

# ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 325121

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1974-10-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL.

**Activities:** Maintenance of a school in Ethiopia

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
- Ethiopia

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,277	£121,385	-	-
2023-12-31	£122,007	£129,047	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,763	£112,754	-	-
2021-12-31	£206,632	£109,851	-	-
2020-12-31	£99,218	£126,000	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carolyn Sarah Barker-Mill		2017-08-10
GILLIAN CLOKE		
Martha Felicity Street		2017-05-04
NICHOLAS KAYE		
REV TIMOTHY KINAHAN		
RICHARD CLOKE		

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# Accounts

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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Financial Statements and Trustees Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**David Harrison & Co**  
**Chartered Accountants**

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21 May 2025

**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Income & Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	99,277	122,007
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Research fee	560	18,761
Travel	537	0
Zoom	156	144
Good Thinking Design	132	117
Bank charges	0	25
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	1,385	19,047
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	97,892	102,960
<b>TRANSFERRED TO ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL</b>	120,000	110,000
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<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>	-22,108	-7,040
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	175,836	182,876
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<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	153,728	175,836
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Detailed Income  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Total Corporate, School, Trust and Church Income</b>	44,706	36,892
<b>Other Income</b>		
From Friends	45,579	74,577
Tax Reclaimed from HMRC	6,898	8,343
HMRC Interest Received	78	94
Bank Interest Received	2,016	2,101
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<b>Total Income for the Year</b>	99,277	122,007
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
30 Day Business Reserve Account	121,544	159,527
Bank Current Account	25,208	7,871
Income Tax Recoverable	6,976	8,437
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	153,728	175,836
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<b>CAPITAL</b>		
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## **Introduction**

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The Asra Hawariat School is a non-political, non-religious and non-profit-making voluntary organization, aimed at assisting children from the poorest sections of Ethiopian society. Education and other assistance is made without regard to ethnic or religious background or political orientation.

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During this last year the Fund (registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales since 1974) commissioned an in-depth report on the state of the schools. This was completely funded by one generous donor. This report has highlighted several issues that need urgent attention. Most pressing is the upgrading of toilet facilities and water supply along with the refurbishment of many of the classrooms. Improvement of computer science teaching needs new equipment and internet access. There are also issues of governance and land-rights; the informal arrangements that served the school so well for so long during the life of its inspirational founder, are no longer fit for purpose in the modern world. All these issues are being addressed and estimates and costings have been requested.

## **The School**

During this academic year the school has had 831 pupils (410 boys and 421 girls) and 47 teaching staff. It follows the national curriculum, with greater emphasis placed on English language, science and maths. 70 girls and 43 boys were entered for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade national examination, all passed. Last year the school was rated as one of the best of the 33 schools in the sub-city.

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March 2024

## **The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

### **Note to the Accounts**

Last year we reported that:-

*'a payment of £8000 that was transferred to the school's account on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 has not yet been received by them'.*

This situation remains unchanged.

After much correspondence and many phone calls, the Fund referred the Ulster Bank to the Financial Services Ombudsman, who cleared the Bank of any error. The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia say that they sent the money back to us, but no one can find any trace of it.

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<b>Total Corporate, School, Trust and Church Income</b>	36,892	8,790
<b>Other Income</b>		
From Friends	74,577	82,056
Tax Reclaimed from HMRC	8,343	14,435
HMRC Interest Received	94	76
Bank Interest Received	2,101	406
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<b>Total Income for the Year</b>	122,007	105,763
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
30 Day Business Reserve Account	159,527	165,416
Bank Current Account	7,871	2,949
Income Tax Recoverable	8,437	14,511
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	175,836	182,876
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<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Income & Expenditure Account	175,836	182,876
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Rev T Kinahan  
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Mr R Cloke  
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Income & Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	122,007	105,763
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Research fee	18,761	11,251
Travel	0	3,672
Zoom	144	144
Good Thinking Design	117	187
Bank charges	25	0
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	19,047	15,254
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	102,960	90,509
<b>TRANSFERRED TO ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL</b>	110,000	97,500
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<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>	-7,040	-6,991
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	182,876	189,867
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<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	175,836	182,876
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Detailed Income  
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**ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 325121

