



A teacher demonstrates a basic sling on a colleague



We are continuing to work with our 4 partner organisations;
FLP, ISCA, WLTP and Creighton Sunflower HELP

And are grateful for all their support and local knowledge that they bring to us.

Extracts from the Women's Leadership Training Programme (WLTP) Report for October 2022 – April 2023

This report will highlight progress made so far of girls' leadership and working with girls on water in their schools and communities. It will look into the exciting development of working with boys and young men in the Centocow area. This brings back the work WLTP did in the past on decreasing abduction of girls for early marriages. This time, the process reveals the situation and the needs of the boys while looking at improving the relationship they have with girls and other females in their households and communities.

Girls and Water Advocacy

Girls were involved in workshops and actions in their areas. At this time their visibility was noticed by community members who asked questions and showed appreciation to the girls.

The Water Ritual in Makhongwane , aMaKhuze Tribal Authority



In July 2022, WLTP did a Water Ritual with girls and women elders of the Centocow community, focusing on Girls' Identity, Spirituality and Mental Health. The girls learnt about the culture and traditions associated with Water both the Indigenous Knowledge and understanding the science of Water. It was clear that some parents are still using water for right of passage rituals for girls but others do not.

Despite being winter in Centocow some girls asked their mothers to take them to the clean streams and rivers for a physical, emotional and spiritual healing through interacting with water. Although this work started in July, it is continuing. WLTP is excited about this work as it brings restoration of girls, families and the Earth.

Water Work in Schools

The Girls were expected to do a presentation on water at school, train at least 15 school mates to use water testing equipment and to run a campaign on water which was in a form of petition.

Waste to Water Sources

The Girls in eMaKhuzeni Tribal Authority saw the amount of waste near streams and bus stops in their areas. They went to collect the waste so that it doesn't get washed away towards the Pholela River which runs through their area. the waste was now becoming a health hazard and had potential to spread again. At the end, the girls had to burn that waste even though burning waste is not their option because of CO2 and Climate Change.

Leadership Workshops and Water Advocacy give Purpose on Girls and Youth

The water advocacy work has given girls youth purpose and sense of activism in their areas. On the 31 December 2022, one took the initiative to test water in one of the streams. This was such an important act of this age group to decide to spend their New Years Eve to know about water. Surely these young people are fascinated by water and find purpose in it. Boys from the community also took part. This kind of working together is a positive sign WLTP would like to see multiplying. Promoting Water Citizen Science proved to be the way to go.

The Boys Workshop in Ixopo

WLTP had not held a workshop for 11 to 16 years old boys since pre-Covid times because of problems with funding. The lead facilitator was. Phiwa Mungwe, a 26 year-old “graduate” of WLTP’s Inhlabamkhosi (the Trail Blazers) Project in the past. The WLTP area coordinators assisted him, but recused themselves during the Sexuality session. SiNqobile Mbhele from Centocow and Thobeka Hadebe from Hlokozi, young men who are good role models, also attended. They will assist in working with the boys going forward.

The Workshops focused on Norms and Expectations. Trust building. Leadership. Sexuality and Morality. Alcohol and other Substance Abuse. Media. Patriarchy and GBV. Education - dreams and aspirations.

For most of the boys, this was their first workshop and they were shy at first. However, they soon participated confidently and many issues were picked up during discussions. It was good to hear the boys’ dreams and aspirations. But it emerged that boys are vulnerable and many lack family support systems. Boys spend far less time with their families than girls.



This is the area to follow up on as it indicated some deep issues and could be the cause for many problems we see in society. Some of the boys spend a lot of time on social media, mainly for fun or leisure. Most of the boys have experimented with drugs and/or alcohol.

The Boys’ comments: A selection

“Gender based violence is not a good thing. It is wrong, and it violates other people. I will make sure that I help those who are the victims of GBV. I also heard about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and how it can ruin my whole life. I will make sure that I never taste it.” Lwazi Mntungwa

“Since I learned about the dangers of social media, I will make sure that I cut the time I spend on it and take more time doing things that will develop my mind and with my family” Nhlakanipho Nxasana.

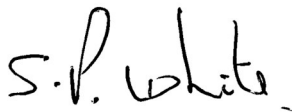
The Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that all of the charity's work is for the public benefit, both in Devon and in South Africa.

The Trustees of the Charity are legally responsible for the overall management and control of Devon Centocow Link (DCL) and meet regularly.

The trustees' report and accounts were approved by a meeting on 8th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Jane Habermehl
Chair



Stephen White
Secretary

Devon Centocow Link CIO

Reg. Charity No: 1183269

Accounts for the period

1st April 2022—31st March 2023

These Accounts have been prepared on a Payments and Receipts Basis

Devon Centocow Link
Receipts and Payments Accounts 2022 - 2023

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year 2021-22
Regular Donations	£ 665		£ 665	£ 645
Occasional Donations	£ 533		£ 533	
Grant Funding		£ 9,865	£ 9,865	£ 5,499
Fund Raising	£ 22		£ 22	
Other - Gift Aid and Commissions	£ 147		£ 147	£ 352
Refund from Wise		£ 511	£ 511	
Foreign Currency Adjustment	£ 21		£ 21	
TOTALS	£ 1,388	£ 10,376	£ 11,764	£ 6,496

Payments

Grants

WLTP		£ 5,021	£ 5,021	£ 3,754
FLP			£ -	£ 738
ISCA - Pre-Schools		£ 6,271	£ 6,271	£ 713
Total Grants	£ -	£ 11,292	£ 11,292	£ 5,043

Admin

Insurance	£ 90		£ 90	£ 126
Finance and Professional				£ 11
Publicity & Marketing	£ -	£ 265	£ 265	£ -
Total Admin	£ 90	£ 265	£ 355	£ 218

TOTALS	£ 90	£ 11,557	£ 11,647	£ 5,261
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Net of Receipts / (Payments)	£ 1,298	-£ 1,181	£ 117	£ 1,022
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Transfers between funds	-£ 1,500	£ 1,500		
Cash Funds at last year end 2022	£ 1,153	£ 542	£ 1,695	

Cash Funds at this year end 2023	£ 951	£ 861	£ 1,812	£ 1,695
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2023

Cash Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
Cash at Bank (TSB)	£ 521	£ 235	£ 756
VFX acc Balance	£ 430	£ 626	£ 1,056
(mix of GBP & ZAR)			
Total Cash Funds	£ 951	£ 861	£ 1,812



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

DEVON CENTAURUS LINK

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1183269

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

20/12/23

Name:

TIMOTHY HURRELL

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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