

PROJECTS IN PALESTINE

England & Wales · Charity number 1196506

Details

Other names	PIP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2021-11-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED PALESTINE BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, OR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY COORDINATING AND DEVELOPING SERVICES SUCH AS COMMUNITY PROJECTS; LOCAL ENTERPRISES; SELF SUSTAINING INITIATIVES ; PROVIDING FOOD, ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, HEALTH, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS; PROVIDING LIFE ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE

Activities: We work in the West Bank along side Palestinians. Our main activities are planting, mainly olive and grape trees. We work with women's co-operatives, helping them set up businesses and we provide play and educational equipment for children. All trustees self fund on the trips. All money raised is spent on projects on the ground in Palestine.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability

Geography

- Israel
- Occupied Palestinian Territories

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,882	£29,387	-	-
2024-03-31	£26,021	£16,079	-	-
2023-03-31	£22,268	£8,378	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lisa Dundas	Chair	2021-01-01
Mx Suzanne Patricia Higham		2021-01-01
Rachel Joyce Davies		2021-01-01

Accounts

Projects in Palestine
Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2025

31-Mar-24

Income from Charitable activities	26882	26021
Expenditure on Charitable activities		
Children's Project	7227	3764
Women's Project	7664	4287
Agricultural Projects	11400	5075
	<u>26291</u>	<u>13126</u>
Overhead expenditure		
Website	134	121
Event Hosting	182	461
Printing and stationery	339	164
Advertising	0	52
Transportation	0	655
Insurance	252	0
Merchandise	2189	1500
	<u>3096</u>	<u>2953</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for the period	<u>-2505</u>	<u>9942</u>
Balance brought forward	23832	13890
	<u>21327</u>	<u>23832</u>
Cash at bank		

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Projects in Palestine (the charity)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under the Charities Act 2011 s145 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under s145 (5) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 15 December 2025

Roger Edmonds FCA
Chartered Accountant

Trustee report April 24- March 25

Two trustees and two volunteers planned to travel to Palestine (West Bank/ Occupied Palestinian Territory) via Ben Gurion airport (Israel) in May 2024 however, these flights were cancelled by the airline. We rescheduled for October 2024 but these flights too were cancelled - we found another airline still operating and booked flights, only for these to be cancelled too.

This was beyond frustrating for us and forced us to find alternative ways to stay connected to our project co-ordinators in Palestine and continue to deliver much needed projects.

We have continued to support our three main areas of interest, children, women's cooperatives, and agriculture, as well as general awareness raising projects that help promote the positive impact our support has made.

Children have been adversely affected by wider political decisions regarding funding for schools and teachers resulting in their education being severely affected. The village of Al Masara requested support to provide a summer school for their children and we contributed £2,000 to cover the teachers' salaries.

We transferred US\$5,000 (converted from £) to Salfit municipality to support a project in the town's Girls School. The project included clearing an area of waste ground and renovating it into usable agricultural land for the pupils to cultivate, manage and develop a business using the produce.

We have been able to support Women's Embroidery cooperatives by purchasing their items to sell in the UK. We have communicated with the cooperative lead to discuss unique designs and ideas for embroidery pieces that will reflect Palestinian culture. Ordinarily we would buy these items during our visits, but because we were unable to travel we asked Palestinian friends to carry them back to the UK for us.

We have also been pleased to support women's agricultural initiatives in two areas of the West Bank- Burin and Jordan Valley- see more details below.

In order for the cooperative in Tubas to use their Community Centre some repair work was needed, this would be for the benefit of the women and children who use the facility. They needed funds for roof repairs, so the building is watertight and secure, and they can work from there with their cheesemaking business we previously supported, as well as other heritage food crafts, we covered the cost of these repairs. We also provided funds for a computer and printer for use by the cooperative to print labels and produce information, and other users of the centre.

Our trusted friend in the Jordan Valley suggested supplying selected farmers with seed. This allowed them to cultivate their land, grow valuable crops and provide an income for the local community. We provided funds for farmers to plant barley, chickpeas and corn.

An ongoing, and developing, agricultural initiative is concentrated in the south Bethlehem area. This area is under threat by illegal settlers from nearby illegal Israeli settlements. We supplied 35 farmers with 50 olive trees each- total cost £10,000. This planting is vital to

maintain a presence on the land and produce an income, especially during harsh economic times.

We heard from our contact in Burin that their women's agriculture cooperative required support to establish farm production units that would provide an income for individual families and the surplus be distributed amongst the cooperative members.

An exciting new initiative was presented to us by a film producer who wanted to establish a Film production company. The aims and objectives of the media platform is to offer film making tuition for young people, record the stories of local people including those supported through our charity, and tell how their lives have been impacted by the support they receive. We were able to provide £2,000 for the production of a film that highlighted the impact of agricultural projects.

