

BUDIRO TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 313921

Details

Other names	BUDIRIO TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
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Activities

Objects: THE PRIMARY OBJECT IS TO HELP IN THE ADVANCED SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION OF AFRICAN RHODESIANS OF BOTH SEXES. THE SECONDARY OBJECT IS THE EDUCATION IN ANY FORM APPROVED BY THE GOVERNORS OF AFRICANS OF BOTH SEXES WHETHER RHODESIAN OR OTHERWISE.

Activities: The Trust provides A level scholarships at selected schools throughout Zimbabwe. Bursaries are awarded on individual students' academic abilities, taking into account financial hardship which would prevent them from otherwise completing their secondary education. Fundraising activities are based in the UK with a committee in Harare responsible for distributing the funds to the schools.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Zimbabwe

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£24,618	£24,764	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,534	£40,273	-	-
2023-03-31	£22,177	£46,949	-	-
2022-03-31	£30,606	£37,965	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,042	£11,460	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SIKHUMBUZO NGWENYA	Chair	
Dr Dinah Mary Holderness		2020-10-31
EMILY ANN CHADBURN MRCVS		
JEANIE MOYO		
PENNY MORRISON		
PROFESSOR EUAN NISBET		
Rita Mangarida Matanda		2025-11-08
THOMAS BARRATT		2011-12-08

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Accounts

BUDIRO TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY No. 313921

GENERAL APPEAL

AND

ANNUAL REPORT

FIFTY-SEVENTH YEAR

2024

THE BUDIRO TRUST

Since 1967, Budiro has given grants to many hundreds of young people in Zimbabwe, equipping them to play their part in the professional, administrative and technical life of the country. The Trust is committed to go on supporting the vital work of education in Zimbabwe at higher secondary levels and in technical and vocational training.

We offer bursaries to young Zimbabweans to enable them to undertake A-Level courses. Grants are made on the specific recommendation of head teachers. Close contact is maintained with the schools and, wherever possible, with the pupils, by our two Regional Co-ordinators.

Each bursary represents a commitment of two years, so that courses embarked upon do not have to be abandoned for lack of funds. Our aim is for each two-year grant to cover the actual cost to parents of fees and related expenses. Bursaries are awarded according to need but also with regard to a pupil's character and ability. We are currently supporting four schools (two in the south and two in the north) and hope to extend that support in due course, funds permitting.

Please visit our website which has been recently updated:

<http://www.budirotrust.org>

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is a great honour to report to you that Budiriro Trust is still going strong, despite the challenges that we have faced since the first day that the Trust was formed in 1957! Each year that I have been part of this wonderful organisation has shown me the grace and potential that society has, and in particular, the potential of young Zimbabwean students who will go on to change their lives and that of their families, as well as of Zimbabwe itself.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, many of whom have been with us for many years. These are the silent heroes who continuously avail their money for a cause that means so much to us all. With virtually no overheads, bar those of our regional co-ordinators and very small costs of printing, stationery etc, we are able to ensure that their contribution is efficiently used to provide the education that the students need. Sadly, economic conditions have meant that our donation pool has been reduced though we are still in a position to meet our commitments to the young people who demonstrate an ability and keenness to succeed that is unmatched in most contexts.

I visit Zimbabwe each year and use this time to see the schools and students in action myself. This year, I drove out to St Paul's Musami, which is approximately 60 kms north of Harare. I met Mr Takawira who is the Deputy Headteacher and conducted a learning walk as well as meeting our Budiriro Scholars. I can report that the Budiriro culture is strongly embedded in our schools; the students are well-supported by the schools and are doing well in difficult conditions in Zimbabwe. These boarding schools give them the opportunity to focus on education as it is recognised as a key way to develop oneself in Zimbabwe. I also met Ron Lumbiwa, our active Southern Co-ordinator in Gweru. He gives a lot of time to supporting the schools and students, past and present, from his plot on the outskirts of Gweru. He drives to Thekwane and Nyathi to ensure that he monitors the activities of our students and

has a vibrant community on WhatsApp that has grown to 70 members of past and present students who are keen to update us and explore opportunities through information exchange. It is pleasing to see this evolve as it is a long-term plan to keep the Budiriro name alive in the community and we plan to explore the opportunity for the members to be future donors if they would like to. Most importantly, an analysis of the results shown by Budiriro students are first class - many students score AAA for their A-levels, meaning they are well-placed to pursue tertiary studies. We do not fund university education so the students have to seek funding from other well-wishers.

Zimbabwe itself is a country facing challenges. However, the stoicism of its people is evident; as well their resourcefulness in surviving the harsh economic environment. The introduction of the Zig as a currency was made with fanfare earlier this year as being a solution to the failure of the Zimbabwe Dollar. It is important to point out that all school fees are payable in United States Dollars as Zimbabwe is at least 85% dollarized as a country. The Zig has fallen somewhat in recent months, which is having the effect of rapidly increasing prices and is leading to profiteering where prices are rising in US Dollar terms, in some cases making the prices as high as UK prices! Unfortunately, income in US Dollar terms is low so it means that affordability of education is a big issue in most families.

As a small organisation, we cannot change the entire country's fortunes. We seek partnership with donors who share our values of seeking to transform the lives of young Zimbabweans who represent the future of the country. Your support as a stakeholder means that the legacy of Grace Benton continues as the need today is as great as it has ever been.

Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya

THE BUDIRIRO TRUST – AGM

The Trust's AGM received a report on its work with Zimbabwean students – and also heard from two UK students who had visited Zimbabwe to see that work for themselves

The Budiriro Trust has been working in Zimbabwe since 1967.

The Trust gives scholarships to assist in the advanced secondary and higher education of young Zimbabweans of promising ability.

The Trust held its 56th AGM on 28 October, at Westminster Quaker Meeting House, 8 Hop Gardens, off St Martins Lane, London WC2N 4EH – coinciding with a demonstration in Trafalgar Square, which led to the meeting being occasionally overwhelmed by the sound of a police helicopter circling overhead.

Budiriro Expedition Scholars

The Chairman's report mentioned the Budiriro Expedition Scholars Programme, which was set up this year for young people in the UK to see how education in Zimbabwe is structured.'

The two students were Thabani Ngwenya and Lucia Chadburn.

Both travelled to Zimbabwe at their own expense in the UK summer of 2023, and visited the following schools: Inyathi High School, Thekwane High School, St Pauls' Musami High School and, finally Girls' College.

All of the schools attended by Budiriro students were attending are are boarding co-ed high schools.

The following account of the Programme is based on a joint report by Lucia and Thabani:

'At each of the schools, we lived with the teachers on-site, by the students' dorms. Lucia did some teaching for A-Level Mathematics and Economics at each of the Budiriro schools.

'We attended many lessons to add on to our insight of the holistic school experience and to be able to write our reports. We spent a lot of time getting to know students - particularly the Budiriro students.

'At each school, we filmed some interviews and videos for Budiriro. We conducted a survey at St Pauls', Musami, to understand the students' experience better.'

Inyathi High School

Matabeleland North

Lucia made this visit before Thabani arrived. She writes:

'This school, the oldest formal educational institution in Zimbabwe, was established by missionaries in 1859: it's affiliated with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa.

'Inyathi was a warm, welcoming environment with bright, willing students. I was especially interested in its self-sufficient farm – which helps provide a healthy locally-sourced diet for the students. This included a newly built reservoir and irrigation system, as well as chickens.

Chairman's report 2023 – a summary

Chairman Sikumbuzo Ngwenya welcomed the return to classrooms after the pandemic: '... it is good to see the children back in the routine and chores of boarding schools in rural Zimbabwe. The focused environment is an amazing opportunity to transform the lives of young people.'

He reflected sadly on the fact that while once young people sought education in order to become skilled in professions in Zimbabwe, many now leave to go abroad where they hope to find greater opportunities.

