



The Bridge International Charitable Trust

Reg No: 1193523

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for year ending 31 December 2021**

James 1:27: TPT 'True spirituality that is pure in the eyes of our Father God is to make a difference in the lives of the orphans, and widows in their troubles, and to refuse to be corrupted by the world's values.

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1. Charity Information

Charity Registration No: 1193523

Governing Document: Model Trust Deed dated 3 August 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 12 February 2021

Address: 1 Balsall St, Balsall Common, West Midlands, CV77AR

Trustees

Mrs Heather Alcock
Mrs Jean Hale
Mrs Johanne Vermeulen

Independent Examiner

Bankers

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B91 3 TF
Sort Code: 51-61-26 Account: 73023310

HMRC Registered: EW91480

Website: www.thebridgeint.org

2. Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 31 December 2021

Who we are

The Bridge International is a UK registered charity that relieves poverty in Africa through the provision of grants to individuals, families and organisations in Zimbabwe.

UK Trustees



Jo Vermeulen



Jean Hale



Heather Alcock

What we Do

Through the voluntary contributions of our supporters, The Bridge International provides financial and physical support to disadvantaged people in Zimbabwe. Although our primary focus is orphans, children and widows, we also support vulnerable families, the carers of children, prisoners and those who have been left with very little or without other means of support. Provision is made through grants, the donation of items such as food parcels, basic medical supplies, furniture, bedding, clothing, fuel, school fees or building supplies or repairs and whatever is needed for survival in times of difficulty and crisis. Provision may also include educational and life skills training to teachers, carers, community leaders for skills development or education that results in improved quality of life.

How We Do It

The Bridge International raises funds in the UK, USA and Europe through donations, events and fundraisers and these funds are sent to the Bridge team in Zimbabwe. We work very closely together to maximise the outcomes for our beneficiaries. The Zimbabwe team have excellent relationships with the local community and very valuable local knowledge which enables us to reach those in need in practical ways.

The Zimbabwe team identify individuals, families, groups or projects in need of support and where necessary, purchase items, distribute parcels or watch over the projects. Most of the beneficiaries are without any other means of support, and the help they receive is critical and life giving.

We are unique because

- ✓ We are a small, committed team both in UK and Zimbabwe, dedicated to and passionate about improving the quality of life of others.
- ✓ Personal connections – we only work with people well known to us and highly value relationship.
- ✓ More than 95% of our funds goes to our beneficiaries. None of us draw salaries and we keep administrative costs to a minimum.

Zimbabwe Team



Bryn Oliver Operations Director



Liz Van Huyssteen Administrator



Eshwin Makhozo
Pastor of Good Shepherd Centre



Timothy Chimanga
Lead Co-ordinator
Good Shepherd Centre



Sam and Mucha Shumba
Pastors, Kingdom Tribe
Food Distribution



Stanley Mudzingwa
Coordinator Lomagundi Clinic

Income

The largest source of income for the Trust is from individual donors who generously contribute either one off or monthly amounts. This source has been boosted by Gift Aid. A smaller amount has been generated from fundraising events. There have been no Government grants.