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# Accounts

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# **Asra Hawariat School Report 2022/23**

The Asra Hawariat School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is a non-fee paying, non-religious and non-political voluntary organization that for decades has worked with the poorest children and their families to provide an education as a route out of poverty. Since its foundation in 1961 by Asfaw Yemiru, an inspirational leader and educator, the school has educated over 125,000 children. Sadly Asfaw died in May 2021 and his wife Senayet Aklilu and her staff are working hard to maintain standards in the schools and carry forward Asfaw's vision. For the past 30 years the Asra Hawariat School Fund has been the sole overseas funder of this work.

Since the school was founded, much has changed in Ethiopia. There is an emerging middle class and government education has caught up with Asra Hawariat, to the extent that poor pupils can get a good education at a government school. Where the Asra Hawariat remains unique is in its small classes, open and attractive campuses, a strong emphasis on educating girls, high levels of parental and alumni involvement and excellent exam results.

During this last year the Fund (registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales since 1974) commissioned an in-depth report on the state of the schools. This was completely funded by one generous donor. This report has highlighted several issues that need urgent attention. Most pressing is the upgrading of toilet facilities and water supply along with the refurbishment of many of the classrooms. Improvement of computer science teaching needs new equipment and internet access. There are also issues of governance and land-rights; the informal arrangements that served the school so well for so long during the life of its inspirational founder, are no longer fit for purpose in the modern world. All these issues are being addressed and estimates and costings have been requested.

## **The School**

During this academic year the school has had 831 pupils (410 boys and 421 girls) and 47 teaching staff. It follows the national curriculum, with greater emphasis placed on English language, science and maths. 70 girls and 43 boys were entered for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade national examination, all passed. Last year the school was rated as one of the best of the 33 schools in the sub-city.

## **Alumni**

One of the highlights of the past few years has been the increasing role played by some of the school's alumni, who have been contributing books for the school library, equipment for science classes, and clothes for those worst affected by the pandemic. They have also organized a blood donation session at the school. Some of their number take additional science classes on a Saturday morning. As young professionals they are very hands-on in supporting and advising the school administration in their efforts to implement and advance our Founder's vision for the 21st century.

## **School Clubs**

There are several lively and educational school clubs, including Health and Sanitation Club, Literature Drama and Music, Girls' Club, Sports, Arts, Debating, Environmental Protection and Beautification.

## **Agriculture**

The school farm was one of Asfaw's personal interests, and his illness and death have meant that there is only a small plot now operational for student demonstration purposes. However, there are plans to expand this again, mainly as an income generating scheme as part of the school's plans to become more financially self-sufficient.

## **Funding**

The school budget for 2022/23 means that the Fund is now committed to sending £10,000 monthly out to the school. Inflation is high in the country, and salaries for teachers and other staff have had to be raised by 30%. These figures only cover the current day to day running costs of the schools. As outlined above the Fund will be facing additional demands to improve both the infrastructure of the schools but also to maintain and improve educational standards.

## **Thanks**

Thanks are due, once again, to our Independent Accountant, David Harrison & Co, Belfast who prepare our accounts without charge, and to Barnaby Skinner who has provided the photographs for this report.

And, not least, thanks to all our supporters, whose remarkable generosity in difficult economic times has ensured another good year, and who have helped turn so many dreams into reality.

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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Income & Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	105,763	206,632
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Research fee	11,251	0
Travel	3,672	0
Zoom	144	0
Good Thinking Design	187	181
LEI registration	0	70
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	15,254	251
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	90,509	206,381
<b>TRANSFERRED TO ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL</b>	97,500	109,600
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<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>	-6,991	96,781
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	189,867	93,086
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<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	182,876	189,867
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Detailed Income  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Total Corporate, School, Trust and Church Income</b>	8,790	75,173
<b>Other Income</b>		
From Friends	82,056	111,310
Tax Reclaimed from HMRC	14,511	20,118
Bank Interest Received	406	31
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<b>Total Income for the Year</b>	105,763	206,632
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
30 Day Business Reserve Account	165,416	155,025
Bank Current Account	2,949	14,724
Income Tax Recoverable	14,511	20,118
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	182,876	189,867
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<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Income & Expenditure Account	182,876	189,867
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Rev T Kinahan  
Trustee

