

# **Whispers of Comfort**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statement For the year ended 31 March 2024**



### **Whispers of Comfort Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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## **WHISPERS OF COMFORT**

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Trustees of the organisation present their report with the financial statements of the organisation for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Office  
Whispers of Comfort  
3 Tunstall Road  
Harrogate  
HG2 7RG  
North Yorkshire

#### **Trustees**

#### **Date Appointed**

Tina Norbury (Chair)	9//05/2014
Luisa De Sacadura-Wox (Secretary)	9//05/2014
Clifford Chigaru (Treasurer)	17//8/2019
Dingani Masuku	9//05/2014
Patience Mudzimirwa-Chinengo	9//05/2014

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing Document**

The organisation is controlled by its governing document, a constitution.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The organisation organises induction of trustees and arranges training programmes.

##### **Organisational Structure**

The trustees used to have a virtual (WhatsApp/Skype/Zoom) or face to face meeting every 3months to review the strategy of the organisation. This Financial year we have conducted only one meetings via Zoom due to the Chair being diagnosed with a condition that required her to take time off for nearly 9 months while recovering. Two of our Trustees were unwell and were dealing with close family grief as well. It was agreed that we put resume services when everyone in the team was in a better place emotionally. The Charity has not been operational for the past two years, we are looking to resume in September 2024

## **Risk Management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the organisation is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Aims and Objectives**

The prevention or relief of poverty of people living in the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, 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.

### **What we do**

- (a) General Charitable purposes
- (b) The advancement of health or saving of lives
- (c) Disability
- (d) The prevention or relief of poverty

### **Who**

The General Public/ mankind

### **How**

- (a) Provide Services
- (b) Provide Advocacy/Advice/Information

### **Constitution**

The Organisation was set up in 2014 as a Charity, Not for Profit Organisation. It was officially registered as a Charitable Trust Organisation in Zimbabwe in 2015 a Not-for-Profit Company in South Africa in 2016 and Charitable Incorporated Organisation in United Kingdom in February 2020.

### **Significant activities**

Since the establishment of the organisation, it has been running raising awareness workshops and professional Training events in South Africa, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe, established parent support groups sessions with parents and other professionals (Clinical Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Occupational therapist, Behaviour Specialist, Special Needs Parenting Consultant and Special Education Teachers) also yearly World Autism Month Events. Established a technology centre with 15 computers with specialised software for people on the Autistic Spectrum in Zimbabwe. Facilitated online programs for parents of children who are on the Autistic Spectrum based across the UK, Money management training, supported start up Healthcare businesses (Domiciliary Care agencies, recruitment agencies, supported living services) to enable these parent to be able to work around their children who most of times need more help especially during the pandemic where they could not access some of the services, they were able to access pre-covid. We run advocacy workshops for the parents and their children. In

this financial year there were no activities done due to dealing with grief and illness within the board members. We are looking to increase our capacity by recruiting 4 more Trustees to support the Charity

### **Volunteers**

During the period ended 31 March 2024 the organisation did not have any volunteers because we did not conduct any activities at all

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

A summary of results for the year is shown on page 4 of the accounts. The trustees consider that the performance of the organisation has been fairly poor however understandably so as the well-being of the Trustees is imperative . Total income for the year was £618.04. This is money donated by a few people at the funeral of our Patron, Dude Properties, Amazon smile and from our website. We had to continue paying our insurance, other subscriptions and also ICO

Total expenditure was £991.25.

### **Internal and external factors**

The trustees are very grateful to all the individuals and Dude Properties for their kind financial support.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have deemed it prudent to have a policy of having unrestricted funds held by the organisation of at least six months of resources. They will be making efforts to achieve this.

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**Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2023**

	<b><u>NOTE</u></b> <b><u>S</u></b>	2024
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>		Value £ Optional
Tangible Fixed Assets (optional) Office Equipment:	1a	
Current Assets		
Office Laptops	-	3099.00
Debtors/Receivables		
Cash in hand		
Cash at bank		3.69
Current Liabilities		
Creditors		
Amounts failing due within One year	-	
<b>Net current Assets</b>		
Amounts failing due after more than one year		-
<b>TOTAL NET ASSET</b>		
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b> General Funds		
Restricted funds		0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b><u>3.69</u></b>

The accounts was approved by Trustees on 31 March 2024

Tina Norbury  
Chair of Board

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## **1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of Preparation**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Organisation Regulation using the Receipts & Payments basis.

### **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets retained for use by the organisation are office equipment (computers, laptops and printers) and are listed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

### **Incoming Resources**

Donations and grants are accounted for when receivable gifts and services in kind are included at reasonable estimate of their gross value to the Organisation or Organisation. Intangible income (such as rent-free accommodation) is included in the statement of Financial Activities where a third party is bearing the cost of supplying the resources and the resources can be valued.

### **Resources Expended**

Costs comprise direct expenditure including staff costs attributed to the activity and where cost cannot be directly attributed to activities on a basis consistent with the time spent on the various departments.

Expenditure is allocated to one of five functional categories that reflect the specific activities of the organisation.

- a) **Cost of Generating Funds-** the cost incurred both direct and indirect in generating income for the organisation.
- b) **Cost of Activities for Charitable Objectives-** cost directly to charitable objectives.
- c) **Support Cost-** These are mainly expenses paid to various volunteers who help in the office.
- d) **Management and Administration-** include costs attributed to management of the organisation's assets, administration of the organisation and compliance with statutory requirement along with costs of managing charitable projects.

### Accumulated Funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donor as to how they may be used. The purposes and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to accounts. Designated funds, which have been set- aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

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#### ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ORGANISATION'S OBJECTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	2024
<b>Income</b>	0		-	618.04
Dude Properties	85.00		-	
Website donations and Funeral donations	513.01			
Amazon smile	20.03			

#### ***Total Receipts (2022 and 2023)***

#### b. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	2024
Subtotal			-	618.04