Investments and Reserves

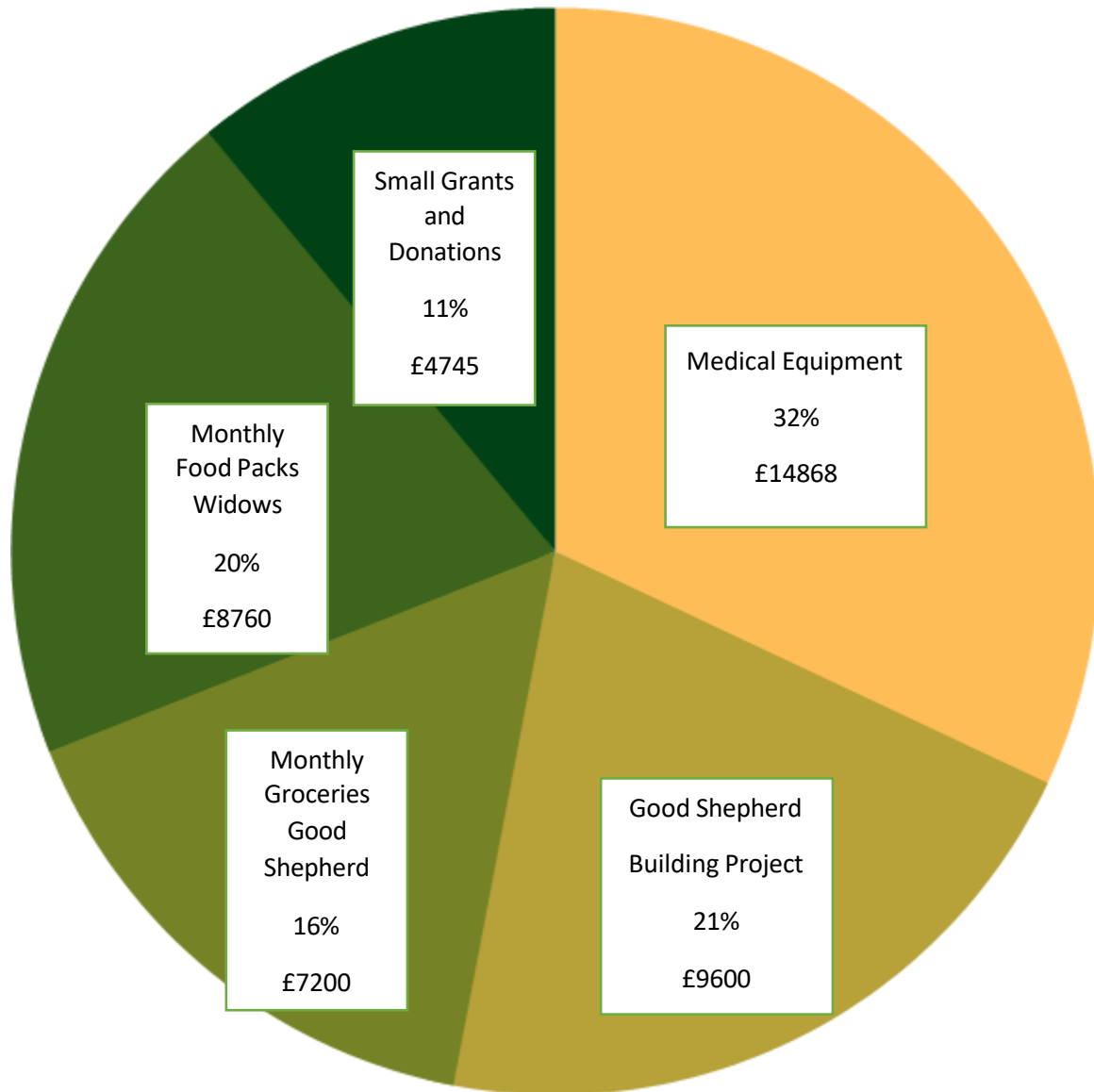
The Trustees have agreed to keep in reserve the equivalent of 2 months support for the ongoing contribution to the food distribution projects, which is at present approximately £1100 per month. The Trustees aim to increase this amount within the next year.

The Trust holds no investments.

Grant Making Policy

The Bridge International as a grant making trust, remains satisfied partnering with The Bridge, Zimbabwe to achieve its objects. Their projects remain in line with our goal to alleviate poverty through providing facilities, services, school fees, medical equipment and other survival basics. Activities in Zimbabwe are verified with periodic reports, communications, photographic evidence and Trustee visits to inspect delivery and interview beneficiaries.

What we spent the money on



Review of Year's Activities

The year has been a very successful one, despite the restrictions and hardships experienced by many as a result of the pandemic. Support for the work has been consistent and very generous. Individual donations on a monthly basis have increased and we have had two large donations which have provided for medical equipment at Lomagundi Clinic and the building of a new house for The Good Shepherd Centre. We have continued to provide monthly groceries for the children in the Good Shepherd Centre as well as provide for monthly food parcels for 37 widows. In addition, we have been able to provide for a range of small grants and donations for one-off needs and situations.

1. Medical Equipment



Versana Essential Ultra Sound Scanner

This was purchased for the Well Baby Clinic at the Lomagundi Clinic. This machine will provide ultra sound scanning for expectant mothers and the service will be offered at a very cost- efficient price. It will be installed early next year when the clinic renovations are complete.

Once the scanner is operational, it will add huge value to the community as there is only one other available in the area, at the local hospital.



Oxygen Concentrator

Another donor contributed to the purchase of a portable oxygenator for the community. During the year, individuals with respiratory problems from Covid had access to this and were able to use it in hospital and in their homes. This was made available for free, although those who used it are asked to pay for the cost of cleaning once it is returned. This is a tremendous asset for the community.



Finger Pulse Oximeters

10 finger pulse oximeters were also donated for use in the local clinic.



Covid Coping Kits

The Zimbabwe team put together 100 Covid Coping kits for the staff of The Good Shepherd Centre and the staff of Lomagundi Clinic. These consisted of Vitamin C, zinc lozenges, sanitiser, soap, masks and hygiene instructions.