Mr R Cloke  
Trustee

## Independent Accountant's Report

<b>Report to the trustees</b>	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Asra Hawariat School Fund for the year ended 31 December 2022.
<b>Responsibilities and basis of report</b>	<p>As the trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>
<b>Independent Accountants Report</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or</li><li>• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or</li><li>• 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.</li></ul> <p>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.</p>

David Harrison & Co  
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12 April 2023

**ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 325121

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# Asra Hawariat School Report 2021/22

The Asra Hawariat School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is a non-fee paying, non-religious and non-political voluntary organization working with those children and families who could not otherwise afford to get an education. This last year has been tough. The school was closed for 8 months during the initial stage of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the lockdown a programme of home learning through the use of worksheets (computer-based learning obviously being impossible) was introduced. The extensive and enthusiastic involvement of teachers, parents and older siblings added to the success of the home-schooling programme. The Ministry of Education acknowledged this initiative as an example of good practice for State schools to emulate.

The school has been fully operational during the calendar year 2021 - children have their temperature taken as they arrive, hand sanitizer is available in each classroom, and all children wear masks, supplied by the school.

The whole school community was delighted in October to be awarded a magnificent trophy for being the best in Addis Ababa, based on evaluation reports and exam results over the previous four years.

## **The death of our founder**

Of course, the major event of this past year has been the death on May 8<sup>th</sup> of our founder, Asfaw Yemiru. His vision and charisma were a profound inspiration to generations of children: he changed the lives of so many. Obituaries to him appeared in the international media and can be found on our website.

Obviously, this has been a huge loss, but the team (led by his widow Senayet) who have been largely running the school during the previous decade are continuing his good work. Through them Asfaw's vision and inspiration live on.

## **How it all began**

The school began in 1961 when Asfaw Yemiru, the founder, was a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at the British Council-run General Wingate School. When his classes were over Asfaw started to teach local street children under a tree in the local Church yard; the children were fed on left-over food from Wingate, and they slept in the Church yard. This was put on a more permanent footing in 1961, owing to a grant of land from the then-emperor Haile Selassie – and the children were able to sleep under cover, on shelves at the side of the classrooms.

In 1965, when the number of students had reached 1000, the school was officially recognized by the Ministry of Education. Since then the school, in addition to its core educational work, has run a number of additional humanitarian projects: an orphanage; Child and Family Aid, including fostering children with local families; a vocational farm; a feeding centre for malnourished children; a kindergarten and various training programmes. Since its foundation, it has reached and helped over 120,000 of the poorest citizens of Ethiopia's capital city. The school runs two campuses in the west of the city, one for grades 1-4 and the other for grades 5-8.

The Asra Hawariat School Fund (Registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, Number 325121) currently provides over 90% of the school's funding.

## **The School**

The school currently has 846 students, 448 of whom are girls. Priority is given to those children who have lost one or both of their parents; next, to children whose lives are seriously disrupted by poverty and who would find even the limited costs of a state education (uniform, books, stationery etc) beyond them. Prospective students are screened by a committee comprising the school principal, social workers and selected representatives of parents whose children are already at the school. Once they are accepted, the children are provided with a completely free education with some material support for the neediest children.

The school's bias in favour of girls is deliberate as the school believes strongly that female education is vital to social stability and economic growth – as has been borne out by countless studies from many parts of the world. The school has also put more emphasis on the teaching of English, right from year 1, as well as allowing more curriculum time to science and maths.

Our teaching staff, of whom there are 47, is a mix of older and experienced teachers, and younger ones, many of whom have come through the Asra Hawariat School themselves. In-service training is on-going.

### **Health service**

The school health service aims at prevention rather than cure, offering advice on basic hygiene. It also offers a first aid facility.

### **Child and Family Aid**

This is one of the programmes that has been stopped since Asfaw died. Most of the children attending the school are from poor families, and it was getting increasingly difficult to select a few families from their number.

