

**Sethule Orphans' Trust (UK)**  
**Registered with the Charity Commission No. 1196786**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The trustees follow the advice set out in the guidance issued by the UK Charity Commission, and endeavour to be compliant with all aspects thereof.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The main objects of the CIO as established are: the relief of poverty; the relief of sickness; the relief of persons in need because of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; and the advancement of education, particularly, but not exclusively, by providing grant funding to support projects in rural areas of Zimbabwe, with a focus on children and young people.

The activities of the Trust during 2023 included small grants towards the work in Zimbabwe. Children and families in distress continued to receive support and books, and educational materials were distributed to students to enable them to continue studying.

**Policy on grant making**

The charity will consider applications to provide grants, scholarships, awards or materials in kind and to provide or procure the provision of services, education, training, consultancy, advice, support, counselling or guidance.

**Policy on social investment including programme-related investment**

The charity seeks to make a lasting social impact in rural areas of Zimbabwe by lifting the quality and accessibility of education, and promoting family cohesion, and solid foundational principles for community living. The trustees have maintained regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Contribution made by volunteers**

Volunteers are invited to visit, help or otherwise participate in the charitable work of the Trust, at their own cost and risk.

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES LARGELY LED & FUNDED BY THE UK CHARITY**

Overseas Student Support & Scholarships

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES LARGELY LED FROM ZIMBABWE BUT FUNDED BY THE UK CHARITY**

Borehole drilling in Zimbabwe

IT equipment for the Skills Centre

IT equipment for the Birth Certificate Project

Air fares and related costs to support Zimbabwe Management and Governance

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES LARGELY LED FROM ZIMBABWE BUT FUNDED BY OTHER SUPPORTERS OUTSIDE UK**

Community development in rural areas and improving the quality of life in rural communities

Child protection and education

Food sustenance during times of particular need

Smartphones for use during school closures

Pre-school management

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE of the TRUST IN ZIMBABWE**

**Education**

The work of Sethule has had an incredible impact on the lives of many orphaned and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe. Through our educational initiatives, we have empowered these children by providing them with access to quality education and the necessary tools to build a bright future. The transformative power of quality education cannot be understated when it comes to vulnerable children. Education can enhance positive change in the lives of individuals and communities. It has the ability to change their lives and through access to quality education, children have the opportunity to break free from the cycle of vulnerability and empower themselves. It equips them with knowledge, skills and confidence to overcome barriers and challenges they may face.

***The Scholarship Fund:*** The Sethule Scholarship Fund supports marginalised but deserving children at primary, secondary and college/university levels. We award scholarships to children from 12 years old and continue to support them until they finish their university education. In 2023, 55 deserving students were able to pursue their academic goals without the burden of financial constraints. The fund has not only enhanced accessibility and affordability but has also contributed to the personal growth and development of these students. The fund has paved the way for success stories and transformed lives. The positive results of the scholarship fund go beyond just one year; it also sets a precedent for future support and encourages more students to strive for excellence in their education.

***Sethule Skills Centre:*** The primary purpose of the Sethule Skills Centre is to offer hands-on training and instruction to help individuals develop the day-to-day life skills. The Skills Centre provides a unique opportunity for our students to gain valuable life skills that may not be taught in schools or at home. They learn a wide range of practical skills that are essential for everyday life. These include sewing, personal hygiene, cooking, social and professional etiquette, financial education, personality enrichment and confidence building. In 2023 the skills centre accommodated 21 students in three sessions. Sessions last a week and have unique curricula designed to suit each particular group.

***Early child development (ECD) centres:*** The Sethule ECD Centres cater for children between the ages of 4 and 5 years. Our focus is on providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that supports children's physical, cognitive, social and emotional development. In order to increase parental involvement, we introduced play-based learning as well as the 'Continuous Assessment Learning Activity'. This gave parents/guardians an opportunity to be instrumental in helping their children with tasked projects. At Emarika ECD centre, a total of 39 students were enrolled in 2023. At Sethule Hope Centre, a total of 26 students were enrolled in 2023. We believe that our early child development centres play a crucial role in the future of our children and the community. Therefore, we are committed to providing the best possible environment and resources to support their growth and development.

