



# **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual report of Devon Centocow Link CIO**

**Registered Charity No 1183269**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Name of Charity: **Devon Centocow Link**

It was registered as a charity on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

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**Main charity address:**

**11 Watts Drive, OKEHAMPTON EX20 1XT**

**Trustees:**

Jane B Habermehl,	Chair
Stephen P White,	Secretary (until 31 December 2024)
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.

## **Chairperson's Report Report 2023 -2024**

The financial Year April 2023 began with the conclusion of payments to ISCA (Isibani Sezwe Centocow Association, the association of Pre-schools) and To Zimbili Dlamini, our project worker, for the First Aid Project which took place during December, January and March. The payment for Zimbili's wages was the last to go through the Family Literacy Project due to a mutual agreement and we followed this with a donation to the Family Literacy Project towards their successful Pre-school programme, 'Reach Out to Read'.

In March Esther and Jane held a stall at the International Women's Day at the Phoenix. We had been really impressed with the climate resilience and Water Project work of the WLTP and produced some lovely posters for our display. Not a great money spinner but an enjoyable networking day.

Steve visited Centocow during April but experienced difficulties during the frequent 'load shedding' episodes inflicted on the country. This resulted in erratic periods of the day where there was no electricity and communications and meetings were difficult.

The First Aid Project was rounded off with Steve organising a First Aid manual in Zulu for all the preschools. He was able to instruct the teachers on its use and at an ISCA meeting explained to the teachers the importance of their maintaining correct minutes and meeting records.

He was able to spend time with Sibongile Mtungwa, Director of WLTP, (Women's Leadership Training Programme) and attend the first of the workshops with men and boys as a part of the WLTP group. The relationship with the boys' groups has gone from strength to strength and we were proud that Steve had contributed and given a grant towards this project.

We had our usual stall at the Respect Festival and sold a little jewellery. We had paid for the pitch and again, it was not well placed for football and we decided not to pay for this in future as there was no return for our effort.

In this year we produced Newsletters in June and October but we lack the data base and outlets for circulation.

In October we chased the accounts from ISCA and found that Thoko had been getting into difficulty with them, we heard in November that sadly she had died. This has been a difficult time for ISCA and Zimbili. There was a breakdown in communications as there were not the signatories and although we were able to pass on the money for the refills to the First Aid boxes, no further transactions were made to ISCA in the year. `

We did communicate with Debbie Rowe, Director of Creighton Sunflower Project, and sent a donation to the Creighton sunflower HELP project.

In February we were given a further £500 donation from the Just Trust and £146 from a collection by Hampstead Quakers.

We heard in February through the media (backed up later by a plea for help from Debbie) that ECD's throughout South Africa were desperately underfunded and since being taken over by the Department of Education were being left to their own devices.

A big thank you to all the trustees



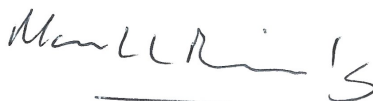
Chairperson

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 22nd<sup>h</sup> November 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Jane Habermehl  
Chair



Mark Richards  
Treasurer

**Devon Centocow Link CIO**

**Reg. Charity No: 1183269**

**Accounts for the period**

**1st April 2023 — 31st March 2024**

These Accounts have been prepared on a Payments and Receipts Basis

**Devon Centocow Link**  
Receipts and Payments Accounts 2023 - 2024

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Last Year 2022-23</b>
Regular Donations	£ 780		£ 780	£ 665
Occasional Donations	£ 646		£ 646	£ 533
Grant Funding			£ -	£ 9,910
Fund Raising	£ 108		£ 108	£ 22
Other - Gift Aid and Commissions	£ 270		£ 270	£ 147
			£ -	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£ 1,804</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 1,804</b>	<b>£ 11,764</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Grants</b>				
WLTP				£ 5,021
FLP	£ 600		£ 600	£ -
ISCA - Pre-Schools		£ 750	£ 750	£ 6,271
Creighton Sunflower		£ 200	£ 200	
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>£ 600</b>	<b>£ 950</b>	<b>£ 1,350</b>	<b>£ 11,292</b>
<b>Admin</b>				
Insurance	£ 119			£ 90
Finance and Professional	£ 5			
Petrol expenses	£ 50			
Foreign Currency Adjustment	£ 32			
Publicity & Marketing	£ 194			£ 265
<b>Total Admin</b>	<b>£ 400</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 355</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£ 1,000</b>	<b>£ 950</b>	<b>£ 1,350</b>	<b>£ 11,647</b>
<b>Net of Receipts / (Payments)</b>	<b>£ 804</b>	<b>-£ 950</b>	<b>£ 454</b>	
Transfers between funds	-£ 89	£ 89		
Cash Funds at last year end 2023	£ 951	£ 861	£ 1,812	
<b>Cash Funds at this year end 2023</b>	<b>£ 1,666</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 1,666</b>	

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2024**

<b>Cash Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Cash at Bank (TSB)	£ 1,641		£ 1,641
VFX acc Balance	£ 25		£ 25
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>£ 1,666</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 1,666</b>



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