### **School Clubs**

There are several lively and educational school clubs, including Health and Sanitation Club, Literature Drama and Music, Girls' Club, Sports and Arts, Civics, Environmental Protection and Beautification, Mini-media. These are gradually getting going again after Covid disruption.

### **Alumni**

One of the highlights of the past few years has been the increasing role played by some of the school's alumni, who have been contributing books for the school library, equipment for science classes, and clothes for those worst affected by the pandemic. They have also organized a blood donation session at the school. Some of their number take additional science classes on a Saturday morning.

## **Agriculture**

The school farm was one of Asfaw's personal interests, and his illness and passing have meant that there is only a small plot now operational for student demonstration purposes. .

## **Funding**

The school budget for 2021/2 means that the Fund is now committed to sending £8,000 monthly out to the school. This amount is down on recent years, largely as a result of school closures and a favourable exchange rate. We are currently factoring in the additional costs of Covid 19 prevention measures and the additional nursing staff. For a small charity, this represents a huge undertaking. Last year, as you will see from the attached accounts, we were remarkably successful, despite the pandemic. However we cannot afford to relax, especially as we do need to have a cushion of at least 6 months expenditure in order to provide security for the school. Donor's generosity during 2021 has been amazing, so we can currently maintain our support at the level, and with the security, required.

## **Thanks**

Thanks are due, once again, to our Accountants, David Harrison & Co, Chartered Accountants, Belfast who prepare our accounts without charge.

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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Income & Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	206,632	99,218
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Travel	0	849
Bank charges	0	250
National Council of Voluntary Organisations	0	169
Fundraising consultancy	0	450
Printing & stationery	0	176
LEI registration	70	0
Good Thinking Design	181	0
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	251	1,894
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	206,381	97,324
<b>TRANSFERRED TO ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL</b>	109,600	126,000
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<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	96,781	-28,676
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	93,086	121,762
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<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	189,867	93,086
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Detailed Income  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Total Corporate, School, Trust</b>	75,173	14,982

**and Church Income**

**Other Income**

From Friends	111,310	73,106
Tax Reclaimed from HMRC	20,118	11,035
Bank Interest Received	31	95
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<b>Total Income for the Year</b>	<b>206,632</b>	<b>99,218</b>
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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
30 Day Business Reserve Account	155,025	75,013
Bank Current Account	14,724	7,048
Income Tax Recoverable	20,118	11,035
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	189,867	93,096
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<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Income & Expenditure Account	189,867	93,086
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## Independent Accountant's Report

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19 February 2022

**ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL FUND**

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# Accounts

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# **Asra Hawariat School Fund Annual Report – 2020**

The Asra Hawariat School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is a non-fee paying, non-religious and non-political voluntary organisation working with those children and families who could not otherwise afford to get an education. The school began in 1961 when Asfaw Yemiru, the founder, was a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at the British Council-run General Wingate School. When his classes were over Asfaw started to teach local street children under a tree in the local Church yard; the children were fed on left-over food from Wingate, and they slept in the Church yard. This was put on a more permanent footing in 1961, owing to a grant of land from the then-emperor Haile Selassie – and the children were able to sleep under cover, on shelves at the side of the classrooms.

In 1965, when the number of students had reached 1000, the school was officially recognised by the Ministry of Education. Since then the school, in addition to its core educational work, has run a number of additional humanitarian projects: an orphanage; Child and Family Aid, including fostering children with local families; a vocational farm; a feeding centre for malnourished children; a kindergarten and various training programs. Since its foundation, it has reached and helped over 120,000 of the poorest citizens of Ethiopia's capital city. The school runs two campuses in the west of the city, one for grades 1-4 and the other for grades 5-8.

The Asra Hawariat School Fund (UK Registered Charity 325121) currently provides approximately 90% of the school's funding.

The Asra Hawariat School Fund was founded by a Declaration of Trust dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 1974 and is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales as Charity No.325121. The objects of the Charity are the relief of poverty and the advancement of education in Ethiopia through the work of the Asra Hawariat School. The Fund has no paid staff and is run on an entirely voluntary basis. The Trustees of the Fund are Carolyn Barker-Mill, Gillian Cloke, Richard Cloke, Nicholas Kaye, Timothy Kinahan, Charles Sherlock and Martha Street.

