



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.06.23 **Period start date** **31.03.24** **Period end date**

Charity name: RUSH UK

Charity registration number: 1203347

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	"To advance the education of pupils at the RUSH Academy Kenya by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school. To relieve the needs of vulnerable adults in Kakamega, Kenya, and the surrounding districts who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by the provision of grants to RUSH Kenya to support their work relieving these specific needs."
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Since Registration with the Charity Commission on 01.06.23, we have focused exclusively on supporting the RUSH Kenya Academy School (RAS), consisting of a primary school and a secondary school. We started by awarding grants in support of teacher salaries and of pupils unable to pay all or any school fees. We also funded 3 new management positions appointed by the RUSH Kenya Board to review, revise and implement all RAS policies, starting with an independent review of financial management.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they understand public benefit as defined and explained in documents, including PB2 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/publicbenefitrunning-a-charity-pb2 We are satisfied that RAS confers present direct benefits to their pupils as well as future benefits to families, their communities and wider society, see below.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Our charity awards grants only to RUSH Kenya (<u>R</u> eaching the <u>U</u> nreached through <u>S</u> elf- <u>H</u> elp), an independent Community Based Organisation (CBO) in that country
		registered with the Kenyan Government. In the context of grants awarded to children attending RAS, the RUSH Kenya Board receives input from the community elders, who advise on the level of grant support appropriate for pupils in their community. In the context of teacher salaries, RUSH UK contributions ensure that all are paid regularly in line with Kenyan Government requirements.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	RUSH Kenya's purpose as a CBO is to improve the material and spiritual wellbeing by promoting self-help in the surrounding communities it serves in Kakamega County (popn >100,000) in the Western Province. Grants to RAS outlined above reflect our current priority in terms of providing social investment through education.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	RUSH UK has supporters in churches and schools who organise their own fundraising events in their respective communities. One such group is organised by the RUSH UK Chair in a church hall in Whyteleafe, Surrey. These volunteers are one of our main sources of income, but they contribute as members of their local communities; we do not organise them.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Main achievements ○ Number of disadvantaged Kenyan children whose school fees were sponsored (£20/month) by RUSH UK donors increased from zero on date of registration 01.06.23 to 40 pupils on 31.03.24. ○ Grants from our local church communities helped buy bulk maize and beans in the Kakamega marketplace that helped ensure pupils had a midday meal, and boarders had some breakfast and supper. ○ A grant was awarded for the purchase and training in the use of financial software (Quickbooks), including monthly professional monitoring. This investment was linked to a grant supporting an independent professional review of RUSH Kenya's financial management policies at the RUSH Academy School. The results and recommendations became clear after an independent financial audit, which will be reported in the next financial year.
		Public benefits ○ These relate to investing in the education of the 370 children at the RUSH primary and secondary schools (years 1-12), including 315 too poor to pay school fees. Of the 35 children completing secondary school education in the 2022/23 academic year, 34 gained university places, of whom 18 won highly competitive Kenyan Government Scholarships. It is expected that in adult life, all will contribute to the economic and spiritual well-being of their families, of their local communities and society in general. ○ To end with an anecdote, an orphaned pupil completing 12 years of RUSH UK-sponsored primary & secondary school education, studied finance at university, and is now employed as an accountant at her alma mater.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	○ We succeeded in attracting 40 private individuals in UK between 01.06.23 and 31.03.24 to sponsor pupils at RAS. ○ We identified private donors to contribute funding on a monthly basis to ensure all teachers received full salary, between 01.06.23 and 31.03.24. ○ Finally, we received donations to cover the salaries of new management posts at the RUSH Academy, including chief executive, chief operating officer and chief technical officer.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We received a total income of £39,493 which includes a one off payment of £12,795 from International Needs UK. £26,699 was raised by our charity, from UK private individuals in the 10 months from registration on 01.06.23 to 31.03.24 of which £2,660 was raised in student sponsorships and £8,023 was raised for teacher and new management salaries.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Ten months post-registration, we have balanced income and expenditure in line with our business plan.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have no policy
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity has no financial liabilities in the UK. It pays no rent, salaries, interest or capital on loans. Our domestic expenditure is very limited as the accounts show.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have no uncertainties to report
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Private individuals and communities linked to a small number of churches and schools are the principal funding sources. The charity has no pension liabilities or investments.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No significant events have affected our performance so far, nor do we foresee risks specific to our particular circumstances. In practice, the current recipient of our grants, a primary and secondary school for disadvantaged children in Kenya benefits from whatever funds we raise, large or small.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A; see above
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity incorporated organisation ('Foundation' model constitution)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	'Option 1' in our constitution provides for new trustees to be appointed by the current trustees. Individuals proposed as potential trustees are considered at properly constituted Board meetings, taking into account their skill sets, experience, motivation and potential conflicts of interest.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charitycommissionguidance
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity organisation structure is straightforward, with Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 other trustees, each taking responsibility for areas relevant to their office and skill sets.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	RUSH UK
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1203347
Charity's principal address	21, Greenacres, Oxted, RH8 0PA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Susan Armitage			
Steve Flashman			
Jacobus Geldenhuys			
Joan Hadlow	Chair		
Elizabeth Noble		01.06-30.09.23	
Ash Patel	Treasurer		
John Yarnold	Secretary		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

Accounts prepared by Helen Louise Raeburn, new Trustee & Treasurer appointed Sept 2024

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of
the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Joan Hadlow	John Yarnold
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date	30.01.25
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

Period start date
01-Jun-23

Period end date
31-Mar-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
General Donations	24,942	-	24,942	-
Fundraising	668	-	668	-
Student Sponsorships	-	2,660	2,660	-
Staff cost sponsorship	-	8,213	8,213	-
Education & School Infrastructure	-	3,010	3,010	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,610	13,883	39,493	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,610	13,883	39,493	-
A3 Payments				
Student Fees (sponsored)	-	2,660	2,660	-
Staff Salaries and Taxes	3,785	8,213	11,998	-
Education, Support and Infrastructure	6,808	3,010	9,818	-
Community Support	2,450	-	2,450	-
Bank charges	89	-	89	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,132	13,883	27,015	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,132	13,883	27,015	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,478	-	12,478	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	12,478	-	12,478	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Funds	12,478	
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		-	-
	Total cash funds	12,478	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		
	Helen Raeburn	28-Jan-25	

NOTES

1	Includes a one-off £12.8 donation from International Needs UK, the previous administrators of RUSH.
2	Student's fees are sponsored on an individual basis. All receipts are remitted to the school.
3	In addition to the monthly salaries supported by donors, payments for backdated employer tax contributions which were inherited from International Needs UK, were made during the period.
4	In addition to general support for food and fuel, there were one off renovations to the school including the Boy's Dormitory
5	Providing Christmas boxes and other support to the community



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

RUSH UK

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1203347

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

28.1.25

Name:

Alison Bibby

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

Address:

8 Lexden, Portley Wood Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0PP

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.