'I am proud of the achievements of our students,' he said, and went on to describe some of the difficulties faced by the schools where Budiriro-sponsored students are studying.

'The students are recommended by the selection committee in each school and are specially selected by the Trustees,' he told the meeting. 'Most of the funds donated by our committed donors ... are spent on our core purpose – the granting of bursaries to bright but needy pupils – means the opportunity is given to these able but disadvantaged students which they would not be able to have without this gift ... We are truly grateful for this support and, on behalf of the Budiriro Trust family, I thank you.'

For the full report, see: <http://www.radisol-client.co.uk/education-charity-zimbabwe/downloads/annual-report-min.pdf>



The school farm at Inyathi High School. Photo taken by Lucia Chadburn for the Budiriro Trust.

Thekwane High School

Matabeleland South

Thabani writes:

'Thekwane School is 13 km north of Plumtree in Matabeleland. It was established in 1924. The strong Methodist values of the founder, the Reverend Herbert Carter, have been emphasised over the years.

'The school has well-equipped classrooms and sports facilities. The school's very active Alumni Association continue to make a positive impact on the school and its current students.'

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St. Paul's, Musami High School

Mashonaland East

Thabani and Lucia write:

'St Paul's, founded in 1965, is a prestigious co-educational private Catholic secondary school. The school's integration with the local community fosters a sense of community and shared values.

'The school aims to develop students holistically, to be not only academically sound but also socially responsible, and to give students the opportunity to develop their interests and hobbies outside of school hours.'

Girls' College

Bulawayo

This school, unlike the others visited, is not part-funded by Budiriro Trust in the form of A-Level scholarships.

Thabani writes:

'At Girls' College I had the opportunity to give guidance to students on researching and applying to UK universities as international students. The engagement and interest from the Lower and Upper Six students were remarkable.'

What did we take away from the experience?

Thabani and Lucia write:

'We explored these schools to the nth degree and took every opportunity to see everything we could. When there weren't opportunities, we created new ones by asking questions.'

Thabani writes:

'Zimbabwe is like a second home to me but I came away with a new sense of independence by travelling there without my parents. Lucia and I experienced an education very different from ours in the UK.

'Connecting with the Budiriro students made me grateful for everything that I have – I have seen the hardships that people face in Zimbabwe, so I have sympathy for them and I admire their dedication and motivation.

'Through travelling with Lucia, I realised that young people in Zimbabwe have the same passions that we do – I even had the opportunity to play basketball after school with some of the students.'

Lucia writes:

'I had so much to gain with so much fulfilment and enjoyment – and overwhelming kindness, hospitality, like nothing I had ever experienced in the UK – amazing, considering the UK's history with Zimbabwe.

The second thing was that these (very bright) kids were harder-working and getting better grades at A-Level than my peers in the UK were, often with no parents to support them. For the Budiriro kids, in particular, school was a safe place where they were guaranteed food, accommodation, and a sense of regularity often lacking at home.

'I found at least a part of my independence in Zimbabwe – going somewhere I knew little about, especially on my own. I'm so grateful that I was surrounded



Lucia and Thabani at Thekwane School. Photo taken for The Budiriro Trust.

by people who wanted to welcome me and make me feel safe. I left feeling responsible for myself and that my life is exactly what I would make of it.

'What struck me most forcefully was the presence of religion. Religion is on the decline in the UK, but in Zimbabwe it's different. Most of the schools had some sort of church attached to them, and all of them were religious. When I asked them about religion, they were always respectful of our beliefs and how things are different abroad. They always had a calm, respectful manner.

'Lastly, there was the company. By travelling with Thabani, I made a friend for life. Thabani and I work well as a team and we have made memories to last all our lives.'

Conclusion – Thabani and Lucia

'We are both grateful to the Trust for this opportunity as it has enlightened us in so many ways. We are also grateful to all the families that hosted us at the schools and the headteachers. This was a truly unforgettable experience that we would recommend to any young person in the UK who is looking to expand their minds, experience and life.'

The Budiriro Trust

The Budiriro Trust is a non-profit organisation supporting education in Zimbabwe by sending money for school fees where there is hardship.

It is run by a board of trustees in Britain and it has two co-ordinators in Zimbabwe, who act on behalf of the trust.

It offers bursaries to young Zimbabweans to enable them to undertake A-level courses. These grants represent a commitment of two years and are made on the specific recommendation of head teachers.

The Trust is currently supporting six schools – three in the north and three in the south – and hopes eventually to be able to extend that support.

Details of how to donate to the Trust can be found at: <http://www.radisol-client.co.uk/education-charity-zimbabwe/donate.htm>

NORTHERN SCHOOLS REPORT

2023 has been a great year in terms of results for our students. In both schools that we support, St. Paul's Musami and Waddilove School, the students have produced really pleasing results that mean that the doors are open to them to change their lives in a fundamental way. The students have been able to secure university places, though sadly, some of them are unable to take up their places due to funding issues.

In terms of the management of the scholarship scheme, I have been pleased at the responsiveness of the senior leaders working directly with Budiro, that is Mr Takawira at St Paul's and Mrs Muvevi and Waddilove. This has meant greater efficiency in meeting the needs of the students, as well as Budiro being able to be more engaged with the progress that the students have been making at their schools.

To conclude, lessons observed this year show a lot of engagement by the students with their work from the teaching available to them. I have every hope that next year's cohort will continue to produce the good results we have come to expect.

Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya
On behalf of Chiedza

Southern Region Co-ordinator's Report to the Budiriro Trust for the Year Ending 30 June 2024

Warm and tender greetings to the Trustees from all of us here in Zimbabwe. I bring special greetings from the Southern Region partner high schools i.e. Inyathi and Thekwane. This report will be for the eventful period covering July 2023 to June 2024

In this report I will attempt to cover the following activities:

- Payment of fees
- Selection of new bursars
- School visits, progress letters and reports
- Lucia and Thabani visit
- U6 2023 final results and performance

Payment of fees:

Payment of fees went well during the course of the year. Fees was paid on time. The schools presented invoices on which the payments were based. Both schools, Inyathi and Thekwane invoiced on time for my onward transmission to the Treasurer for payment. Beginning of Term 2 2024 Thekwane fees were successfully transferred directly into their school account. I thank Emily for processing the transfers timeously. The country is still using multi-currencies for most transactions, however, we now have a new local currency in the name of Zimbabwe Gold, ZiG. (USD1:ZiG13.56 Current Official Rate) This new currency was introduced in May 2024, replacing the RTGS.

Selection of new 2024 bursars:

The process of selecting 2024 bursars was completed in time for term 2 2024. Schools submitted the application letters, completed forms from the students and rankings by end of February 2024. All documents were forwarded to Sikhumbuzo and Emily as soon as I received them. Thekwane submitted 12 applications and Inyathi submitted 8 applications. All the applicants had a pass in English and Mathematics amongst other subjects. We used the same forms provided for bursar applications. I always remind the schools to follow the set Budiriro guidelines, use supplied forms and rank students accordingly.

School Visits, progress letters and reports:

I managed to visit both schools Inyathi and Thekwane in June 2024, once the learners had settled in for their term 2. I met and interacted with both the current U6s and the L6 newbies. As customary by now, I shot videos that I have since shared via our WhatsApp group. The schools were busy with their sports this

term and one of our beneficiaries, Terrance at Thekwane, was away representing the school at provincial level. He plays tennis. Thekwane is busy preparing for their Centenary Celebrations this July. I visited Thekwane on their parents' consultation day and had the chance to consult on behalf of Lindokuhle's parents, who could not make it to the school. She was excited to take me around and I was only too happy to do the consultation. I emailed all termly progress reports and letters as soon as I got them from the schools. Every other year we do a biennial meeting with both L6 and U6 learners and parents/guardians, usually in Bulawayo, and we are due to do just that all allowing before year end.

