

# Bridge of Hope

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102485

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-12-17

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Charity is established as a Faith-based organisation for the advancement of religion, the relief of poverty and advancement of health in any part of the world in particular; (a) by the provision or assistance in the provision of facilities at the church campus in Koudougou, Burkino Faso, in the interest of social welfare so that their conditions of life can be improved; (b) to promote Christianity in all parts of the world by supporting ministries which promote awareness of Christianity by means of practical demonstration of Christian love and values

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of religion, The advancement of health or the saving of lives

**How the charity works:** General charitable purposes, Medical/health/sickness, Overseas aid/famine relief, Relief of poverty, Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** Overseas/developing countries

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,336	£57,799	£0	0

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr George Johnston		
Mr Norman Worthington		
Mrs Helena Rea		
Mrs Jacquie Worthington		

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Portglenone Shops	46,870	-	-	46,870	49,636
Clady Shop	6,672	-	-	6,672	6,761
Donation	-	-	-	-	270
Refund of charges	-	-	-	-	-
Compensation	-	-	-	-	450
Recycling	1,794	-	-	1,794	1,358
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>55,336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,336</b>	<b>58,475</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,336</b>	<b>58,475</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	29,309	-	-	29,309	27,842
Electricity	3,836	-	-	3,836	3,038
Mobile phone- for shop	-	-	-	-	-
Van running costs	3,589	-	-	3,589	3,189
Van purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	12,851	-	-	12,851	12,913
Brazil	2,200	-	-	2,200	1,200
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-
NI Missions	4,000	-	-	4,000	1,500
Insurance - shops	757	-	-	757	719
Maintenance -shops	-	-	-	-	18
Stationery	-	-	-	-	39
Christmas meal/ vouchers vols	1,147	-	-	1,147	913
Water- Clady	110	-	-	110	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub Total</b>	<b>57,799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,799</b>	<b>51,371</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>57,799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,799</b>	<b>51,371</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,464</b>	<b>7,104</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>79,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,381</b>	<b>72,277</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>76,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,916</b>	<b>79,381</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	76,916	-	-	76,916	79,381
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>76,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,916</b>	<b>79,381</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van	Unrestricted	17,000	-	17,000
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		17,000	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total		-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  
  
 George Johnston

Print Name  
 GEORGE JOHNSTON

Date of approval  
 13-1-26

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Portglenone Shops	49,636	-	-	49,636	46,732
Clady Shop	6,761	-	-	6,761	6,252
Donation	270	-	-	270	1,000
Refund of charges	-	-	-	-	47
Compensation	450	-	-	450	-
Recycling	1,358	-	-	1,358	1,222
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>58,475</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,475</b>	<b>55,253</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>58,475</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,475</b>	<b>55,253</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	27,842	-	-	27,842	29,406
Electricity	3,038	-	-	3,038	4,004
Mobile phone- for shop	-	-	-	-	-
Van running costs	3,189	-	-	3,189	4,916
Van purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	12,913	-	-	12,913	12,360
Brazil	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,700
Uganda	-	-	-	-	2,000
NI Missions	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,000
Insurance - shops	719	-	-	719	689
Maintenance -shops	18	-	-	18	-
Stationery	39	-	-	39	15
Christmas meal/ vouchers vols	913	-	-	913	825
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub Total</b>	<b>51,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,371</b>	<b>56,915</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,371</b>	<b>56,914</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>- 1,661</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>73,938</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>79,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,381</b>	<b>72,277</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	79,381	-	-	79,381	72,277
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,381</b>	<b>72,277</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

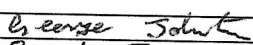
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van	Unrestricted	17,000	-	17,000
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	17,000	

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  
  
 SN WORTHINGTON

Print Name  
 GEORGE JOHNSON  
 SN WORTHINGTON

Date of approval  
 16-1-25  
 14-1-25


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# Annual report

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# Bridge of Hope

## Trustees' Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 23- 31<sup>st</sup> March 24

This report applies to the activities of Bridge of Hope charity (NIC 102485). The charity is registered at 60 Killyless Road, Cullybackey. The current trustees are Norman Worthington, George Johnston, Helena Rea and Jacquie Worthington. There has been no change to the trustees in the last year. The charity's governing document is a constitution, this was adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and was amended on 20/07/15 to include charitable purposes. The charity is established as a faith-based organisation for the advancement of religion, the relief of poverty and advancement of health in any part of the world in particular- a) by the provision or assistance in the provision of facilities at the church campus in Koudougou, Burkina Faso, in the interest of social welfare so that their conditions of life can be improved, b) to promote Christianity in all parts of the world by supporting ministries which promote awareness of Christianity by means of practical Christian love and values.

