



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Trustees' Annual Report


For the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

Charity name: Tŷ Cariad Africa

Charity registration number: 1124100



Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>Victory Child Care Project (VCCP) is a child care institution for orphans and vulnerable children on the outskirts of Kampala, Uganda. The main objective of our charity is to raise money to support VCCP in its work to provide a safe and loving home for these children, as well as access to education, healthcare, and other essential services.</p> <p>The money raised by our charity is used to pay for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School fees, food, and medical care for the children at VCCP.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs involved in resettling children with family members or foster families. • A community education support project (CESP) that provides sponsorship for children in the local community to attend school. • Health support programmes that provide emergency medical aid to those in need. • Food hampers and gifts for local Ugandan families at Christmas.

We raise money for VCCP through general fundraising in the UK, as well as through individual sponsorships. Donations are sent directly to VCCP to help them provide the best possible care for the children. When possible, we also provide funds to enable VCCP to expand and develop.

In addition to supporting VCCP, we also support other similar non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in Uganda. This support is provided in the form of advice, encouragement, and sometimes financial assistance.

We believe that every child deserves a safe and loving home, and we are committed to helping the children at VCCP and other NGOs in Uganda reach their full potential.



Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Para 1.18

As Trustees of the charity, we are committed to ensuring that all funds are spent in support of the key objectives of the charity and in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

During the financial year, we have spent funds on the following activities, which are all aligned with our key objectives:


- Providing food, shelter, and medical care to orphans and vulnerable children.
- Providing educational opportunities to orphans and vulnerable children, including school fees, uniforms, and supplies.
- Supporting the tracing and re-linking of orphans and vulnerable children with their families.
- Partnering with organisations that promote tracing, re-linking, and resettlement of children in their families and extended communities wherever possible.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing food hampers and gifts for local Ugandan families at Christmas. <p>We have also had due regard for the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and have ensured that our activities comply with the key principles of this requirement. These principles state that charities must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit a significant section of the public. • Be for the public benefit. • Not be political or religious in nature. • Be accountable and transparent in their activities. <p>We are confident that we have met all of these requirements and that our activities have been in the best interests of the beneficiaries of our charity.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Tÿ Cariad Africa is a charity that supports partner charities and NGOs (Non-Government Organisations) operating within sub-Saharan Africa with similar values to ourselves. We do not award grants based on applications or requests, but we may sometimes provide financial support from our unrestricted funds to partners who are working to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in the region.</p> <p>In addition to financial support, we also look to either support or receive support from our partners to strengthen the joint impact of our work. This non-financial support can include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management support • Financial and accounting assistance • Project management • Project delivery • Sharing of funding news • General encouragement <p>Before supporting any projects, we take the time to develop relationships with our partners, conduct financial due diligence to ensure full financial accountability, and draw up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the responsibilities and procedures of both parties.</p> <p>We believe that by working together, we can make a greater impact on the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa.</p>
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	N/A

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The support from our volunteers is amazing – thank you – without your support, we would not be able to make such an amazing difference in the lives of these children!</p> 
Other		



Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The financial year 2023 was again challenging due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a negative impact on fundraising activities in the UK and operations at the Victory Child Care Project's Children's Home in Uganda.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, we are pleased to report that we were able to continue supporting orphans, vulnerable children, and communities in Uganda thanks to the generosity of our donors. Our income for the year increased by £908, although rising costs in Uganda and the UK meant that our expenditure was also higher than in the previous year.</p> <p>Here is some more information about specific projects.</p> <p>VICTORY CHILD CARE PROJECT – TY CARIAD, NAMUGONGO, KAMPALA, UGANDA (VCCP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of £65,605 was spent on overseas work in Uganda during the financial year, all of which was sent to VCCP. • Victory Child Care Project has continued to work closely with the Ugandan Police and the Ugandan Government to provide a safe haven for children who have been abandoned, lost, or trafficked. These children come to stay at the Children's Home while social workers and police search for relatives. <p>At the start of the financial year, there were 35 children living at the Children's Home. During the year, 13 children were admitted for care; 11 children were resettled with family members, of whom 9 children require ongoing financial support for medical bills and school fees, and 3 children require no further financial support. The financial year ended with 37 children living at the Children's Home.</p> <p>The project is committed to providing a safe and loving home for all children in its care. It works tirelessly to trace and re-unite children with their families, and to provide ongoing support to those who cannot be reunified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Costs we provide education support for children living at the Children's Home, children who have been resettled or fostered, and children in the local community. <p>The school year in Uganda runs from February to November, so our financial year covers Terms 2 and 3 of one academic year, and Term 1 of the next academic year.</p> <p>In the 2022 academic year, we supported 65 children with their education by paying school fees and contributions towards their school</p>