Lucia and Thabani visit:

During the month of July 2023 the schools hosted Lucia and Thabani for a few days. Lucia arrived in the country earlier and I drove her to Inyathi for her first visit there. She was hosted by one of the senior teachers at the school and it is good to note that they are in touch with one another. Unfortunately, I had a bad tyre puncture as we arrived at the school and was assisted in the tyre change by Bongani, one of the beneficiaries. Lucia was well looked after by the school and they drove her to Bulawayo on conclusion of her visit. Thabani then joined Lucia for the next visit which was to Thekwane. I picked both of them up in Bulawayo and drove them to Thekwane. They were well received at Thekwane and hosted by senior school teachers. They seem to have had good fun at Thekwane judging by comments I got from Thekwane learners. Most of them are now aware of Budiriro. For the third and final school placement Sikhu and I had to do a bit of running around and a few phone calls to secure a hosting school. Too much bureaucracy in most of the schools left us with limited choices. Sikhu finally managed to get a placement at St. Paul's Musami in Murehwa. I drove both of them to St. Paul's and left them in the safe hands of the deputy head. The school hosted them well. I am sure they enjoyed themselves and had a handful of pictures to show. It was wonderful to have them and go around the schools and interact with the learners in their daily environment.

U6 2023 final Results and performance:

At Inyathi five students wrote and passed 2 or more A level exams. Their results are as follows:

Name	Subject	Grade
Bongani Mlilo	Computer Science	A
	Physics	C
	P. Maths	A

Albert Dendere	Chemistry	A
	Physics	A
	P. Maths	A
Thabo Mnkandhla	Chemistry	A
	Physics	A
	P. Maths	A
Thanyana Ncube	Biology	A
	Chemistry	A
	P. Maths	A
Nombulelo Ncube	Literature in English	A
	Literature in Ndebele	B
	Ndebele Language	A
	History	A

Students who sat 2 or more subjects at Inyathi were 68 compared 63 in 2022, school pass rate was 100% against 100% in 2022 and bursar pass rate 100%. Best female science student was Thanyana Ncube with 15 points. Best male science students Albert Dendere and Thabo Mnkandhla both with 15 points each. All best students were Budiriro beneficiaries. Congratulations to them and we wish them all the best.

Thekwane had 4 students who wrote and passed 2 or more A Level exams. Results as follows:

Name	Subject	Grade
Jixpro Mugande	Chemistry	A
	Mech. Maths	A
	P. Maths	A
	Physics	A
Joey Nkomo	Chemistry	D
	Physics	B
	P. Maths	B

Unalina Ncube	Accounting	A
	Business Studies	A
	Comp. Science	A
	Statistics	A
Varaidzo Nzombe	Business Studies	C
	Economics	B

Students who sat for 2 or more subjects at Thekwane were 87 from 89 in 2022, school pass rate was 100% versus 96.6% in 2022 and bursar pass rate 100%.

Good luck to all our bursars and we wish them well in their chosen career paths.

Conclusion: We congratulate the students for the effort put in and wish them well in their future endeavours. The economic situation is not getting any better in the country, this has been worsened by the lack of summer rains leading to a bad drought. Life is generally getting tougher and harder for the average person, with no money for essentials. The schools, beneficiaries and their families are forever grateful for all the support they are getting from Budiriro. We thank Lucia and Thabani for finding time to be with the schools, I am sure I would like to thank Budiriro for the continued support it is giving to those deserving assistance, especially during these trying times. Keep up the good work.

Ron Themba Lumbiwa
Southern Region Co-ordinator

Once again, we have received a number of letters of appreciation from some of our students and some of their parents. They are heart-warming to read. We present below excerpts from a few of these letters:

“I am writing this note to express how thankful I am to the Trust for assisting my son, A.D. with funding for his ‘A’ Level education. Our family will forever be indebted to you, after the sudden loss of my husband, the burden of accumulating the funds for school fees was an unimaginable challenge which you took off my shoulders. This enabled him to be at school on time to start every term with the rest of his peers...Because of the Budiriro Trust Fund, A. excelled [in] his final ‘A’ Level Examinations with flying colours and scooped 15 points for his Science Combination...May God continue blessing and strengthening you to continue this remarkable work.”

Mrs. S.D.

“I am writing...as a way of showing gratitude for the Bursary you are providing for me. I would really like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done for me. Now I can be able to learn without having to worry about financial needs. I look forward to pursuing my studies with a lot of dedication and with the best attitude I can show...I am very grateful for the kindness you have shown to my family and me by giving me the bursary. I am now very sure that my dreams will be fulfilled...I really appreciate your support and I also look forward to working very hard in my studies and excelling.”

J.M.

“I...am deeply grateful for your support. This will enable me to achieve my dream goal as I am already pursuing the desired subjects for becoming a medical doctor...without the scholarship I would not be able to finish my education...The financial assistance will help me focus on my studies without any distractions regarding my financial status at school...Thank you for enabling me to pursue my dreams.”

T.A.H.

“Thank you for the kind gesture you showered upon me. This sponsorship has took the burden that was bound on my parents’ shoulders. Now I can focus on my goals and studies. I trust you will not regret giving me this scholarship as my results will prove this.”

D.D.

“I am writing...to express my heartfelt gratitude. Your support has been paramount in enabling me to pursue my academic goals and I am deeply thankful for the trust you have placed in me...I am glad to say that working hard has given me satisfactory results...I scored 3 points in pure mathematics, 4 points in chemistry, 3 points in physics and 5 points in computer science. I believe this achievement is a testament to the opportunity you have offered me...Thank you again for your kindness and support.”

T.N.

We now have a QR Code which allows you easily to donate to the Budiro Trust, if you wish. You can of course also do this on our website, or by sending a cheque to the Treasurer or to the Secretary (addresses on back cover of this Report). Any donation you are able to make will be most gratefully received.



REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS

To be appointed (North)

Ron Lumbiwa (South)

STOP PRESS! We have recently signed up to easyfundraising where anyone can shop online with a number of large retailers and those retailers will make a donation to the Budiro Trust. It will cost you nothing. The link to use is <http://efraising.org/FIZB1G0Zyq> If you are an on-line shopper, and would like to help with our fund-raising at no cost to yourself, we should be very grateful if you could sign up with this organisation.

Since we joined this scheme last year, we have earned over £100 for Budiro, although so far only a small number of supporters have signed up. We would be immensely grateful if more of our supporters who do online shopping would sign up. This could offer significant help to our fund-raising efforts, at no cost to yourselves!

If you would prefer to receive the link digitally, please email Jeanie Moyo on j.mmoyo@tiscali.co.uk and we can send it.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2024

This year's overall income has increased to just over £25.5K, this is mainly thanks to returning support from the Peter and Teresa Harris Charitable Trust and C B and H H Taylor 1984 Trust for which we are extremely grateful. We continue to receive approximately £14k per year by way of regular Direct debits and Standing orders. These help us to plan and budget with much more certainty so a big thank you to all of our supporters who donate in this way.

Over recent years we have been gradually using up the funds we had in savings. These had accumulated some years ago due, in part, to several significant bequests followed by a period of inactivity during the economic crisis in Zimbabwe prior to our re-launch in 2010. These funds are now reduced to a level that we need to significantly adjust our spending to ensure that for any new intake of students we can guarantee the resources to support that cohort to completion of their A level studies. On this basis, we have unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to reduce the number of new students to just 8 students in the new 2024 Lower sixth intake. If anyone has any fundraising ideas or is able to hold a coffee morning, cake sale or sponsored event please do contact us at budiriro.trust@tiscali.co.uk

Megan Chappell continues to work hard to keep our Facebook page updated with our current activities as well as hearing directly from some of our Budiriro Alumni. We hear some truly inspirational and uplifting stories from how our scholarships have impacted our students and their connections. These personal stories remind us of how vital the work we do is for these dedicated young people. We know that even a modest donation can make a big impact on someone's life.

Tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme continues to provide an important income stream, and this year we were able to claim back £3821 from eligible donations, which provides the funds for more ‘A’ level scholarships. If you are eligible and have not already done so, please do complete a Gift Aid declaration. These can be downloaded from the website, and sent to the Treasurer. The improving interest rates over the last twelve months have also benefitted us with over £772 earned on our CAF savings account.

We continue to use Currency UK (previously called FTT Global) for our foreign exchange transactions. They provide a fast, efficient dedicated service for Charities and we incur minimal charges compared to using the High Street Banks as well as often getting a more favourable exchange rate.

Thanks go to Tracy Rhys-Williams for providing us with bookkeeping services at a discounted rate. This removes a significant amount of work from the Treasurer’s shoulders for which I am very grateful. I also wish to thank Caroline Triggs who has kindly taken on the task of performing the Independent examination again this year.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support, without which we would not be able to continue this much needed work. The economic situation in Zimbabwe is very fragile and unpredictable which makes planning ahead problematic and we watch with interest to see how the latest change in local currency will affect the cost of providing scholarships for us. We know that with your ongoing support and regular donations we can continue to provide support for our students during these uncertain times.

Mrs Emily Chadburn MRCVS
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BUDIRO TRUST UK

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out below.

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")

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any 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'.

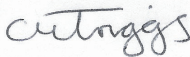
Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on the accounting records and bank statement, 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 2011 Act; and
 - b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



Mrs Caroline Triggs

Date: 27/6/24

Budiriro Trust
Profit and Loss to 31st March 2024

	Current year	Previous year
Income	£	£
Donations received via Lloyds	7,276.50	9,856.50
Donations Non Gift Aid		
Donations Emmanuel Mukuvari		
Donations CAF DD	7,614.92	8,401.64
Donations via Virgin Money		
PayPal Donations	33.85	
Donations from Trusts/Charities	6,027.44	200.00
Corporate donations		
Fundraising - Zimfest		91.00
Tax reclaimed Gift Aid	3,783.73	3,133.23
Tote Bags	25.00	250.00
Charitable activities		5.89
Sponsored events		
Lunch Payments		
Investment Income	772.79	345.47
Total income	25,534.23	22,283.73
Expenditure		
Bursaries Awarded	31,921.01	39,047.07
Tote Bags - costs	249.00	444.74
VMG/CAF/iZettle fees	161.97	238.88
Fund Raising Expenses FB (incl MC)	368.50	2,400.00
FB/Website costs	2,622.94	99.00
Bank charges and interest	226.31	15.98
Printing and stationery	395.00	506.64
Hire of rooms/refreshments	470.74	306.14
Gross wages (Zimbabwe) incl car payments	3,452.44	3,650.06
Bookkeeping charges	405.00	240.00
Total expenditure	40,272.91	46,948.51
Net Profit/(Loss)	-14,738.68	-24,664.78

	Current year	Previous year
Bank balances:	£	£
Lloyds Current Account	2,132.50	9,373.10
CAF Cash Account (0%)	10,232.03	2,782.39
CAF Gold Account (0.2%)	28,076.15	47,315.05
TOTAL	40,440.68	59,470.54

Prepayments:

£59.34 Nethosted - Website domain and support 22/3/23-21/3/
£5,235.78 Waddilove & Thekwane Term 2 Fees paid in 2024

Accruals:

£800 FB Administrator
£150 Oakley accrual to 31st March

Budiriro Trust
Balance sheet to 31st March 2024

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Tax Refunds due	£ 3,065	£ 3,027
Prepaid School fees (Term 2 2024 Waddilove/ Thekwane)	£ 5,295	
LloydsTSB Current account	£ 2,133	£ 9,373
CAF Cash Account	£ 10,232	£ 2,782
CAF Gold Account	£ 28,076	£ 47,315
	<u>£ 48,801</u>	<u>£ 62,498</u>
 Current Liabilities		
Sundry creditors & accruals	<u>-£ 950</u>	<u>£ 54</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	 £ 47,851	 £ 62,552
 Represented by:		
Accumulated Funds		
Surplus/(Deficit) brought forward	£ 62,552	£ 87,323
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-£ 14,701	-£ 24,771
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	 <u>£ 47,851</u>	 <u>£ 62,552</u>



Signed By
 UK Treasurer: Mrs Emily Chadburn MRCVS
 Date : 4th July 2023

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BUDIRO TRUST

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Accounts

BUDIRO TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY No. 313921

GENERAL APPEAL

AND

ANNUAL REPORT

FIFTY-FOURTH
AND FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

2020-2022

THE BUDIRO TRUST

Since 1967, Budiro has given grants to many hundreds of young people in Zimbabwe, equipping them to play their part in the professional, administrative and technical life of the country. The Trust is committed to go on supporting the vital work of education in Zimbabwe at higher secondary levels and in technical and vocational training.

We offer bursaries to young Zimbabweans to enable them to undertake A-Level courses. Grants are made on the specific recommendation of head teachers. Close contact is maintained with the schools and, wherever possible, with the pupils, by our two Regional Co-ordinators.

Each bursary represents a commitment of two years, so that courses embarked upon do not have to be abandoned for lack of funds. Our aim is for each two-year grant to cover the actual cost to parents of fees and related expenses. Bursaries are awarded according to need but also with regard to a pupil's character and ability. We are currently supporting six schools (three in the south and three in the north) and hope to extend that support in due course, funds permitting.

Please visit our website which has been recently updated:

<http://www.budirotrust.org>

NOTE FROM SECRETARY

The Budiro Trust has suffered the many constraints and inconveniences that everyone has suffered, both in the U.K. and in Zimbabwe and this has meant that we have had difficulties assembling the material for our Annual Report. Hence, this year's Report covers two years, from 2020 to 2022 instead of the usual one-year period. We have tried to include most of the normal material covering both those years and have also included a few photographs taken this summer. We do hope you will understand the difficulties we have faced, and we hope that things will now proceed smoothly. We are very pleased that school life in Zimbabwe is now returning to a relatively normal situation,

Jeanie Moyo

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2020/21

It is with mixed feelings that I report to you on our operation as Budiriro this year. We were not able to meet in person in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic that has affected all of us and changed the way we approach work, amongst many other things. I take this opportunity to reflect on all effects we have all felt, be it illness and sadly death as I am sure we have all been affected in one way or form.

The education situation in Zimbabwe did not need the pandemic to add to what has for many years been a dire situation for the country. If first-world countries struggled to contain the pandemic with all their financial resources, developing countries like Zimbabwe are still a long way from catching up. Only recently have students returned to school in anything that resembles what could be termed “normal”. In the case of Zimbabwe, our students are already in examination season; a tough period in normal times but frighteningly so this time as the students have not had much meaningful education for the past 2 years. The pass-rate in last year’s O-Level examination series was dire at 24% for students attaining 5 subjects at A*-C-grade. However, the A-level students maintained a high rate of 81% which is comparable to prior years. The reason I highlight these figures is to highlight just what the students are up against in achieving their goals. However, as I always say to students, they need to trust the process as that is key to them reaching their goals.

Due to the lockdown, we were unable to spend all the money that had been budgeted. With students at home for months on end, we did look at ways of supporting the students in other ways. However, our strict financial rules are limited to our purpose - to pay the fees of financially disadvantaged but academically able students. The logistics of providing this

support was really challenging for many reasons. We are glad though that last year's Upper Sixth students completed their courses and are able to proceed to tertiary education and apprenticeships. The task of selecting a new cohort of Lower Sixth students from the O-level students was an extraordinary challenge this year as the results clearly suffered from the extenuating circumstances and it is always impossible to provide every applicant with a scholarship even though they all deserve one. Finance is our constraint in this aspect.