### Activities

The charity's only source of income is from the sale of donated unwanted second-hand goods (eg furniture, bric-a-brac and clothes) in our shops in Portglenone and Clady, our Ahoghill shop closed in Nov 20 due to the premises being sold for redevelopment. The volunteers are required to out-sort clothes which are unsuitable for sale and these are recycled through Cookstown Recyclers. The charity owns a van which enables the collection and delivery of furniture.

### Achievements and public benefit

We have been able to send £12,913 to Burkina Faso this year. This has primarily been used to aid completion of the health clinic which will provide medical facilities for the local community- who currently have to travel many kilometres to see a doctor/ nurse thereby improving their health and wellbeing. In addition, due to the ongoing civil unrest (2 coups in 2022) Christians are still being displaced from the north of the country. Pastor Yameogo has used some of our donations to provide food, essentials and even homes for these families. These benefits are directly linked to our charitable purpose of advancement of religion and also relief of poverty in the local area of Koudougou in Burkina Faso. Our monthly contribution of £100 to Outreach Amazon in Brazil, assists them in providing daily meals to the local children who attend their school. This fulfils our purpose of relief of poverty for these children. Our contributions to visiting ministries also contributes to the advancement of religion by spreading the Gospel message through evangelism and teaching. We sent £1000 to Dorcas Ministries and £500 to Lifeline Ministries NI. Both these charities work in the African countries of Kenya and Uganda.

Our charity also provides a benefit to our local community through the provision of furniture and clothes to the less well-off in society who are unable to afford new goods. This benefit advances our purpose of relief of poverty.

*Bridge of Hope*  
NIC 102485 XT 26474  
60 Killyless Road  
Cullybackey

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## Receipts

This year our Portglenone shop sales have increased from last year. Portglenone shops' sales have increased from March 23 £46732- March 24 £49, 636. The Clady shop's sales have increased slightly from £6,252(Mar 23) to £6,761 (March 24). This was still enough to cover the rent for the premises. We also received donations totalling £270. This money was transferred directly to Pastor Etienne in Burkina Faso.

In addition, recycling is now being directly paid into the bank account rather than by cheque-so it now shows separately on the account- the amount from recycling was £1358 – this had increased slightly from last year (£1222).

We received compensation of £450 from Ulster Bank as they had suspended the bank account in error.

## Payments

Rent was reduced this financial year from last (£27, 842 opposed to £29, 406). The electric bill was £3038, this was greatly decreased (previous year £4004) due in part to the fact that previous year's was very high due to a dispute with SSE which lead to a high bill. In addition, the price per unit of electric had been reduced.

Our van running costs are reduced this year £3189 compared to £4916 last year.

£12,913 was transferred to Burkina Faso during 23/24 for the purpose of continuing evangelism and purchasing grain and food and progressing with construction and fit out of the clinic. Pastor Etienne sends pictures as proof. Continue to support Outreach Amazon in Brazil with monthly payments of £100.

We continue to support visiting missionaries to NI; this year we gave £1500.

Our shop liability insurance remained competitive at £719.

There was a small maintenance charge of £18 this year.

No volunteer receives remuneration for their work, so as a token of appreciation for their dedication, the trustees agreed many years ago to provide a Christmas meal in a local hotel, and for those volunteers who are unable to attend we provide vouchers to the same value. As hospitality prices have increased in recent years, the total for this year came to £913.

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# Annual return

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Bridge of Hope Charity

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act and follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report:

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: EDDIE EDDIE

Address: 12 RUSSELLSON RD, GALGOLM BANGOR BT42 1HR

Date: 11/1/25

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Portglenone Shops	46,732	-	-	46,732	45,045
Clady Shop	6,252	-	-	6,252	9,697
Donation	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,150
Refund of charges	47	-	-	47	25
Covid grants					9,942
Recycling	1,222	-	-	1,222	
		-	-	-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>55,253</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,253</b>	<b>65,859</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,253</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,253</b>	<b>65,859</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	29,406	-	-	29,406	37,257
Electricity	4,004	-	-	4,004	479
Mobile phone- for shop	-	-	-	-	-
Van running costs	4,916	-	-	4,916	4,609
Van purchase		-	-	-	
Burkina Faso	12,359	-	-	12,359	11,050
Brazil	1,700	-	-	1,700	1,200
Uganda	2,000	-	-	2,000	
NI Missions	1,000	-	-	1,000	
Insurance - shops	689	-	-	689	671
Maintenance -shops		-	-		836
Stationery	15	-	-	15	
Christmas meal/ vouchers vols	825	-	-	825	325
Miscellaneous		-	-		
	-	-	-	-	
<b>A3 Sub Total</b>	<b>56,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,914</b>	<b>56,427</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>56,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,914</b>	<b>56,427</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,661</b>	<b>9,432</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>73,938</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,938</b>	<b>64,506</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>73,938</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	72,277	-	-	72,277	73,938
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>73,938</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van	Unrestricted	17,000	-	17,000
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		<b>Total</b>		<b>17,000</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 SNW	GEORGE JOHNSTON SAMUEL NORMAN WORTHINGTON	14-1-24 14-1-24