requirements as and when needed. At the end of the 2022 academic year, a number of children's support ended:

- 4 children supported under our Community Education Support Project who graduated from Primary 7 (support is provided up to the end of Primary School).
- 3 children who graduated with A Levels.
- 1 who graduated from University.



In the 2023 academic year, many of the children have been moved from private schools to government schools to reduce the cost of their education to the charity. The social work team visited many government schools to find the right ones for the children, ensuring that the quality of education was still being maintained, but at a lower cost. This move is expected to save the charity approximately £10,000 over the academic year.

In 2023, we are supporting the education of 67 children:

- 12 are being home-schooled at the Children's Home.
- 15 children from the Home are also supported in government schools.
- 12 children from the local community are being supported.
- 28 children who have been resettled or fostered from the Home.

Of these children:

- 12 are being home-schooled.
- 34 are in Primary education.
- 14 are in Secondary education.
- 7 are in Vocational colleges.

The total cost of education (school fees, requirements, and scholastic materials for the children from the Home and the local community children) was £15,915 this financial year, up £3,998 from last year.

We are committed to providing all children in our care with access to quality education, regardless of their background. We believe that education is the key to a better future for these children, and we are grateful for the support of our donors who make this possible.



- **Education Resettlement Support** A total of £8,349 was raised to support children resettled in families, either with family members or with foster families. £8,592 was spent on supporting these children in family settings with costs such as education, food support and health costs.

- As in the previous five years, before Christmas we ran an appeal to help feed Ugandan families at Christmas.

A total of £6,447 was raised and was used:-

- to provide food for the Christmas season's celebrations for all the children and staff at the Children's Home;



- to pay for the children to attend a Christmas Party at Victory Church;



- 47 Food Packages for community families, families of resettled and fostered children, and families of staff who give their time each Christmas. Each package included bread, sugar, soda, eggs, spices, margarine, beef, chicken, pasta, cooking oil, milk and more. Each package contained enough for 20 meals/servings. In total the food packages provided for 249 children and adults! *There were bank charges of £56 incurred in raising these funds. Net spend of £6,391.*



- The social work team has been in regular contact with the children and families supported outside of the Children's Home throughout the year. They have visited them with food parcels, education support packages, and have carried out assessments and counselling as and when required.

The social work team plays a vital role in supporting children and families in need. They provide a range of services, including:

- Providing food and other essential items to families in need.
- Helping children access education and other essential services.
- Providing counselling and support to children and families who have experienced trauma or abuse.
- Working with families to resolve issues and prevent problems from escalating.

The social work team is committed to providing high-quality services to the children and families they serve. They are grateful for the support of the charity's donors who make this work possible.

- The balance of £34,707 was spent on running costs in Uganda, including staff salaries (£24,362* - an increase of £2,097); enough funds in Uganda for April (£3,939) and the balance of £17,382 being spent on food & other project costs. *There was already £10,976 in Uganda as at 01/04/22 for April and May costs.*
- ** Salary cost calculated using exchange rate of 4,616 UGX/£ as per transfer to Uganda on 30/03/23.*
- *Total transaction costs of £363 were incurred during the financial year. £270 on restricted funds, and £93 on unrestricted funds. These are the charges from our online partners for collecting credit and debit card payments made online - JustGiving, GoCardless and Stripe.*