This is where our donors come to the fore. We are so grateful that our donors have continued to support us. The phrase "all-weather friend" comes to mind and it is clear to me that you all believe in what we are doing and we really appreciate this support despite the challenges that we are all facing. It is really true that all your funds virtually go to support the students as we have no office, employees or fees. Trustees serve voluntarily in ensuring that this important work is carried out. That is because, like the students, we trust the process and know that change is coming to Zimbabwe, one scholarship at a time. As we look to the recovery, I have a great deal of optimism that the young people of Zimbabwe will not be left behind for long.

Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021-22

To say that Covid-19 affected our operations adversely is an understatement. Education is our only focus and our children have lost out on a lot of learning. Whilst UK students had their lessons streamed online by their teachers, students in Zimbabwe could not always benefit from this facility because of constraints such as lack of wi-fi facilities in their homes and the expensive data charges that meant that our students were largely excluded from education.

I am pleased to report that for the first time since 2019 I was able to conduct a sojourn to Zimbabwe to see for myself the current state of the schools and the students. This is done at my own expense, as indeed is all the work of the Trustees for the Trust - in order to ensure that almost all donations go to paying the school fees of our amazing students. I was able to visit St. Paul's Musami as well as Waddilove School due to the timing of my visit. I met Mr Hlombe, the Headmaster at St. Paul's and it was clear that Covid protocols are implemented to a 100% compliance level, hence the infection rates were low at what is a Catholic boarding community. The students themselves were articulate and positive about their academic journeys. I am always struck by the high aspiration levels that our students have, despite their life situations. Education to them (and us!) is truly an engine for making remarkable change in their lives. The students never complain and are purely focused on attaining the maximum results they need to move on to tertiary education in Zimbabwe or to attract scholarships for universities abroad.

At Waddilove, I met the Headmaster, Rev Vazhure and Senior Teacher Mrs Muvevi. Again, the focus of ensuring that education continued without disruption was evident as extreme protocols were in place. The students are always the best reason to visit Waddilove. One of the outcomes of this visit was the understanding of just how difficult life was for Zimbabwean teachers. With a salary the equivalent of US\$175 per month, this was an amount that could not meet all of their monthly obligations of food, healthcare, transport, fees for their own children and so on. In fact, to demonstrate how dire the situation is, as I discovered, without medical insurance, the cost of a doctor's consultation ranged from US\$75 to US\$150. Falling sick in Zimbabwe is definitely not something that teachers can afford. Having said that, the quality of teaching at both schools was excellent, as demonstrated by their exam results. The students wrote full exams in the last couple of years, and, despite the many school closures, a lot of them were able to gain maximum points. This also demonstrates the intellectual abilities of the students, who, without the scholarships, would simply not be able to study at A-Level.

I then met our Co-ordinators, Martin Matanda and Ron Lumbiwa who updated me on the important operations that they carry out for us. Without them, our operation would be heavily constrained. Ron was able to advise me of the success that the Nyathi and Thekwane students had attained and their progression to university education. The Budiro WhatsApp group is a successful means of communication that Ron has set up, meaning that it is easier to track the students and to keep in touch with them too. Both Martin and Ron are exploring more partnerships with schools in Zimbabwe so that we can try to offer scholarships to a wider range of schools.

The Budiro Appeal has been going since 1967 and has made an immense difference to thousands of families in Zimbabwe. Your support as a donor has been and will continue to be critical in giving these deserving children a chance to change the course of their lives. I want to thank you for this role that you play in the process and hope that you, as a friend of Budiro, have the same level of pride and satisfaction that we do in the output of success that the students attain.

Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya
Chairman

Some recent photographs from two of our northern schools, taken in Summer 2022



Upper Six Students at St Paul's Musami 2022



Meeting the Headmaster of St. Paul's Musami, Mr Hlombe (right) with Mr Matanda, Northern Co-ordinator (left)



St Paul's Musami, one of our partner schools in Zimbabwe



Waddilove School is a high-performing Methodist School in Zimbabwe



Our amazing students at Waddilove High School

NORTHERN REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2022

The preceding two years have created numerous challenges and highlighted creative solutions from within a Zimbabwean context. With the strict Covid protocols, movement in Zimbabwe has been restricted due to the curfews that were put in place by the government to stop the spread of the virus. I was not always able to travel to the schools due to the lockdown stages that we were in at the time I needed to carry out my function. As a result, greater use of email has been necessary and has meant that the schools themselves are using email more to communicate. For example, I was in a position to receive the receipts and student reports in this way. However, I do like to interact directly with the students to ensure that they know we are here to support them and to encourage them to perform well in their exams. The roads to the schools are largely tarred to both of the school gates, so in normal times they are accessible.

The students always express their gratitude to receiving the bursaries as they would most definitely not be able to complete their studies were it not for these scholarships. So please, Trustees and Donors, continue to do your all to support Zimbabwean students. The students are largely science students, which is good for the future of Zimbabwe as the government has been promoting STEM subjects for some time.

In terms of performance, I am pleased with the results that the students have attained in the last couple of years. Bearing in mind that the students have missed a great deal of their schooling due to the government shutting down the schools because of Covid, the students have done pretty well in the exams, as they had to write them and were tested on the full syllabuses. Some of them were able to access education from teachers in their home areas who tutored groups of students during the pandemic.

Now though, schools are back to normal, but the school fees are a constant problem for parents because of the lack of money that most parents face in educating their children.

Martin Jim Matanda
Northern Region Co-ordinator

Southern Region Co-ordinator's Report To The Budiriro Trust For The Year Ending 30 June 2022.

Warm greetings to the Trustees from all in Zimbabwe, I bring special greetings from the southern region partner high schools ie Inyathi, and Thekwane. This report will be for the period covering July 2020 to June 2022. At present I am not able to communicate with St James High School as explained below.

This period was still dominated by COVID19 which has since slowed down a bit with deaths and hospitalisations on the decline. We pray and hope the situation improves so we can get back to something close to pre-COVID years. The pandemic spared no one and we are still adjusting to the new way of life as a result. This pandemic affected the school calendar to some extent but not as badly as in the previous reporting period. The writing of exams, marking of scripts and final dispatching of the results was affected this year. This in turn affected the selection of L6 students. Some teachers' unions had arranged for a strike earlier in the year fortunately that did not affect our partner schools.

In this report I will attempt to cover the following activities:

- Payment of fees
- Selection of new bursars
- School visits and progress reports
- U6 2021 results and performance
- St James High School issue

Payment of fees:

Payment of fees went well. Fees was paid on presentation of school invoices as and when the schools opened in 2021/22. Payment was made as per invoices provided. Any shortfalls were adjusted in the following term's settlement. The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe advised that all local transactions be invoiced in local currency, settlement can be in both local currency and forex at the prevailing official exchange rate. We stand guided by the authorities, as always. I have since emailed term 2 invoices from Inyathi and Thekwane.

Selection of new 2022 bursars:

The process of selecting 2022 bursars is on course, the schools have submitted the application letters and forms from the students. I have since forwarded the same to Emily, our Treasurer. Thekwane submitted 8 and Inyathi 6 applications. As in the previous years we used the same forms

for bursars as provided. I reminded the schools to always follow the set Budiro guidelines, use supplied forms and always shortlist students who would have passed English and Mathematics amongst other subjects. The schools are stating that some students are shy to make applications, not sure why? At times they struggle to get 10 applications in a year. I am hoping to engage the heads and see if we can find a way in which the students can be encouraged to apply.

School Visits and progress reports:

I visited two schools Inyathi and Thekwane in Mid-September 2021. I managed to meet and chat with the L6s at both schools. All schools are observing the COVID19 protocols as advised by the parent ministry guided by the Ministry of Health. All travel and visits to schools is in accordance with prevailing COVID situation and applicable protocols and restrictions. I emailed the progress reports and letters at the end of each term. Also took pictures and short videos of L6 2021 and shared those on our WhatsApp Group.