It was a trustee decision to fund larger projects- such as the school agricultural scheme, 35 farmers, teachers for the summer school, and a new film production company- primarily because of the difficulties in travelling to the region, transferring funds and knowing the unpredictability and instability for the communities there. It was more sensible to concentrate funding into these projects than spread widely across a number of areas.

We know that the political situation remains unstable, but it has been reassuring to know we can be flexible and creative in how we operate, knowing our support continues to have a positive impact for individuals and communities.

We have continued to raise funds through donations, awareness raising events, film and music events, talks, our stall, and sponsored walks. We thank each and every person who supports us.

We hope the situation stabilises soon, so we can plan our next trip to see how our projects are developing and what else is needed. We are encouraged by working with our Palestinian friends to learn more about their communities and how they want to do their best for everyone. We know that the challenges we face in delivering the support we would like to give is insignificant compared to the daily difficulties Palestinians have to deal with, but this simply drives us on to give all we can.

The Trustees of Projects in Palestine

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Date: 13 February 2025

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Trustee- Rachel Davies 07568593499 (Secretary)

Trustee- Suzanne Higham 07769684601 (Finance)

Trustee report April 23- March 24

We did our first visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territories as a charity in May 2023. Three trustees flew along with 2 volunteers who had both been to the West Bank before. As we entered the hall off the plane, there were machines to issue the visas. Unfortunately one of our team were denied entry by Israeli Immigration and was deported. Four of us headed to the Palestinian Territories to fulfil our charity obligations obviously distressed that she would no longer be with us and we were a group of 4 instead of 5.

Over the 10 days we were there, we had to make alternative plans due to checkpoints, roadblocks and army incursions into areas we were visiting. Gaza was also being bombed, something we could hear and see from places we were staying. That said, amongst the tension in the area, and the bloodshed not far from us in Nablus, we had a fruitful visit. Instead of taking public transport as usual, we decided to hire taxis who could get us from A to B on more direct routes, which enabled us to see parts of the land we'd not seen before, and just how many illegal settlements there are on hilltops.

Our first visit was to an area between Bethlehem and Hebron, which is carved by illegal settlements. We funded the planting of 1000 grapevines over the new year so we could see the vines when we were here. Planting is best done during the months of Jan/Feb. We visited a couple of the farmers who had planted the vines and learned how they gain an income from the vine leaves as well as the fruit and them being on the land, helps to save the land from settlement land grab. They had already begun to grow well.

We visited a new village kindergarten that had very little, but the teachers were really creative. To ease their load we purchased them a printer and some toys. Later we purchased new flooring for them so the children could play on the floor instead of bare concrete (£1200). We hope to do more for this little haven of joy in the future.

In the area too, we visited a woman who runs a women's co-operative making traditional Tatreez embroidery which we purchased to sell back in the UK on their behalf.

We travelled to Tubas to meet with a women's co-operative we were funding, they were setting up a cheesemaking co-operative. They were also slowly renovating an Ottoman building in the town to use as their centre. The cost of that was beyond us, but we spent £1,600 on equipment to start the women off with their cheesemaking business. We headed to the Jordan Valley, camping out in a community centre where we went off to help a group of women plant cucumbers and saw how close the 'border' had been put to their huge greenhouses.

Next Nablus was a base, and it was here we learned that the Israeli army had taken over the old town and there had been bombing in Gaza. All of the shops and restaurants had shut. From our guesthouse we could hear gunshot regularly and we were advised not to go anywhere near the Old Town. It was from Nablus that we visited Jenin and Tubas, catching up with families we had known from years past, seeing how well they have done when given the chance to help themselves by being gifted a piece of equipment. It was a highly emotional day.

In Jenin Refugee camp, which was impossible for us to visit, we gave the children a day out and we met with them at the Al Bustan play park on the outskirts of Jenin to give them a respite from the Refugee camp. We hired the park for the exclusive use of the children, we paid for a coach, food, drinks and sweets and took English story books for them to take back to their kindergarten. It was a beautiful day and a joy to see the smiles on the children's faces. Their day was cut short to similar reasons mentioned above. We also supplied funding for a teacher for a month and goods for the kindergarten (£1500)

Salfit was our next place, and it was here we funded toys, games and craft goods for the Susan Al Ramadani library named after our friend who died the previous year. We spent £1000 on supplying the goods for here. We also supplied bread ovens to the Bedouin community at just under £2000 which was from a donation from the Tom Mann branch of the Unite Union in Coventry. We also funded and delivered irrigation systems and water to a Bedouin community so they could start a community garden. (£600)

Our visit to Salfit was cut short as the Israeli army were inflicting a curfew and our friends wanted us to safely return to Nablus before we were locked into the town.