2. Good Shepherd Building Project

A fantastically generous church donated a large sum to build a house for 8 children at the Good Shepherd Centre, where sleeping conditions have become overcrowded during the year when more children were sent to the centre. The desire of the Good Shepherd team is to provide holistic 'homes' for the children, in which they can be cared for by surrogate parents and in a more homely atmosphere than a large dormitory. Work for the house began in the last quarter of the year and the house has nearly reached roof level. This is a tremendous achievement as there have been many delays and difficulties unique to Zimbabwe such as fluctuating prices, delays in paper work, government restrictions.



October 2021



December 2021

3. Monthly Groceries Good Shepherd

Our monthly donors have been so generous and consistent, and this has enabled us to continue to provide basic groceries every month to feed the 55 children in the home. The quality of their food has improved with the addition of some fruits, eggs, milk and meat. The testimony of Timothy, Lead Coordinator, is that there were no instances of Covid during the year and that the general health of the children has improved. And he also says 'Thank you to The Bridge', no more hunger!

55 children with tummies full of good nutritious food each day!

That is 1650 meals a month.
And 19800 meals a year!

4. Monthly Food Pack Gogos (Widows)

As with the groceries for the Good Shepherd Centre, we have been able to provide a monthly food parcel to several dear widows and widowers through the Lomagundi Clinic. Several donors signed up to 'sponsor a gogo' during the year and these consistent monthly gifts are very helpful for us to plan and sustain this project. At present there are 37 people receiving these packs, although many more on the waiting list.

A visit by in December to the Clinic on Distribution Day by one of the Trustees was very moving. These ladies (and a few older gents) are extremely grateful and cheerful despite the hardships of their lives. We are hoping we can increase the number of packs next year.

One pack includes basics such as maize, rice, gravy granules, tea, sugar, oil, soap, and each one costs approximately £20.



5. Small Grants and Donations

We have been able to respond to a number of individual needs and situations during the year including the provision of funds for school fees, car repairs, some medical fees and blankets for the children and widows.

3. Statement of Financial Activities

The accounts and statement of assets for the period ending 31 December 2021 are attached. The Trustees believe the charity satisfies the public benefit test. In expectation of further donations, the Trustees believe that there will be sufficient funds to meet needs as they arise.

4. Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

During the year and at the Trustees' meetings, funds are allocated to projects which we support in Zimbabwe.

2. Restricted donations

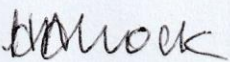
The funds held by the trustees are unrestricted. The Trustees may accept donations where the donor expresses a wish that the funds be used in a particular project and take into account such wishes when distributing funds.

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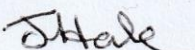
The Bridge International
Profit & Loss
January through December 2021

	January through December 2021
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Gift Aid HMRC	6,730.74
Gifts and Donations Income	41,635.20
Reimbursed Expenses	40.00
Total Income	48,405.94
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	77.56
Event Prize	120.00
Gifts and Donations	1,300.00
Postage and Delivery	1,368.74
Printing and Reproduction	93.82
Training	84.42
Website hosting and domain	242.74
Zimbabwe Grants	43,998.00
Total Expense	47,285.28
Net Ordinary Income	1,120.66
Net Income	1,120.66

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12/09/2022

Trustee: 

Heather Alcock

Trustee: 

Jean Hale

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Cash Basis

The Bridge International
UK Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2021

	As of December 31, 2021
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
Natwest	3,806.32
Total Current/Savings	3,806.32
Total Current Assets	3,806.32
NET CURRENT ASSETS	3,806.32
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,806.32
NET ASSETS	3,806.32
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	62.00
Retained Earnings	2,623.66
Net Income	1,120.66
Total Equity	3,806.32



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Bridge International

1193523

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

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					
Gift Aid	6,730	-	-	6,730	-
Gifts and donations	41,635	-	-	41,635	-
Reimbursed expenses	40	-	-	40	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,405	-	-	48,405	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	N/A	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,405	-	-	48,405	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	78	-	-	78	-
Event Prize	120	-	-	120	-
Gifts and Donations	1,300	-	-	1,300	-
Postage and Delivery	1,369	-	-	1,369	-
Printing	94	-	-	94	-
Training	84	-	-	84	-
Website Hosting	243	-	-	243	-
Zimbabwe Grants	43,998	-	-	43,998	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,286	-	-	47,286	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,286	-	-	47,286	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,119	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,119	-	-	-	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	halcock@live.co.uk	Heather Alcock	05/09/2022	
	jeanhale@hotmail.co.uk	Jean Hale	05/09/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Bridge International

On accounts for the year
ended

2021

Charity no
(if any)

1193523

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but not £250,000

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

12/10/2022

Name:

Dawne Austin

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

Address:	35 Whitby Road
	Ruislip
	Middlesex, HA4 9DT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A