

The Falconer Trust

Registered Charity No. 280864

Financial Statements Year ended 5th April 2024

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for the year ended 5th April 2024

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Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 5th April 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report with the financial accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024.

Objects and Organisation

The charity was established by Trust Deed dated 24th June 1980 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its objects are to advance the Christian religion and to relieve poverty by means of:

- (a) assisting in the maintenance of the Falconer Home and Orphanage in Zambia; and
- (b) making grants to other charitable children's homes and orphanages.

The trustees organise specific support to the Falconer Home, Zambia, and this falls into three main categories:

- (1) sending out parcels of clothing, dried goods and medicines;
- (2) forwarding gifts of money for the local needs of the home; and
- (3) helping with projects to aid the home's immediate and long term development

Review of Activities

Neil Starling continues to work as Manager of the Trust, attending to all administrative matters, giving presentations at various churches, schools and other groups, liaising with staff at the Falconer Home, and dealing with practical matters.

Following the resignation of Ken Webb and Richard Hindley from the Board of Trustees last year, the Trustees are actively seeking new members for the board, and are in discussions with interested parties. Duncan and Susan Stansfield have agreed in principle to take on the role, and formalities should be completed imminently.

Two large consignments of parcels were sent to the Falconer Home, containing clothes, blankets, toiletries, stationery, tools and toys. It is no longer possible to send non-perishable foods, because of the restrictions placed on them by the Zambian authorities.

The Trustees once again express their thanks to Brian and Margaret Nash, who continue to give valuable service as volunteers in the unit, overseeing the packing of boxes of donated goods, and generally keeping the warehouse in good order. They also support the work of the Trust in many other ways, for which the Trustees are very grateful.

In June 2023, Neil Starling and Dennis Webb visited the Falconer Home, this was the first visit since the COVID pandemic. During the visit they were able to assist with practical tasks such as getting the new generator running, establishing an electrical supply in the main house and pumping river waters into the water towers to provide a supply of running water at the Home. They also held discussions with the Home's Director, Simon Samutala, and other staff, regarding matters concerning the future of the Home, and the nature of the support which the Trust will be able to offer in the future. Of particular concern was the matter of sending parcels to the Home, which is becoming increasingly difficult due to the increasing cost, and the more complex customs process.

Building work on accommodation for the children continues, with a girls' dormitory, an ablution block and a kitchen building all in progress.

We are grateful to all our supporters for their generous giving in both goods and finance, which makes this work possible.

Risks

Operational Risks

As with any charity relying on voluntary donations, there is a risk of incoming resources going astray in the post. Development of sound administrative systems ensure that this risk is minimised.

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Financial Risks

The charity continues to be subject to the risk of over reliance on unsolicited revenue from donations, appeals and the general generosity of people. By aiming to make the home in Zambia more self-financing, through farming and other projects the risk to the home will be minimised. Continuing to seek government funding for certain projects also minimises this risk.

Trustees

Geoffrey L Webb
Dennis J Webb
Terrence Martin

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Dennis J Webb, Trustee

Date: _____

The Falconer Trust
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
for the year ended 5th April 2024

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statement, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently;

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any one time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and any subsequent acts. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Dennis J Webb
Trustee

Date: _____

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Independent Examiner's Report

for the year ended 5th April 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed:

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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: _____

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 5th April 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Incoming Resources			
General Donations	1	99,858	125,788
Donations supported by Gift Aid	2	30,544	46,259
Gift Aid Reclaimed	3	9,018	13,095
Legacies	4	10,491	41,927
Total Incoming Resources		<u>149,911</u>	<u>227,069</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Amount paid to Falconer Home		126,035	136,275
Freight on parcels to Falconer Home		5,929	11,481
Warehousing costs		7,751	7,778
Goods purchased for Falconer Home		16,719	4,815
Freight admin/packing labour/expenses		26,956	25,700
Total Direct Charitable Expenditure		<u>183,390</u>	<u>186,049</u>
Gross Surplus/(Loss) for the year		(33,479)	41,020
Administrative Expenditure			
General administration, printing and promotion		3,612	4,982
Bank and online giving charges		1,119	1,169
Independent examination fees		594	594
Total Administrative Expenditure		<u>5,325</u>	<u>6,745</u>
Net Surplus/(Loss) for the year		<u>(38,804)</u>	<u>34,275</u>

Notes

- 1 Donations from businesses, churches, organisations and individuals not supported by Gift Aid Declarations
- 2 Donations supported by Gift Aid Declarations enable the Falconer Trust to claim from HMRC any taxes paid by the donor
- 3 Tax reclaimable on the donations received in the current year
- 4 Legacies are treated as revenue income unless otherwise requested in estate documents

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Balance Sheet
for the year ended 5th April 2024**

	Notes	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	3	7,584	11,209
Prepayments	3	472	571
Cash at bank and in hand		55,485	90,565
		<u>63,541</u>	<u>102,345</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals	4	<u>594</u>	<u>594</u>
Net Current Assets		62,947	101,751
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>62,947</u>	<u>101,751</u>
Reserves			
Accumulated funds	5	62,947	101,751
		<u>62,947</u>	<u>101,751</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Dennis J Webb
(Trustee)

Approved by the board on

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Notes to Financial Statements
for the year ended 5th April 2024

1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

2 Accounting Policies

Incoming Resources

(a) Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(b) Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

(c) Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

(d) Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

(e) Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Expenditure and Liabilities

(f) Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

(g) Governance and support costs

These include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustees' meetings if incurred and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters

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(h) Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

(i) Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

(j) Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

(k) Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

Assets

(l) Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and they are valued at cost.

(m) Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

3 Debtors

	2024	2023
Taxation receivable (Gift Aid Scheme)	7,584	11,209
Prepayments	472	571
	<u>8,056</u>	<u>11,780</u>

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accruals: Independent Examination fees	594	594
	<u>594</u>	<u>594</u>

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5 Reconciliation of funds

	2024	2023
Accumulated funds b/fwd	101,751	67,476
Net Surplus/(Loss) in year	(38,804)	34,275
Accumulated funds c/fwd	<u>62,947</u>	<u>101,751</u>