		<p>A summary of this year’s highlights:- (“VCCP” – refers to Victory Child Care Project-Ty Cariad Children’s Home)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VCCP visited by former House Mother Hawa. ○ Easter celebration for all children and staff. • July 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appeal launched for Term 3 school fees shortfall. • August 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 children received by VCCP for temporary support. ○ £6,727 raised for Term 3 school fees. • September 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School starts for the final term of the academic year. • November 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christmas Appeal launched. • December 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 47 Christmas Food Hampers prepared and distributed to families in the community, families of resettled or fostered children, and families of staff who give their time each Christmas. ○ Children’s Christmas Party at Victory Church. ○ Appeal launched for volunteers to help raise funds and coordinate child sponsorship. • February 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children start school in their new schools. • March 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 children from Senior 4 and 3 children from Senior 6 receive the great news that they passed their O levels and A levels. ○ Children plant trees in the garden to provide food for the Home.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>This year, we have continued to evaluate our support levels and impact. We will continue to do so in the years ahead to ensure that we are better placed to make a more significant difference to the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>We are building on the foundations already laid, and as we continue to strengthen our supporter base, both personal and corporate, we hope that we will be in a better position next year to support more children and create a lasting impact on their lives.</p> <p>We are committed to providing these children with the care, education, and support they need to thrive. We believe that every child deserves a safe and loving home, and we are working to make that dream a reality.</p>
		<p>During the financial year our overall income has increased by 1.36% (£908) from the previous year.</p>

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Expenditure has increased by 9.45% (£6,455) and is expected to continue to increase as prices in Uganda continue to rise.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Tŷ Cariad Africa holds no financial investments.
Other		



Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year, there are UK reserves of £462 in restricted funds, and £519 in unrestricted funds. This is substantially lower than the previous financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity aims to hold 3 months of core costs for the VCCP project either in the UK, or in the VCCP account. This was not possible at the end of the financial year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the financial year, we were in a position where we barely enough between the UK bank accounts and the funds held in Uganda to last for 1 month at a time when school fees were not due.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Finances have been raised mainly through word of mouth and through existing contacts. Gift Aid totalling £8,413 was received in the financial year, £1,097 less than the previous year (down 12%). All funds spent during the financial year have been in support of the key objectives of the charity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Tŷ Cariad Africa does not have any investments, and therefore, has no investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Tŷ Cariad Africa needs to strengthen its regular giving and increase its one-off donations in order to continue supporting the work of the Victory Child Care Project (VCCP). We have made changes to the education provided for the children, moving them from private schools to government schools. This is expected to save us approximately £10,000 over the next academic year. However, this may not be enough to ensure that we can continue to support VCCP to the same level as we have done previously.

	<p>Since 2018-19, we have made the difficult decision to reduce our financial support for our partners other than the Victory Child Care Project (VCCP). This was done in order to protect our funding for VCCP, which is our main project and the one that we believe has the greatest impact on the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>No financial support was given to other partners during the 2022-2023 financial year. We continue to monitor the situation and explore ways to increase our support for other partners in the future.</p> <p>The amount of money required by Tÿ Cariad Africa to support VCCP depends on the exchange rate between sterling and Ugandan shillings. The exchange rate has been stable for a number of years, and we monitor it regularly.</p> <p>As always, we will monitor all relevant situations and respond swiftly with due diligence to do as much as possible to limit and reduce risks as they arise.</p> <p>We will also closely monitor and explore any ways in which we can increase donations and decrease costs over the coming years.</p> <p>A review will also be held in the next financial year to look at how best we can provide sustainable support for VCCP in the years to come.</p>
Other	



Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed - dated 18 th April 2008 and amended 2 nd June 2015
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>All trustees are required to read and agree to adhere to guidelines of "The Essential Trustee". Trustees are updated regularly, and further training is available upon request.</p> <p>The Trustees have extensive knowledge and expertise in numerous areas e.g. Education, Finance, Health and Safety, and Child Care.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Trustees of Tŷ Cariad Africa are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates within its remit from the Charity Commission and according to its charitable objects. They do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approving the charity's strategic plan and budget. • Monitoring the charity's performance against its objectives. • Ensuring that the charity's finances are managed prudently. • Appointing and overseeing the charity's staff. • Ensuring that the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations. <p>Tŷ Cariad Africa has one employee who is also a trustee. This means that he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the charity, but he must act in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Trustees.</p>