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# Annual report

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# Bridge of Hope

## Trustees' Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 22- 31<sup>st</sup> March 23

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The charity's only source of income is from the sale of donated unwanted second-hand goods (eg furniture, bric-a-brac and clothes) in our shops in Portglenone and Clady, our Ahoghill shop closed in Nov 20 due to the premises being sold for redevelopment. The volunteers are required to out-sort clothes which are unsuitable for sale and these are recycled through Cookstown Recyclers. The charity owns a van which enables the collection and delivery of furniture.

### Achievements and public benefit

We have been able to send £12,359 to Burkina Faso this year. This has primarily been used to aid completion of the health clinic which will provide medical facilities for the local community- who currently have to travel many kilometres to see a doctor/ nurse thereby improving their health and wellbeing. In addition, due to the ongoing civil unrest (2 coups in 2022) Christians are still being displaced from the north of the country. Pastor Yameogo has used some of our donations to provide food, essentials and even homes for these families. These benefits are directly linked to our charitable purpose of advancement of religion and also relief of poverty in the local area of Koudougou in Burkina Faso. Our monthly contribution of £100 to Outreach Amazon in Brazil, assists them in providing daily meals to the local children who attend their school. Pastor Tinho visited NI this year and we were able to give him an extra £500 to use as he saw fit. This fulfils our purpose of relief of poverty for these children. Our contributions to visiting ministries also contributes to the advancement of religion by spreading the Gospel message through evangelism and teaching. We sent £2000 to Uganda for Pastor Samuel's church- this fulfils our purpose of advancement of religion.

Our charity also provides a benefit to our local community through the provision of furniture and clothes to the less well-off in society who are unable to afford new goods. This benefit advances our purpose of relief of poverty.



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## Receipts

This year our Portglenone shop sales have increased from last year. Portglenone shops' sales have increased from March 22 £45,045- March 23 £46,732. The Clady shop's sales have decreased slightly from £9,697 (Mar 22) to £6,252 (March 23). This was still enough to cover the rent for the premises- but had dropped slightly due to reduced volunteer availability.

We also received donations totalling £1000. This money was transferred directly to Pastor Etienne in Burkina Faso.

In addition, recycling is now being directly paid into the bank account rather than by cheque-so it now shows separately on the account- the amount from recycling was £1222.

## Payments

Rent was reduced this financial year from last (£29,406 opposed to £37,257) as last year's figures included 3 months from the previous year. The electric bill was £4004, this was greatly increased (previous year £479) due in part to the fact previous 2 years were artificially low due to lockdowns, but also increase in price per unit of electric. In addition, there was a dispute with SSE airtricity re settling bills- landlord had no longer being paying electric on clothes shop and we weren't aware- so there was a larger bill to settle this. Electric provider was switched to Power NI for both the Portglenone shops.

Our van running costs are fairly static £4916 compared to £4609 last year.

£12,359 was transferred to Burkina Faso during 22/23 for the purpose of continuing evangelism and also purchasing grain and food and progressing with construction and fit out of the clinic. Pastor Etienne sends pictures as proof. Continue to support Outreach Amazon in Brazil with monthly payments of £100.

We continue to support visiting missionaries to NI, this year we gave £1000.

Our shop liability insurance remained competitive at £689.

There were no maintenance charges this year.

No volunteer receives remuneration for their work, so as a token of appreciation for their dedication, the trustees agreed many years ago to provide a Christmas meal in a local hotel, and for those volunteers who are unable to attend we provide vouchers to the same value. After Covid we decided to give all the staff vouchers that they could spend as they wished. In addition, some of our longstanding volunteers retired and so were given vouchers as a token of appreciation. One of our volunteers was injured in an accident and spent considerable time in hospital- so we purchased some flowers for her whilst she was unwell. The total for hospitality came to £825.



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Private Benefit and potential harm

There is no private benefit arising from this charity. There has been no potential harm as a result of our charitable purposes during this financial year.

Regard to Charity Commission's guidance

In setting our objective and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Signed

Neil R

Date 14-01-24

George John

Date 14-01-24

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Date 14-01-24

Jacquie Worthington

Date 14-01-24

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Bridge of Hope Charity

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act and follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report:

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date: 21/12/23