**Nutritional gardens for preschool students**

Our nutritional gardens have been thriving, providing a sustainable source of fresh fruits and vegetables for our community. We are particularly proud of the positive impact our gardens have had on our pre-school students. They have thoroughly enjoyed the fresh produce, which is essential for maintaining a well-balanced diet. The benefits of our nutritional gardens are numerous and far-reaching. Firstly, our gardens have contributed significantly to improving food security. Primarily the garden is for Emarika children but whenever we have excess, we offer it to the community in exchange for the manure from their cattle or chickens. Secondly, our gardens promote healthy eating habits. By providing fresh, locally grown produce, we are encouraging our community members to make healthier food choices. Finally, our gardens reduce the ecological footprint associated with food production and transportation. By growing our own food, we are reducing the amount of energy and resources required to transport food from distant locations.

**Bicycle project**

We are proud to be part of a project that is making a positive impact in the lives of children by providing children with a means of transportation that is both safe and reliable. The Bicycle Project has been successful in improving access to education for children in the community. With the availability of bicycles,

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children are now able to travel to school faster and more conveniently. This has led to an increase in school attendance and an improvement in academic performance. One of the key factors contributing to the success of the Bicycle Project is the collaboration between parents and schools. Parents are actively involved in ensuring that the bicycles are well-maintained and kept safe at all times. This level of community involvement is inspiring and highlights the importance of working together towards a common goal. During 2023, we were able to purchase 10 more bicycles, bringing the total number of bicycles to 33, distributed within four schools. We hope to reach even more schools and provide bicycles to more children in need.

**Child safeguarding**

Safeguarding is a crucial aspect of any organisation that works with children. As such, Sethule has been conducting regular workshops and sessions with stakeholders, partners, employees and volunteers to emphasise the importance of protecting children from all forms of abuse and harm. A total of 136 people took part in our child safeguarding sessions. A two-day long child safeguarding workshop was held for teachers from various rural schools. It was attended by over 55 teachers representing 20 schools. In addition to teachers, representatives from Childline, a child abuse reporting hotline, the Ministry of Education and other community organisations also participated. The sessions covered various topics, including:

- Child abuse and its different forms
- Signs of child abuse
- Reporting mechanisms for child abuse cases
- Child protection policies and procedures
- Safety measures to protect children from harm

Some of the key findings from the sessions were as follows:

- Most parents were not aware of the different forms of child abuse and how to identify them.
- The staff members and volunteers were already familiar with child abuse and protection issues. However, they noted that the refresher sessions were helpful in reminding them of their responsibilities and the importance of adhering to child safeguarding policies and procedures.
- The schoolteachers found the sessions particularly useful in identifying signs of abuse and reporting cases promptly.
- All participants emphasised the need for continuous training, awareness campaigns and education on child safeguarding.

**Mental health**

As part of our commitment to the children we work with, we at Sethule prioritise their mental health. Our psychosocial support pillar is designed to cater to the emotional needs of these children, many of whom come from rural communities where economic and social challenges can negatively impact mental wellbeing. Our mental health programme aims to raise awareness of mental health issues and provide timely information on how they can affect an individual's emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing. Over the past year, we have held regular sessions with students from six different schools. During these sessions, we have discussed a range of topics, including understanding mental health, identifying potential causes of mental health problems, recognising the signs and effects of mental health issues, and different types of mental disorders such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Additionally, we have provided guidance on when and how to seek help. Our programme has been well-received by both students and teachers. This year, we reached out to a total of 1127 students. Extensive one-to-one counselling was offered to six students and three of these students were referred to further expert assistance.

**Children and youth**

***Dare To Be Different: Empowering youth through life lessons:*** Our program, Dare To Be Different (DTBD), successfully reached a total of 3313 students. Our main objective is to equip youth with timely information that will help them make informed decisions. Our mission is to raise awareness and provide accurate information to help students make informed choices about alcohol and substance abuse, sexual health and other important issues. Through engagement of life lessons, we are able to deliver a curriculum that is both impactful and empowering. The main focus in 2023 was:

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- The importance of a positive mindset
- Partnering with the Government and other organisations for Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness Campaigns.

This year, the programme made a significant impact by reaching out to a total of 2,221 pupils.

***Reject and Expose All Child Trauma (REACT):*** The REACT programme is designed to educate pupils on the myths and facts surrounding child abuse. The teaching methods used in the programme are captivating, making it easier for students to understand the issue. One of the teaching methods used is a drama that highlights the myths and facts about child abuse. This approach helps students to distinguish between what is real and what is not when it comes to child abuse. Additionally, the REACT song 'touchy touchy' has been an effective tool in creating awareness among students. The song is catchy and has a fun beat that students can sing along to. It reinforces the message that no one has the right to touch them inappropriately. Another teaching method used in the REACT programme is the 'my network' drawing. This method helps students to understand the reporting procedures for child abuse. It is a visual representation of the people and organisations that they can turn to if they suspect that someone is being abused. This method has been effective in empowering students to take action and report any suspected cases of child abuse. By educating students on the myths and facts surrounding child abuse, we are creating a culture that values the safety and wellbeing of children. This is a crucial step in preventing child abuse and ensuring that children are safe.

