

Bethel Community Outreach Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103308

Details

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| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2016-02-04 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register |

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE: 2:1 To relieve persons in need or hardship in Uganda and in such other countries in Africa or in such other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. 2:2 To advance education in accordance with Faith based principles in Uganda and in such other countries in Africa or in such other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit. 2:3 To advance religion in accordance with the statement of beliefs (appendix 1) appearing in the schedule hereto in Uganda and in such other countries in Africa or in such other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Community enterprise, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Hiv/aids, Homelessness, Older people, Overseas/developing countries, Unemployed/low income, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £16,678 | £17,920 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------|------|-----------|
| Mr Kenneth Wilson | | |
| Mr Robin Mcaleese | | |
| Mr Wesley Kerr | | |

Bethel Community Outreach Northern Ireland

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Accounts

Bethel Community Outreach Northern Ireland
Receipts & Payments Account 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity Number: 103308

| Receipts | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Balance as at 01 April 2024 | 271.78 | 1168.08 |
| Grants: | | |
| Sponsors | 20465.77 | 16643.70 |
| Donations | 300.00 | 35.00 |
| Fundraising | | |
| Total Income Received | 20765.77 | 16678.70 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Sponsorships | 19127.00 | 17266.47 |
| Postage | | 73.53 |
| Travel | | |
| Fundraising | 60.00 | |
| Bank Charges | 74.00 | |
| Sundry Expenditure | 120.00 | 235.00 |
| Total Expenditure | 19381.00 | 17575.00 |
| Surplus of Income/Expenditure | 1384.77 | -896.30 |
| Account Balance as at 31st March 2025 | 1656.55 | 271.78 |


Bethel Community Outreach Northern Ireland
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

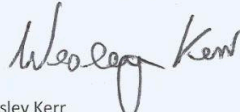
| Current Assets | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bank | 1656.55 | 271.78 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Debtors | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 1656.55 | 271.78 |
| Creditors | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Current Assets | 1656.55 | 271.78 |

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Derek Powell
 Finance Officer
 Causeway Rural & Urban Network



Kenneth Wilson
 Chair



Wesley Kerr
 Treasurer

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Charity Number: 103308

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | |
| Balance as at 01 April 2023 | 1168.08 | 788.08 |
| Grants: | | |
| Sponsors | 16643.70 | 16638.51 |
| Donations | 35.00 | 1281.49 |
| Fundraising | | |
| Total Income Received | 16678.70 | 17920.00 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Sponsorships | 17266.47 | 17417.56 |
| Postage | 73.53 | 122.44 |
| Travel | | |
| Fundraising | | |
| Sundry Expenditure | 235.00 | |
| Total Expenditure | <u>17575.00</u> | <u>17540.00</u> |
| Surplus of Income/Expenditure | <u><u>-896.30</u></u> | <u><u>380.00</u></u> |
| Account Balance as at 31st March 2024 | 271.78 | 1168.08 |

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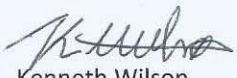
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Bank | 271.78 | 1168.08 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Debtors | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | <u>271.78</u> | <u>1168.08</u> |
| Creditors | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Net Current Assets | 271.78 | 1168.08 |

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Child Sponsorship

It is obvious as in previous reports the current economic climate is still a cause for concern. As it is having an effect on child sponsorship programmes for many charities, none more so than our own charity however we remain reasonably optimistic thanks mainly to our faithful sponsors

Child Sponsorship

A special word of thanks to all our child sponsors and to those organisations that helped in any way to improve those lives in Uganda, we cannot do it without your help, especially in what has been another difficult year for everyone

To date the charity has raised an amazing £135,351.70 for the work in Uganda since its formation in 2010.

The increase in sponsors now helps a total of 93 students and donations shows again the importance in keeping sponsorship awareness of our work to the forefront here in N.Ireland and the UK.

Total number of givers

Last year was the best financial intake in the history of the charity with an income of £17920 beating the previous highest in 2018-19 of £15074.50. However this financial year has seen the total income money go down from £17920 in 22-23 to £ £16678.70, a reduction of £1241.30 but it still remains the second highest intake on record.

This year saw 5 new sponsors added to our books, balanced by 3 of our sponsors having become inactive during this financial period.

The decrease in sponsors and therefore donations shows again the important part played by Bishop Samuel Kawalya in keeping sponsorship awareness to the forefront during his visits to us here in N.Ireland and the UK and therefore keeping the balance a positive one

A special word of thanks to all our child sponsors and to those organisations that helped in any way to improve those lives in Uganda, we cannot do it without your help, especially in what has been a difficult few of year for everyone

Projects

The ongoing building targets at the Bethel Learning Centre in Masaka continue Bs. Samuel and his teaching staff have worked hard to deliver an education for the many needy children. They continue to delivered a schooling programme through dedication and commitment in very difficult circumstances with limited resources

The primary five classroom was constructed in December 23 and a new chalkboard mounted as well. It requires plastering, flowering and shuttering to complete which has since been completed in January 24

A previous project saw 4 acres of land purchased for growing crops in order to provide food for the children at school has produced its first maize crop. Currently they are using some of the ground for a coffee plantation which will bring in an income when the plants mature.