U6 2021 final Results:

At Thekwane four students wrote and passed 2 or more A level exams. Their results are as follows:

Name	Subject	Grade
Nelisa Masukume	Accounting	B
	Buss. Studies	C
	P. Maths	D
	Statistics	A
	Economics	A
Paida Pasipamire	Biology	B
	Chemistry	O
	Physics	O
	P. Maths	E
Thabang Ngwenya	Biology	A
	Chemistry	D
	Physics	D
	P. Maths	A
Noel Dube	Comp Science	B
	Chemistry	E
	Physics	E
	P. Maths	A

Students who sat 2 or more subjects at Thekwane were 93, school pass rate was 94.6% and bursar pass rate 100%.

Inyathi 3 students wrote and passed 2 or more A Level exams. Results as follows:

Name	Subject	Grade
Nomvelo Mpofo	History	A
	English Literature	A
	Ndebele Language	B
Grace Munhokwane	Comp. Science	A
	Physics	O
	P. Maths	D
Nigel Bhebhe	Comp. Science	A
	Physics	C
	P. Maths	A

Students who sat for 2 or more subjects at Inyathi were 78, school passrate was 100% and bursar pass rate 100%. Nomvelo was the second best all-round student at Inyathi. Congratulations to her.

Please find attached the school results analysis from Inyathi and Thekwane. Good luck to our bursars and we wish them well in their chosen career paths.

St James

We are sad indeed that a problem has arisen with St. James School and the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Matabeleland. We are working hard to resolve the issue and hope to resume normal relations with the school in the course of this year.

Conclusion: 2021/22 has not been as bad as the previous year regarding COVID. Some lessons are still being conducted virtually, but not all students have easy access to smartphones or laptops and to worsen a bad situation, data is expensive for the average child and network can be a problem in some areas. We congratulate the students for the effort put in and wish them well in their future endeavours. The economic situation is not getting any better in the country and times are hard for many people. The beneficiaries and their families are so grateful for all the support they are getting from Budiriro and I would like to thank Budiriro for the continued support it is giving to those deserving assistance especially during these trying times. Keep up the good work.

Ron Lumbiwa
Southern Region Co-ordinator

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

In June 2021 we received two unsolicited letters from two of the schools we support: the first is from St. Paul's Musami High School in Harare. We present below a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Hlombe, the Headmaster:

“Re: Expression of our Gratitude

The Headmaster and staff of St Paul's Musami High School acknowledges with a deep sense of gratitude the support our learners have received from you over the years. Wide avenues which were unfathomable have been opened for many of our present and former learners. Many past Budiriro Trust beneficiaries have expressed themselves glowingly in the academic world and places of work. We heartily thank you and wish for an unending relationship.”

The second letter came from Mrs L. Muvevi, Deputy Head of Waddilove High School, Marondera and we publish an excerpt below:

“Firstly, I would want to thank you for always being there and making the dreams come true, especially for the learners who would have excelled academically but struggling to proceed to “A” level. I am proud to say that, all the learners that you help, always come out with very high and quality grades. May the Lord always guide you in all your efforts.”

It is heart-warming for us, the Trustees of Budiriro, to read these words and we wanted to share them with you, our supporters, who make our assistance to these students possible.

Jeanie Moyo
Secretary

JOSHUA SITHELA MPOFU

12/5/1939 - 1/12/2020



Joshua was born in 1939 and raised in a rural community near Esigodini, south of Bulawayo. At the age of 15 he was awarded a scholarship to study as a boarder at Inyathi along with his elder brother. He once described how his brother received an offer of agricultural work and decided not to join him at the last minute. Their divergent paths helped to forge Joshua's belief in education as a route to better life chances. Secondary education as a boarder at Inyathi left a life-long commitment to the school and fond memories of the staff. On a trip to the UK in 2015 he tracked down former teachers of his living in Norwich and Hastings. One still had a photo of Joshua in a school play.

During the liberation struggle Joshua trained as a teacher although at one point there was talk of him going to Moscow to train as a doctor. He excelled as a teacher though and rose to become Deputy-Head of Fletcher High School. From there, with the support of Maureen and with a young family in tow, he moved to Northlea to become the first black head of a formerly whites-only school. At Northlea Joshua worked tirelessly to secure teachers and resources for the school as the student numbers expanded rapidly. Later on, he created an innovative twinning arrangement with Bishop Wand School in Sunbury-on-Thames in the UK.

The post-independence years were difficult in Matabeleland. Joshua described visiting Joshua Nkomo in 1987 with a group of notables to question the accord with Mugabe's ZANU, which Nkomo said was necessary simply to stop the violence. After the start of land redistribution in 2000, Joshua went to the local administrative offices near Esigodini to check for himself whether the redistribution process was based on any set of fair principles. Despite being offered land in later years, as part of the programme, he refused as a matter of principle.

Joshua was intensely committed to his family and the education of his four children, Unami, Vusumuzi, Mehleli and Bonani. He was an active member of the UCCSA Church and, for a period, the secretary of the Eagles Football Club in Bulawayo. He was also a staunch supporter of Liverpool - football was a life-long passion. He was a notable figure in the community in Bulawayo; walking across town with him was always a slow process as he was known and respected by so many people.

After retirement Joshua continued to be active in the group of former Inyathi students who raised money to support the school. He also belonged to a group known as the Committee of Friends which supported science education in Matabeleland. In 2011 he agreed to become the Southern Co-ordinator for the Budiriro Trust in Zimbabwe and he threw himself into the work of Budiriro in an energetic, diligent and self-less way. He drove many times to the schools in the rural areas to meet the students and staff, collect application forms and to provide support to bursars. It is fair to say that the re-launch of Budiriro in southern Zimbabwe would have been extremely difficult without him.

Joshua battled kidney disease in his later years and from early 2020 was on dialysis. He was cared for with love and devotion until his passing by Maureen and his children at the family home in Bulawayo.

Tom Barratt

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS

Martin Matanda (North)

Ron Lumbiwa (South)

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

The financial picture for the year up to March 2021 has, of course, been significantly affected by the effects of the various restrictions in place due to the COVID 19 situation. Sadly, the schools in Zimbabwe were not able to open for long periods of time which will no doubt have an impact on our students' studies. In turn this meant that the only school fees sent to Zimbabwe during this financial year relate to Term 3 2020 for our Upper Sixth students who were due to sit their exams during that Term. The late re-opening of the schools in the spring meant that Term 1 and 2 fees were not sent until mid- April 2021 or later in some cases.

Total donations received are down a little from last year to just under £16,000, however this figure is almost entirely made up of regular standing orders and Direct debits which are invaluable to us and provide security for the Trust when making decisions on future scholarships. The overall figure also includes greatly appreciated ongoing support from other Trusts including the Harris and Westcroft Trusts. We regret to inform our supporters that this will be the last year we shall benefit from the significant support we have received over the years from the Westcroft Trust. We would like to thank them sincerely for their generosity and assure them that they have assisted numerous students that we would never have been able to support without this extra source of income. If any of our supporters know of any private Trusts who may be interested in supporting our cause please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Given the ongoing restrictions on social gatherings, there has been no opportunity to organise a Christmas Dinner or other fundraising events this year, we are very much hoping to be able to plan something in the near future so if anyone has any suggestions on what this might look like or would like to be involved in the organising of such an event please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Megan Chappell continues to work hard to keep our Facebook page updated with our current activities. Facebook is proving an invaluable resource in maintaining contact with past and present students directly as well as bringing in new donors. If you have internet access (or know

someone who has) please do visit and ‘like’ our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/BudiriroTrust

I am pleased to announce that we recently have registered with Amazon Smile – this means that any of our supporters who use Amazon for their online purchases can use the following link **<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/313921-0>**, and Amazon donates to Budiriro Trust, at no cost to you. Please note – you have to make sure that you use AmazonSmile each time you shop rather than the main Amazon site, you will still have access to all the same products but it will ensure Budiriro receives a percentage of every sale. Test out the link above and set it as default on your computer or phone before you start your Christmas shopping!

Tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme continues to provide an important income stream, and this year we were able to claim back £3277 from eligible donations which provides the funds for more ‘A’ level scholarships. If you are eligible and have not already done so, please do complete a Gift Aid declaration. These can be downloaded from the website, and sent to the Treasurer. The current low interest rates mean that interest earned on savings this year was only £21 in total.

We continue to use Currency UK (previously called FTT Global) for our foreign exchange transactions. They provide a fast, efficient, dedicated service for Charities and we incur minimal charges compared to using the High Street Banks, as well as often getting a more favourable exchange rate. Thanks also go to Edward Wright from Hockley Wright Accountants who has taken over the task of doing an Independent examination of the accounts from Jenny Pinard. He has also kindly offered his services free of charge this year.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support, without which we would not be able to continue this much needed work.

Mrs Emily Chadburn
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BUDIRIRO TRUST UK

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out in pages 21 to 22

Respective Responsibilities of the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions give 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 you as trustees concerning any 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

In connection with my examination, I note as follows:

- (1) Donations and Legacies are as per the accounting records and bank statements of the Trust.
No independent verification has been carried out.
- (2) Grants payable are as per the accounting records and bank statements of the Trust.
No independent verification has been carried out.
- (3) Gift aid claims are as per the accounting records and bank statements of the Trust.
No independent verification has been carried out.

Based on the accounting records and bank statements, 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 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

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Date: 8 October 2021

BUDIRIRO TRUST UK

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the Year ended 31st March 2021

		TOTAL Year ended 31/03/2021	TOTAL Year ended 31/03/2020
INCOME			
Donations Received via Lloyds		6,362	8,852
Donations Received via CAF and online		9,403	9,854
Donations		15,765	18,708
Named scholarship and memorials		0	1,150
Sponsorship E.M Half Marathon		0	259
Income from Christmas dinner	Note 4	0	0
Total non corporate donations	Note 1	<u>15,765</u>	<u>20,114</u>
Corporate donations		8,000	8,100
Tax reclaimed on gift aid		3,277	3,332
Miscellaneous income		0	0
		<u>£27,042</u>	<u>£31,547</u>
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE			
Grants paid	Note 3	8,236	15,376
		<u>£8,236</u>	<u>£15,376</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER GRANTS			
		<u>£18,806</u>	<u>£16,171</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Bank interest (net of tax)		21	71
		<u>£18,828</u>	<u>£16,241</u>
OVERHEADS			
Regional coordinators' remuneration - Zimbabwe	Note 3	2,624	2,696
		0	0
FB Administrator Remuneration	Note 2	0	2,400
Hire of rooms		0	144
Lunch AGM		0	72
Fund raising expenses		276	210
Costs of Christmas dinner	Note 4	0	0
Postage, printing, stationery & software		0	467
Website costs		99	99
Travel		0	0
Promotional literature, brochures and advertising		0	0
Miscellaneous expenses		0	0
Bank charges and transfer fees		50	190
Total overheads		<u>£3,224</u>	<u>£6,277</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)			
		<u>£15,604</u>	<u>9,964</u>
Notes			
1 - Donations Income comprises:			
Donations received gift aid		6,362	7,069
Raffle money - Tax claimed under GASDSD		0	0
Named scholarship and memorials		0	1,150
Donations received via various channels - gift aid		9,403	9,893
Donations received non gift aid		0	2,002
		<u>£15,765</u>	<u>£20,114</u>
2 - Delayed payment to the FB Administrator			
A payment of £2,000, sent to the FB administrator for the 2020/21 period was paid later in May 2021 and so does not appear in the above figures.			
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Donations received in response to dinner		0	0
Small cash donations and raffle		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Christmas dinner costs		0	0
		<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>

BUDIRO TRUST UK

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2021

	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
	£	£
Current assets		
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CAF Gold Account	46,985	46,963
Donation due re Christmas dinner	0	0
	<u>94,682</u>	<u>79,078</u>
Current liabilities		
Sundry creditors & accruals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS /(LIABILITIES)	£ 94,682	£ 79,078

Represented by:

Accumulated Funds

Surplus / (deficit) brought forward	79,078	69,114
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	15,604	9,964
SURPLUS / DEFICIT)	Note 1 £ 94,682	£ 79,078



Signed By
UK Treasurer: Emily Chadburn
Date: 8 October 2021

TREASURERS REPORT 2022

I'm pleased to report that our schools have been open for most of the year up until March 2022 which in turn shows as increased expenditure on school fees compared to the previous year. The total spent on bursaries this year is back up to £30,605, reflecting this fact. Regular donations continue to be our main source of income and we are grateful for this being maintained at around £18,000 this year. Special thanks go to one of our former Trustees, Jean Raphael, for recommending us to the All Saints Sisters of the Poor (Oxford) for a generous donation of £6000 this year. We also wish to thank the Harris Trust for their generous ongoing support.

Megan Chappell continues to work hard to keep our Facebook page updated with our current activities. Facebook is proving an invaluable resource in maintaining contact with past and present students directly as well as bringing in new donors. If you have internet access (or know someone who has) please do visit and 'like' our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BudiriroTrust Megan is also working on getting Budiriro an Instagram presence

Tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme continues to provide an important income stream, and this year we were able to claim back £3494 from eligible donations which provides the funds for more 'A' level scholarships. If you are eligible and have not already done so, please do complete a Gift Aid declaration. These can be downloaded from the website, and sent to the Treasurer. The interest rates remain very low so interest earned on savings was negligible at less than £10.

We continue to use Currency UK (previously called FTT Global) for our foreign exchange transactions. They provide a fast, efficient dedicated service for Charities and we incur minimal charges

compared to using the High Street Banks as well as often getting a more favourable exchange rate. Thanks go to Tracy Rhys-Williams for providing us with book-keeping services at a discounted rate. This removes a significant amount of work from the Treasurer's shoulders for which I am very grateful. I also wish to thank Christine Edwards who has kindly taken on the task of performing the Independent examination of the accounts at short notice.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support, without which we would not be able to continue this much needed work. The economic situation in Zimbabwe is very fragile and unpredictable which makes planning ahead problematic but we know that with your ongoing support and regular donations we can continue to provide support for our students during these uncertain times.

Mrs Emily Chadburn MRCVS
Treasurer

Budiriro Trust UK

Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 have examined the accounting records presented to me and note the following:

- Fund Raising Expenses/Facebook Coordinator expenses are £4400, of which £2000 relates to the year 2000/2021.
- Receipts are not available from every school where Bursaries have been awarded in this financial year. Having discussed this with Emily Chadburn, I understand that receipts are received periodically and on occasions when receipts are not immediately available, visits are made by Regional Co-Ordinators to ensure that those children awarded Bursaries are attending the school.

Based on my examination of the accounting records and bank statements, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that mentioned above) which gives me reasonable 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.

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.