***ATTIC Youth Camp***

In August, we hosted a week's youth camp which accommodated 120 teenagers and 43 adults. The youth displayed an impressive level of enthusiasm and energy throughout the week-long camp, and we are proud to have provided them with an opportunity to learn and grow. The teams competed against each other in various activities, including sports, arts and educational stations. The participants particularly enjoyed the educational stations, which are interactive and encourage them to be positive agents in their communities. The camp was a great opportunity for the teenagers to learn new skills, make new friends and build self-confidence.

**Orphan care**

***Birth certificates and birth registration:*** Birth certificates are crucial documents that provide proof of a person's identity and citizenship. They are essential for accessing basic services such as education, healthcare, and social welfare. However, many children in Zimbabwe do not have birth certificates due to various factors such as poverty, lack of awareness, and inadequate documentation. The Sethule Birth Certificate team partnered with the District Mobile Registration Unit to mobilise parents and guardians whose children needed birth certificates. Before the arrival of Mobile Registration, the Sethule Birth Certificate team worked tirelessly to raise awareness on the importance of birth certificates and the required documentation for birth registration. The team met with community leaders in different villages to discuss measures that could be taken to prevent the emergence of new cases of children without birth certificates. In addition to the partnership with Mobile Registration, the Sethule Birth Certificate team conducted three workshops in two villages to educate parents and guardians on the processes of birth registration, the documents required, and the safekeeping of national documents. The workshops reached out to 205 people. The team also worked closely with community leaders to identify families who needed support in obtaining birth certificates for their children. This approach helped to ensure that no child was left behind, and all families had equal access to the birth registration process. However, during the national electoral period, the political climate made it impossible for us to visit the villages and hence we could not easily reach out to the communities. Nevertheless, we continued to work closely with community leaders to ensure that our future work was not hindered. At the end of October 2023, the restrictions were lifted and our team was able to resume the birth certificates quest in full. We hope to continue working closely with Mobile Registration and community leaders to ensure that all children have access to birth registration services. In 2023, the partnership with Mobile Registration enabled the team to obtain 258 birth certificates.

***Food supplements:*** Our programme aims to address nutritional deficiencies that can hinder the physical and cognitive development of children, particularly in Matopo and Umguza Districts. Throughout the year,

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we provided essential support to 45 families who needed it most. The families received monthly food hampers. These hampers are carefully designed to meet the nutritional needs of families. They consisted of the basic necessities such as maize meal, beans and soap.

**Women's health**

The issue of menstrual hygiene has been a significant concern, especially in poor rural communities. Limited resources, social stigma, and lack of access to proper sanitary products are some of the reasons why menstrual hygiene is a challenge. In response to this issue, sanitary pad drives have been organised. The programme not only provides women and girls with sanitary pads but also raises awareness about menstrual health. Through the Sethule Skills centre, girls are taught how to sew/make reusable pads. A total of 440 reusable and disposable sanitary pads were distributed during the drive.

**Livelihood and self-help**

***Gradual substitution of monthly food packs:*** We have been working hard to find sustainable solutions that can empower families to become self-sufficient. We have been providing monthly supplemental food packs to families in need for a long time. However, we have realised that this approach is not sustainable in the long run. We believe that teaching families to grow their own vegetables and rear their own chickens would be a better alternative. Farming is a vital source of income and livelihood for many families in rural areas, and we hope to help them succeed by providing them with the necessary knowledge and resources.

***Integrating chickens and vegetable farming:*** Recently, we established an experimental site near the Sethule Office. Our primary goal was to experiment and establish easier, effective, and sustainable ways of farming that can be easily adopted by villagers in rural communities. Integrating chickens and vegetable farming has proven to be a sustainable and effective method of farming. Chickens not only provide eggs and meat but also produce manure that can be used to fertilize vegetable gardens. By combining these two farming practices, families can achieve greater yields and financial stability. We have also noticed that this approach not only benefits individual families but also contributes to the overall growth and development of rural communities. When families are able to produce their own food, they become less reliant on external sources of support. This, in turn, frees up resources that can be used for other projects that benefit the community as a whole. We have been inviting villagers to come and learn from us, copy and improve on our methods in order to succeed with their own farming projects. Our gardener John has been accepted to train at an Integrated Agricultural Institute. The training will equip him with the necessary skills and knowledge to guide the villagers through Integrated Farming.

