

Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation (ASC)

Registered Charity Number: 1193197

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation
Registered Number	1193197
Legal Form	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Principal Address	St Clair, Petrockstowe, Okehampton, Devon EX20 3QJ
Reporting Period	1 January – 31 December 2024
Independent Examiner	Mr Kieran Lappin

Trustees' Annual Report (1 January – 31 December 2024)

Objectives and Activities

Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation (ASC) was established in 2021 to improve health, education, and wellbeing in deprived communities. The charity promotes sustainable development for the benefit of the public in particular, but not exclusively for communities in the Europe, Africa and Asia by:

- (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
- (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; and
- (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

All activities during the year were directed toward achieving these charitable objectives and providing demonstrable public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and carrying out the charity's activities.

Main Activities and Public Benefit

The charity's primary focus remains the Thitimila Community Secondary School Project in Malawi, which aims to deliver access to quality secondary education for up to 200 students in a rural region that previously had no secondary school.

The project is being delivered in partnership with:

- The Malawi Ministry of Education
- Local community leaders

Achievements and Performance (2024)

The following were achieved in 2024:

- Completion of the second school block funded by RSK, providing two classrooms.
- Construction of two teachers' houses to bring the total number of teachers' houses to six enabling the school to attract and retain qualified staff.
- Construction of a girls' hostel part-funded by the Solon Foundation.
- Provision of 50 additional desks and textbooks to accommodate the increased student intake.
- Donation of 50 solar lights by RSK to enable students to study in the evening at home and at school.
- Water connection to four teachers' houses that previously had no supply.
- Business skills training for a women's entrepreneurial group, which established a successful organic fertiliser business to support family income and education.
- Sponsorship of 41 students from low-income families through ASC fundraising events including the Swing Concert, Midsummer Party, and Cookham Concert.
- Support for a farming initiative to provide porridge for students.
- A girls' engagement evening held to discuss needs for a new toilet and shower block planned for 2025.

Looking forward

In 2025, ASC will continue with Phase 2 of the Thitimila School Project, which includes:

- Building a new girls' toilet and shower block.
- Building new boys' toilets.
- Constructing additional teachers' houses.
- Upgrading the water supply system to ensure continued provision to teachers' houses.
- Sponsorship of children from low-income families.

Financial Review for the Year Ending 31 December 2024

ASC's financial statements were prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The charity reported the following summary for the year:

Total Income	£39,264
Total Expenditure	£37,964
Net Receipts / (Payments)	£1,300
Closing Cash Balance (31 Dec 2024)	£19,884

Income was derived from a mix of company and charitable donations, individual fundraising, and event income:

- RSK: £20,000
- The Waterloo Foundation: £12,500
- Individual donations: £872
- Events (Swing Concert, Midsummer Party, Cookham Concert): £2,956
- Student Sponsorship: £2,925
- Miscellaneous PayPal receipts: £11

Expenditure was directed primarily to the Thitimila Community Secondary School Project in Malawi, including building works, equipment, and local management. Remaining costs covered administrative expenses, website, and banking fees.

Reserves Policy

ASC aims to maintain reserves sufficient to cover at least six months of core administrative and project support costs to ensure continuity of operations. At year-end, reserves were appropriate for the charity's size and commitments.

Risk Management

The trustees monitor financial, operational, and safeguarding risks quarterly and have controls in place to ensure that funds are used appropriately and effectively. This includes independent examination of accounts, dual authorisation for payments, and regular project reporting.

Structure, Governance and Management

ASC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution adopted on 17 January 2021. Trustees serve three-year terms and meet quarterly to oversee progress, finances, and risk management. The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Trustees (2024):

1. Dr Catherine Brogan – Chair
2. Mr Ron Jones – Treasurer
3. Dr Newton Matupi
4. Ms Felicity Corbyn
5. Mr Iain Corbyn

Independent Examiner

Following the resignation of Mr Chris Vane, Mr Kieran Lappin has been appointed as ASC's Independent Examiner for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and the accompanying financial statements.

Name	Position	Signature	Date
Dr Catherine Brogan	Chair		1 st May 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation

1193197

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st January 2024

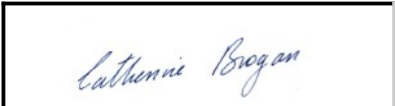
To

Period end date
31st December 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Company donations		20,000	-	20,000	55,200
Charity Foundations	-	12,500	-	12,500	-
Individual donations	350	522	-	872	1,570
Events	-	2,956	-	2,956	31
Student sponsorship	-	2,925	-	2,925	-
Misc paypal receipts	-	11	-	11	872
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	350	38,914	-	39,264	57,673
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	350	38,914	-	39,264	57,673
A3 Payments					
Malawi Project	-	37,000	-	37,000	58,601
Bank charges	97		-	97	263
Paypal charges	12		-	12	17
Website development	85		-	85	337
Admin support	770		-	770	448
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
Sub total	964	37,000	-	37,964	59,666
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	964	37,000	-	37,964	59,666
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 614	1,914	-	1,300	- 1,993
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,087	497	-	18,584	20,577
Cash funds this year end	17,473	2,411	-	19,884	18,584

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	17,473	2,131	-
	Paypal	-	280	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,473	2,411	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Dr Catherine Brogan	1st May 2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Action for Sustainable Communities Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1193197

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 12 / 2024.

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: 08/08/2025

Name:

Kieran Lappin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCMA

Address:

Graphic House,
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.