We headed to Burin to see how the Agricultural School was faring we had purchased Tables and chairs for previously and whilst there we learnt the village needed beehives to help their agricultural production and so they didn't need to rely on businesses for honey. We funded the purchase of 3 with the hope to buy more for them in the future. (£500)

It was fantastic to be back and help deliver all of the projects we could, gaining ideas for future visits and once flights were released for 2024, we booked. However we all know what happened on October the 7th and although we weren't booked to go until May 2024, all flights have been cancelled.

We have continued to fundraise, doing talks, hosting falafel nights, and had Palestinian Food and Oud. We held a Palestinian Film festival and we have raised money to fund projects the best way we could, by telling people what we do. By showing them where the money goes, they realise that it all goes to the projects directly that are delivered to the people.

Although we may not be able to travel to the West bank to deliver the projects we want to during 2024, we will find a way to help fulfil our commitments to the communities over there with the hope we can see them all again soon, and see how the trees we have planted have their roots deep in the ground and have grown from the farmer's nurturing hands.

Our future plans are based in our objectives of nurturing the land through planting and agricultural initiatives. Continuing our commitment to farmers, but expanding this to children learning the skills to continue the traditional methods of farming and also supporting women in their self determination. We also would like to highlight the importance of play for children given the threat of violence and daily trauma many of them are subject to. We have future plans for a playground and to continue our ties with the kindergartens we have already supported in the past.

We look forward to receiving ideas from the different areas we work in throughout the West Bank to see what we can do to help small grassroots projects grow. Due to the situation on the region following October 7th 2023, initiatives like ours will be needed more than ever.

We thank everyone who has donated to us, or freely given their time to help us, or volunteer with us, especially those in Palestine.

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Trustee report to end March 2023

We were really happy when we were granted Charity Status in 2022, just as the world was coming out of Covid Lockdowns. We planned our initial trip as a charity in May 2023, giving us enough time to fundraise and raise our profile. It would give us over a year to plan, co-ordinate and find our feet as a charity.

Our first setback was the unexpected death of one of our volunteers in February 2022, her family though had always been very supportive of us and decided to have our charity as the family's chosen charity and raised money in Sue's name for us. We decided to bear this in mind when it came to our projects in the future, and we would see if we could name one after her.

We as trustees along with another volunteer, Natalie, did The Coventry Way as a fundraiser and people sponsored our 40-mile walk, bringing in funds where we could also gain gift aid from those donations.

We scheduled talks, speaking to different Trade Union branches around the local area, letting them know what our plans were and that we needed money. We had some generous donations from individual donors with match funding through their work.

Meanwhile we were conversing with our contacts in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, finding out what projects were needed. Planting is always needed, especially on land under threat of illegal settlement expansion. Winter is the best time to plant, and as we weren't arriving until May, we would have missed prime planting time, so we transferred money (£5000) to have 1000 grapevines planted on land between Bethlehem and Hebron, and we could visit them when we were over in May. We were also approached for equipment for an agricultural school which would run during school holidays for the youth of the village. The village runs an agricultural cooperative and they wanted to engage children with planting in an organic way. We discussed what equipment we could supply and decided that tables and chairs would allow the children to sit in a classroom setting, thus aiding their learning. We provided payment (£560) for these in advance of our visit, so they would also be in situ when we arrived, and the school could begin as soon as possible.

We reached our year end of March '23 with clear objectives of the May '23 trip. Projects we would be doing whilst there and how much each project would potentially cost.

We have two volunteers who have signed up to come with us, so in total we are 5 females who all self-funded to travel to Palestine.

The proposed projects are to cover agriculture/planting- (which we'd organised in advance- and were planted during winter). Irrigation systems for a Bedouin community

Women's projects; a proposed cheesemaking business, bread ovens for a Bedouin community

Children's Projects. A day out of a refugee camp for the children of Jenin. Play equipment for this kindergarten and one near Bethlehem. Craft/toys/books for the Susan Al Ramadani Library, in Salfit, to be named after our friend.

Our plan is to spend approximately £10,000 of the funds on the ground whilst we are there. As we hadn't been during the covid years, we want to start slowly, rebuild our relationship with our Palestinian contacts and look out for new projects, so when we go in May 2024, with more volunteers and more money we can make a bigger impact.

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The Trustees of Projects in Palestine.

Projects in Palestine
Income and Expenditure Account
Period ended 31 March 2023

Income from Charitable activities		22268
Expenditure on Charitable activities		
Grapevines	5000	
Educational Equipment	658	
		5658
Overhead expenditure		
Website	121	
Insurance	229	
Printing and stationery	264	
Film event	375	
Consultant fees	600	
Merchandise	1108	
Sundries	23	
		2720
Surplus for the period		13890
Cash at bank		13890