		<p>The Board of Trustees meets regularly to discuss the charity's activities and make decisions about its future. They are committed to ensuring that Tÿ Cariad Africa operates in a transparent and accountable manner, and that it is always acting in the best interests of the children it supports.</p> <p>Due to financial constraints on the charity in previous years, Mr Jones is now employed on a 0.2 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) contract of 1 day per week. The cost of employment this financial year was £7,000, up from £6,000 in the previous year.</p> <p>As Tÿ Cariad Africa's employee, Mr Jones' duties are (but are not limited to):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain charity services by organising operations and procedures; implementing financial control and management; preparing financial reports; controlling correspondence; designing filing systems; reviewing and approving supply requisitions as necessary, maintaining DBS records on behalf of the charity • Provides historical reference by defining procedures for retention, protection, retrieval, transfer, and disposal of records • Designs, drafts and implements charity policies, for approval by the trustees, establishing standards and procedures; measuring results against standards; making necessary adjustments • Completes operational requirements by scheduling meetings with partnership organisations as required • Keeps trustees informed by reviewing and analysing reports; summarising information; identifying trends • Maintains internet presence in all agreed formats, ensuring that platforms are updated regularly • Maintains all reporting requirements on behalf of the charity both in the UK and in sub-Saharan Africa • Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending relevant workshops and conferences as agreed by the trustees; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks • Constructs project proposals with full costings including full analysis; background, need, costs, implementation and impact • Identifies opportunities for expanding the funding basis of the charity • Achieves financial objectives by preparing an annual budget; scheduling expenditures; analysing variances; initiating corrective actions • Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed • Maintains regular contact with project leaders/administrators to develop relationships, offer support, and monitor all projects and work supported • Meets face to face as often as possible with key contacts in supported and potential projects • Produces and distributes newsletters – printed and electronic <p>Decisions regarding which projects to fund are made by the Trustees.</p> <p>Day to day decisions such as social media content, which grants to apply for, etc. are Mr Jones' responsibility. If decisions about anything are required by the Trustees before the next committee meeting is due to be held, Trustees are informed about the matter/matters needing a decision, and discussions and votes are given by email, telephone or video call.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Tÿ Cariad Africa partners with organisations in sub-Saharan Africa that promote tracing, re-linking and reunification of children in their families and extended communities wherever possible. The main project we support and work in partnership with is Victory Child Care Project.

		Before supporting projects, relationships are developed, financial studies undertaken to ensure full financial accountability, and a Memorandum of Understanding drawn up between both parties outlining responsibilities and procedures.
Other		<p>The Trustees of Tÿ Cariad Africa have a duty to identify and review any risks that the charity may be exposed to. They also ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.</p> <p>Specifically, the Trustees are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying and assessing the risks that the charity faces, including financial, operational, and reputational risks.• Developing and implementing appropriate controls to mitigate these risks.• Monitoring the effectiveness of these controls on an ongoing basis.• Reporting on the risks and controls to the Charity Commission and other relevant stakeholders. <p>The Trustees take their responsibilities for risk management very seriously. They are committed to ensuring that Tÿ Cariad Africa operates in a safe and secure environment, and that the charity's assets are protected.</p>



Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Tŷ Cariad Africa
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1124100
Charity's principal address	c/o Graham Paul Chartered Accountants Court House Court Road Bridgend CF31 1BE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Paul Thomas			Trustee of Tŷ Cariad Africa
2	Janet Lloyd Thomas			Trustee of Tŷ Cariad Africa
3	Edwin Harvey Jones	Treasurer		Trustee of Tŷ Cariad Africa
4	Janet Jones			Trustee of Tŷ Cariad Africa
5	Debra Jane Jones	Chairperson		Trustee of Tŷ Cariad Africa
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Edwin Harvey Jones – appointed as Charity Director on a part-time basis since the beginning of July 2016. Mr Jones is also a Trustee of Tŷ Cariad Africa.

Exemptions from disclosure


Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	EDWIN HARVEY JONES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	28/08/2023	