**Infrastructure development**

Major infrastructural developments were made during 2023.

- A classroom block was built at Hope Secondary School. This project has significantly increased the number of classrooms available to students, which has helped to reduce overcrowding and improve the learning environment.
- The Sethule Hope Centre shade was rebuilt. The shade provides a safe and comfortable space for children to play and learn.
- The Sethule Hope Centre swings were renovated. The swings provide a fun and engaging activity for children, and their maintenance ensures that they remain safe and functional.
- The Sethule Hope Centre classroom and shade were painted. The new paint has brightened up the learning environment, making it more welcoming and conducive to learning.
- The Emarika Kitchen was renovated. The new kitchen is equipped with some facilities and appliances, which have greatly improved the quality of food provided to children.
- The dormitory at Emarika was renovated, ensuring that students are safe and protected at all times.

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**Achievements against objectives set**

Throughout year 2023, we made significant strides in achieving Sethule goals. Our efforts have been geared towards improving the lives of disadvantaged communities in Zimbabwe. We have made remarkable progress in various areas, including education, sports, and food security.

- All our Scholarship students passed their examinations.
- We successfully completed the construction of a classroom block at Hope Secondary School.
- The ATTIC youth programme has grown to include 120 teenagers.
- Two of our scholarship students, participated in athletics at a national level.
- Three of our scholarship students were chosen by their schools to be part of the board of the 'Responsible Future Leaders'.
- We made significant progress in our food distribution project, increasing the number of families receiving monthly food donations from 20 to 45.
- The Sethule Hope centre increased its enrolment from 18 to 26 children.
- Through our educational and food security initiatives, we have also made strides in community engagement.
- We hosted the first ATTIC stakeholders meeting and successfully hosted the teachers' child safeguarding workshop in Bulawayo Club. These initiatives have enabled us to engage with stakeholders, share our progress and collaborate.
- We established an experimental site for the Integrated chicken and vegetable farming.

**Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set**

Following a decrease in 2022, associated with the change of banking arrangements, fundraising income returned to a level comparable to that achieved in 2021.

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**TRUSTEES**

Trustees were selected as people who had an intimate knowledge of the workings of the charity, had visited the places in Zimbabwe where it worked, and whose character and standing were upright and honourable.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Income for the year was £38,991 and operating expenditure was £1,730, an operating increase of £37,261. Funds available at the end of the year were £76,794.

No investments have been made.

The principal risks to the Zimbabwe charity are inflationary pressures and spiralling costs in Zimbabwe.

**RESERVES POLICY**

Reserves are maintained for at least 3 months' full functioning of the charity.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is constituted under the constitution dated 18 August June 2021.

**Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees**

Meetings of the Trust board are governed by the Trust's constitution. Regular meetings discuss policies and projects, as well as fundraising exercises, and the website. A board meeting adopts and approves the annual accounts for external auditing. The charity is managed by its Board of Trustees, and there are no paid employees, officers or 'significant volunteers'.

**Relationship with any related parties**

While liaisons and good relations are kept with both the Zimbabwe Government Ministries of Health and Education, as well as with the Office of the Registrar General, no financial contracts or transactions are with any other body, nor any financial inducements considered.

**Activities delivered by an associated charity having very similar Charitable Objectives**

Those activities promoted by the Zimbabwe Trust, in particular its running costs, and implementation of programmes not currently supported from UK, are supported by the Swiss Friends of Sethule Trust.

**Hope for the future**

Being now registered as a Public Voluntary Organisation, the Zimbabwe-based entity will be able to serve more vulnerable children in poor rural communities. The hope for 2024 and beyond is:

- To expand the Scholarship Fund initiative to support students.
- To increase the number of families receiving food donations.
- To strengthen the sports programme to enable more athletes to participate at a national level.
- To host more stakeholder meetings to engage with partners and donors.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity Name**

Sethule Orphans' Trust (UK)

**Other Name the Charity Uses**

Sethule Trust

**Registered Charity Number**

1196786

**Registered Office**

18 Saltspring Drive  
Royal Wootton Bassett  
Wiltshire  
SN4 7SD  
(from August 2020)

**Trustees**

| <b>Trustee name</b> | <b>Office (if any)</b> | <b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b> | <b>Name of person/body entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Simon Ashmore       | Chair                  |  |   |
| Nicola Lyndon Bull  | Treasurer              |  |   |
| Antoinette Ashmore  |                        |  |   |
| Stephanie Johnson   | Safeguarding Trustee   |  |   |
| Bernard Moyo        |                        |  |   |
| Amy Hicks           |                        |  |   |
| Fiorella Ashman     |                        |  |   |
| Bongi Sibanda       |                        |  |   |