This has proved very useful in providing food for the school and there feeding programme equating to 20% of the feeding budget.

The coffee is now ready for commercial harvesting despite a setback due to a plant infection. Hopefully a good income can now be generated over the next few years

Social Support to the Community

Through Bs. Samuel guidance we have been able as in previous years to support small numbers of families with essentials such as mattresses, blankets, food and a number of their children through “Feed My Lambs project” – kids feeding program

The “Wells of Life Project” still continues as we desire to provide fresh clean drinking water to as many communities as possible in conjunction NGO partners BCO Ug.

Pastoral activities

As always we continue to build up relationships with local Ministers and Pastors so when Bs. Samuel visits us again he is able to share his vision for the work in Uganda at their churches.

We know that these meetings open up opportunities to ask if they would consider sponsoring a pastor, a teacher, children or a project in Uganda. Thankfully many over the years have responded to the call in various ways.

This is again an area we hope to support more in the future, at present our main aim is to reach our target of 200 hundred sponsors for the children’s education programme.

Our continued aim is to improve our strategy both in the short, medium and long term in whatever way we can. There is a growing need to house orphan children at present and it would be an ambition to help build a small orphanage with our NGO partners BCO Ug.

Conclusions

In summing up the BCONI 2023/24 year Robin McAleese (Sec) concluded that even in what has been a difficult and challenging time it in the last few years it had been another reasonably successful year for the charity in particular the number of small but needed projects finally completed.

With the aim to find more child sponsors and our commitment to the projects foremost in our thoughts and prayers

Closing comments

Robin McAleese (Sec) concluded the report by thanking Kenneth Wilson (Chair) Wesley Kerr (Tres) for their help and continued support over the past year and previous years.

Trustees present

Kenneth Wilson (Chair) Robin McAleese (Sec) Wesley Kerr (Tres)
Friday 26th April 2024 @ 2 Castlehill Close Ballymoney Co. Antrim BT53 6RP

Bethel Community Outreach Northern Ireland

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Bethel Community Outreach Northern Ireland

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 1.

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
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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: Derek Powell

Relevant professional qualification or body: Accounting Technician

Address: Causeway Rural & Urban Network, 1 Brook Street, Coleraine, BT52 1PW

Date: 12 Dec 2024

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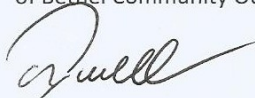
| Receipts | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Balance as at 01 April 2022 | 788.08 | 714.58 |
| Grants: | | |
| Sponsors | 16638.51 | 10464.51 |
| Donations | 1281.49 | 658.99 |
| Fundraising | | |
| Total Income Received | 17920.00 | 11123.50 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Sponsorships | 17417.56 | 10957.64 |
| Postage | 122.44 | 92.36 |
| Travel | | |
| Fundraising | | |
| Sundry Expenditure | | |
| Total Expenditure | <u>17540.00</u> | <u>11050.00</u> |
| Surplus of Income/Expenditure | <u>380.00</u> | <u>73.50</u> |
| Account Balance as at 31st March 2023 | 1168.08 | 788.08 |

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

| Current Assets | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bank | 1168.08 | 788.08 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Debtors | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
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| Creditors | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
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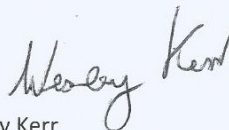
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Total number of givers

This year has seen the best financial intake in the history of the charity with a income of £17929 beating the previous highest in 2018-19 of £15074.50 so we are seeing improving numbers close to pre pandemic.

This year saw 11 new sponsors added to our books, balanced by 7 of our sponsors having become inactive during this financial period

The current active givers this period has therefore increased from 60 to 71 and balanced by the decreased from 71 to 64 in real terms This I believe is due to short term commitments and financial constraints on peoples budgets.

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Social Support to the Community

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Projects

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The latest project saw 4 acres of land purchased for growing crops in order to provide food for the children at school has produced its third maize crop. Currently the coffee plantation is coming along nicely. Hopefully this will eventually bring in an income when the plants mature.

Bs. Samuel and his teaching staff had worked tirelessly to deliver an education during what has been a very difficult few of year during and post the Covid epidemic, which led to the cost of many everyday items increasing dramatically.

Information Night

We are hoping to hold our information night again next year in autumn 2023 when we get Bs. Samuel availability.

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Robin McAleese (Sec) concluded the report by thanking Kenneth Wilson (Chair) Wesley Kerr (Tres) for their continued support and help over the past and previous years, in particular as both of them are heavily involved with their own respective charities and of course our faithful sponsors especially during the current financial situation.

Trustees present

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Friday 28th April 2023 @ 2 Castlehill Close Ballymoney Co. Antrim BT53 6RP

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Address: Causeway Rural & Urban Network, 1 Brook Street, Coleraine, BT52 1PW

Date 19 Jan 2024