C. Edwards

Christine Edwards

Date: 2/8/2022

Budiriro Trust
Income and Expenditure
Year end 31st March 2022

	Current year	Previous Year
	£	£
Income		
Donations received via Lloyds	7,256.50	6,361.50
Donations received Online	10,437.83	9,350.72
PayPal Donations	0.00	52.50
Donations from Trusts/Charities	3,000.00	8,000.00
Corporate donations	6,000.00	
Sponsored events	410.00	
Memorial Donations		
Tax reclaimed Gift Aid	3,493.56	3,277.45
Lunch Payments		
Investment Income	7.89	21.27
Total income	30,605.78	27,063.44
Expenditure		
Bursaries Awarded	29,260.72	8,235.88
Direct Expenses		
VMG/CAF/iZettle fees	279.61	275.56
Fund Raising Expenses/Facebook Coordinator	4,400.00	
FB/Website costs	99.00	99.00
Bank charges and interest	52.99	50.00
Printing and stationery	347.00	
Hire of rooms/refreshments	243.50	
Regional co ordinators (Zim) remuneration	3,177.23	2,624.03
Bookkeeping charges	105.00	175.00
Total expenditure	37,965.05	11,459.47
Net Profit/(Loss)	-7,359.27	15,603.97

	Current year	Current year
	£	£
Bank balances:		
Lloyds Current Account	8,981.95	19,087.97
CAF Cash Account (0%)	29,614.73	25,769.42
CAF Gold Account (0.2%)	46,992.58	46,984.69
TOTAL	85,589.26	91,842.08

Budiriro Trust
Balance Sheet
Year end 31st March 2022

	31/03/2022	31/03/2021
Current Assets		
Tax Refunds due	£ 3,133	£ 2,840
LloydsTSB Current account	£ 8,982	£ 19,088
CAF Cash Account	£ 29,615	£ 25,769
CAF Gold Account	£ 46,993	£ 46,985
	<u>£ 88,723</u>	<u>£ 94,682</u>
Current Liabilities		
Sundry creditors & accruals	<u>£ 1,400</u>	<u>£ -</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	£ 87,323	£ 94,682
Represented by:		
Accumulated Funds		
Surplus/(Deficit) brought forward	£ 94,682	£ 79,078
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-£ 7,359	£ 15,604
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>£ 87,323</u>	<u>£ 94,682</u>

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BUDIRO TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 313921

Accounts

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21

It is with mixed feelings that I report to you on our operation as Budiriro this year. The Trustees were not able to meet in person in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic that has affected all of us and changed the way we approach work, amongst many other things. I take this opportunity to reflect on the effects we have all felt, be it illness and sadly death, as I am sure we have all been affected in one way or another.

The education situation in Zimbabwe did not need the pandemic to add to what has for many years been a dire situation for the country. If first-world countries struggled to contain the pandemic with all their financial resources, developing countries like Zimbabwe are still a long way from catching up. Only recently have students returned to school in any way resembling what could be termed “normal”. In the case of Zimbabwe, our students are already in examination season; a tough period in normal times, but frighteningly so this time as the students have not had much meaningful education for the past two years. The pass-rate in last year's O-Level examination series was dire at 24% for students attaining 5 subjects at A*-C-grade. However, the A-level students maintained a high rate of 81% which is comparable to prior years. The reason I highlight these figures is to demonstrate just what the students are up against in achieving their goals. However, as I always say to students, they need to trust the process, as that is key to them reaching their goals.

Due to the lockdown we were unable to spend all the money that had been budgeted. With students at home for months on end, we did look at ways of supporting the students in other

ways. However, our strict financial rules are limited to our purpose - to pay the fees of financially disadvantaged but academically able students. The logistics of providing this support was really challenging for many reasons. We are glad though that last year's Upper Sixth students completed their courses and are able to proceed to tertiary education and apprenticeships. The task of selecting a new cohort of Lower Sixth students from the O-level students was an extraordinary challenge this year as the results clearly had extenuating circumstances affecting them, and it is always impossible to provide every applicant with a scholarship even though they all deserve one. Finance is always our constraint in this respect.

This is where our donors come to the fore. We are so grateful that our donors have continued to support us. The phrase "all-weather friend" comes to mind and it is clear to me that you all believe in what we are doing and we really do appreciate this support despite the challenges that we are all facing. It is really true that virtually all your donations go to support the students, as we have no office, employees or fees. Trustees serve voluntarily in ensuring that this important work is carried out. That is because, like the students, we trust the process and know that change is coming to Zimbabwe, one scholarship at a time. As we look to the recovery, I have a great deal of optimism that the young people of Zimbabwe will not be left behind for long.

Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya

BUDIRO TRUST UK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Hockley Wright & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BUDIRO TRUST UK**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective Responsibilities of the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions give 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 you as trustees concerning any 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

In connection with my examination, I note as follows:

- (1) Donations and Legacies are as per the accounting records and bank statements of the Trust.
No independent verification has been carried out.
- (2) Grants payable are as per the accounting records and bank statements of the Trust.
No independent verification has been carried out.
- (3) Gift aid claims are as per the accounting records and bank statements of the Trust.
No independent verification has been carried out.

Based on the accounting records and bank statements, 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 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Hockley Wright & CO Limited
Unit 15, No. 2 Bulrushes Business Park
Coombe Hill Road
East Grinstead
RH19 4LZ

Date: 8 October 2021

BUDIRO TRUST UK

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the Year ended 31st March 2021

		TOTAL Year ended 31/03/2021	TOTAL Year ended 31/03/2020
INCOME			
Donations Received via Lloyds		6,362	8,852
Donations Received via CAF and online		9,403	9,854
Donations		15,765	18,708
Named scholarship and memorials		0	1,150
Sponsorship E M Half Marathon		0	259
Income from Christmas dinner	Note 4	0	0
Total non corporate donations	Note 1	<u>15,765</u>	<u>20,114</u>
Corporate donations		8,000	8,100
Tax reclaimed on gift aid		3,277	3,332
Miscellaneous Income		0	0
		£27,042	£31,547
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE			
Grants paid	Note 3	8,236	15,376
		£8,236	£15,376
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER GRANTS			
		£18,806	£16,171
OTHER INCOME			
Bank interest (net of tax)		21	71
		£18,828	£16,241
OVERHEADS			
Regional coordinators' remuneration - Zimbabwe	Note 3	2,624	2,696
		0	0
FB Administrator Remuneration	Note 2	0	2,400
Hire of rooms		0	144
Lunch AGM		0	72
Fund raising expenses		276	210
Costs of Christmas dinner	Note 4	0	0
Postage, printing, stationery & software		0	467
Website costs		99	99
Travel		0	0
Promotional literature, brochures and advertising		0	0
Miscellaneous expenses		0	0
Bank charges and transfer fees		50	190
Total overheads		£3,224	£6,277
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)			
		£15,604	9,964
Notes			
1 - Donations Income comprises:			
Donations received gift aid		6,362	7,069
Raffle money - Tax claimed under GASDSD		0	0
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Ticket sales		0	0
Donations received in response to dinner		0	0
Small cash donations and raffle		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Christmas dinner costs		0	0
		£0	£0

BUDIRO TRUST UK

**BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2021**

	31/03/2021		31/03/2020
	£		£
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Sundry creditors & accruals	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
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 <i>Represented by:</i>			
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Signed By
UK Treasurer: Emily Chadburn
Date: 8 October 2021

Treasurers Report

The overall picture to March 2020 shows that we have spent less than our annual income this year for the first time in many years. Sadly this is mainly due to the changes in the local currency in Zimbabwe and the subsequent reduction in US Dollars required to pay the school fees from here. The total spent on bursaries this year was £15,376 compared around £38,000 in 2018-19. Regular donations remained stable at nearly £19,000. With the addition of a named scholarship kindly donated by Alastair and Stephanie Paterson in memory of their son James. The overall figure also includes very much appreciated ongoing support from other Trusts including the Harris and Westcroft Trusts.

There was no Christmas dinner held in 2019. Personal commitments meant that the Trustee team did not have the time or energy to host a dinner this year. We shall definitely be hoping to hold dinners or other events in the future – if anyone would be interested in helping plan and host such an event please get in touch.

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The 2019 intake of students comprises 20 new Lower Sixth students which added to the existing 21 Upper Sixth students giving a total of 41 Students across the 6 schools.

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support, without which we would not be able to continue this much needed work. Given the significant drop in costs with the changes in local currency we hope that as things stabilise we shall be able to take advantage of this to offer more scholarships moving forward. In normal years the Term 2 fees would be pending as the financial year ends, these fees were never sent in 2020 as the schools in Zimbabwe had to close due to the spread of the global COVID -19 pandemic. We hope this situation improves soon so that we can provide support for our students during these uncertain times.

Mrs Emily Chadburn

Treasurer