**Independent Examiner**

Malcolm W Rogers, ACIE  
24a Friars Walk,  
Tring, Herts, HP23 4AY.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

..... (Mrs Nicola L Bull)



# SETHULE ORPHANS' TRUST (UK)

## ACCOUNTS

for the

FINANCIAL YEAR

ending

31st DECEMBER 2023

Notes

FY 2023

FY 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - see Note (1)

### Receipts

#### **Normal Operational Receipts**

|                                 |               |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Donations                       | 34,547        | 24,326        |
| Stewardship                     | 582           |               |
| Gift Aid                        | 3,749         | 8,407         |
| Bank interest                   | 112           | 23            |
| <b>Total Normal Op Receipts</b> | <b>38,991</b> | <b>32,756</b> |

#### **Extraordinary Items (2)**

|  |          |               |
|--|----------|---------------|
| Transfer ownership of NWB A/C to SO'T (UK) |          | 54,934        |
| Transfer Benefits of Debtors to SO'T (UK)  |          | 353           |
| <b>Total Extraordinary Receipts</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>55,286</b> |

#### **TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**38,991**

**88,042**

### Payments

#### **Charitable activities:**

|  |            |               |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Grants Paid                            |            | 25,047        |
| Student support funding                | 540        | 9,695         |
| Student support funding (via Swz)      | 100        |               |
| Support to Zim organisation            | 167        |               |
| Medical Care                           |            | 3,738         |
| <b>Total Charitable Activities (3)</b> | <b>806</b> | <b>38,480</b> |

#### **Support costs:**

|                            |     |       |
|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| ICT Equipment              |     | 2,050 |
| Website fees               | 265 | 173   |
| Water, gas and electricity | 0   | 0     |

|  |     |               |               |
|--|-----|---------------|---------------|
| Legal Fees                                     | (2) |               | 3,930         |
| Account examination fees                       |     | 450           | 450           |
| Air Fares                                      |     |               | 3,113         |
| Sundries                                       |     |               | 139           |
| Banking fees                                   |     | 208           | 20            |
| <b>Total Support Costs</b>                     |     | <b>924</b>    | <b>9,875</b>  |
| <b>Total Operational Payments</b>              |     | <b>1,730</b>  | <b>48,355</b> |
| <b>Extraordinary Items</b>                     | (2) |               |               |
| Transfer Liabilities of Creditors to SO'T (UK) |     |               | 154           |
| <b>Total Extraordinary Payments</b>            |     | <b>0</b>      | <b>154</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                          |     | <b>1,730</b>  | <b>48,509</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>                       |     |               |               |
| arising from NORMAL OPERATIONS                 |     | 37,261        | -15,599       |
| arising from EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS               |     | 0             | 55,132        |
| <b>TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>                 |     | <b>37,261</b> | <b>39,533</b> |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                        |     | <b>76,794</b> | <b>39,533</b> |

#### FUNDS SUMMARY

##### ALL SO'T (UK) FUNDS ARE UNRESTRICTED

|                                   | FY 2023 | FY 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Net Assets as at last Year End    | 39,533  | 0       |
| Surplus/(Deficit) - Operational   | 37,261  | -15,599 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) - Extraordinary | 0       | 55,132  |
| Net Assets as at this year end    | 76,794  | 39,533  |

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

|                             |               |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bank Balance - NatWest Bank |               | 143           |
| Bank Balance CAF Bank       | 76,794        | 39,390        |
|                             | <b>76,794</b> | <b>39,533</b> |

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

- 2 In 2022, Sethule Orphans' Trust converted from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Full details of how this conversion was carried out are included in the Report and Accounts for FY2022 available from the Charity Commission website. Related costs are shown in the comparatives column highlighted as 'Extraordinary Receipts and Payments'.
- 3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities in FY2023 was much lower than in FY2022 because the Trustees were grappling with the complexities of bank transfers overseas from CAF Bank, something that we have now developed a procedure for. During 2024 there have been, and will be more, transfers of funds to support the work on the ground in line with our charitable aims.

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SETHULE ORPHANS' TRUST (UK)**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement- matter of concern identified**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Malcolm W Rogers

Relevant professional qualification(s) : ACIE

Address: 24a, Friars Walk, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 4AY

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024