## **The School**

The school currently has 885 students, 474 of whom are girls. Priority is given to those children who have lost one or both of their parents; next, to children whose lives are seriously disrupted by poverty and who would find even the limited costs of a state education (uniform, books, stationery etc) beyond them. Prospective students are screened by a committee comprising the school principal, social workers and selected representatives of parents whose children are already at the school. Once they are accepted, the children are provided with a completely free education with some material support for the neediest children.

The school's bias in favour of girls is deliberate as the school believes strongly that female education is vital to social stability and economic growth – as has been borne out by countless studies from many parts of the world.

Our teaching staff is a mix of older and experienced teachers, and younger ones, many of whom have come through the Asra Hawariat School themselves. In-service training is on-going.

This last year has been tough. The school was closed for 8 months during the initial stage for the COVID-19 pandemic. During the lockdown a programme of home learning through worksheets (computer-based learning obviously being impossible), with the extensive and enthusiastic involvement of parents was put in place.

The school has now been re-opened since December and the normal academic program is being undertaken the earnest. To follow the required social distancing of the student and avoid crowding, students attend classes on alternate days including Saturday. All sanitary precautions such as temperatures reading at the gate, handwashing using effective soap, wearing mask and applying sanitizer when necessary are seriously and regularly followed. All instructions by the Ministry of Education are also carefully practiced.

### **Health service**

The school health service aims at prevention rather than cure, offering advice on basic hygiene. It also offers a first aid facility. In addition, this year we plan to employ 2 nurses, one for each campus, whose emphasis will be on girls' health. This will include the supply of sanitary products. The projected budget for this is 182,000 Birr (in the region of £3,300).

### **Child and Family Aid**

At the moment, this programme offers support to 361 of the poorest families/children, with an emphasis on those who are disabled, orphans (who are placed with local foster families) or from broken families. This programme provides financial support, so that the poorest do not keep their children out of school to take over the household chores, or even resort to begging. Milk and vegetables from our farm are also supplied.

This programme was set up in the early 1990's to provide non-institutional care for orphan and disadvantaged children. Instead of being institutionalized, they are offered the normality of a family, a street, a neighbourhood.

### **School Clubs**

There are several lively and educational school clubs, including Health and

Sanitation Club, Literature, Drama and Music, Girls' Club, Sports and Arts (90), Civics, Environmental Protection and Beautification, Child Rights and Advocacy.

As last year the school has encouraged Muslim children to help prepare Churches before major Christian festivals, and Christian children to do the same at the Mosque before major Muslim festivals. But as with so much this pandemic year this has had to be put on ice.

## **Agriculture**

The farm thrives, acting both as a demonstration farm and as a source of fresh milk and vegetables for the Child Aid families. There are 60 head of cattle, and significant production of spinach, carrots, cabbage, beetroot, lettuce, onion, garlic and various local delicacies such as kitma, gesha and koba. Both campuses are well planted with indigenous trees – one of the great pleasures of visiting the school is to see the kids, who live in crowded slum conditions, playing in extensive and well-planned natural surroundings.

## **Funding**

The school budget for 2021 means that the Fund is now committed to sending £8,000 monthly out to the school. This amount is down on recent years, largely as a result of a favourable exchange rate. But still, for a small charity, this a huge undertaking. Last year, as you will see from the attached accounts, we were remarkably successful, despite the pandemic. But we cannot afford to relax, especially as we do need to have a cushion of at least 6 months expenditure in order to provide security for the school.

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**The Asra Hawariat School Fund**

**Income & Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	99,218	172,633
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Travel	849	608
Bank charges	250	300
National Council of Voluntary Organisations	169	0
Fundraising consultancy	450	0
Printing & stationery	176	376
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	1,894	1,284
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	97,324	171,349
<b>TRANSFERRED TO ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL</b>	126,000	132,000
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<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>	-28,676	39,349
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	121,762	82,413
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<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	93,086	121,762
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## Independent Accountant's Report

**Report to the trustees** I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Asra Hawariat School Fund for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Accountants Report** 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.

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24 March 2021