Bumba Foundation

Charity no: 1145624

Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2026

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Legal and administrative information

Registration
Charity registration number 1145624

Trustees
Martin Tilbury MBE (Chairman)
Jane Hanson (Secretary)
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their annual report together with the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. Legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The Bumba Foundation was established for education/training and the prevention or relief of poverty for charitable purposes by a Deed of Settlement dated 24 January 2012 and supported be a constitution which was adopted on the 04 October 2011 and amended on 24 January 2012. It is governed by a board of trustees who are each appointed for an indefinite period. Routine administration is carried out by the Secretary and Chairman, who informs and consults the other trustees regularly by email, letter and telephone. The board meets three times a year to review strategy, operational issues and financial performance.

If a board vacancy arises, it would be filled from a wide circle of active charity officers and trustees known to the existing trustees. New trustees are inducted into the organisation and its activities, policies and responsibilities, charity law and the organisation’s charity purposes.

Objectives and activities

The Trustees raise funds, hold the Trust Fund and the income therefrom on trust to apply them, at their absolute discretion, for the advancement of education, the promotion of good citizenship and civic responsibility and the advancement in life of young people so as to develop their full capacities and enable them to become responsible members of society and so that their conditions of life may be improved in Uganda and the North West of England with the aim to improve and increase community cohesion for the Public Benefit. They have power to retain the capital of the Trust and reasonable amounts of cash balances. They achieve their objectives by making grants to partner charitable organisations in Uganda and the North West of England (however currently this is only to organisations the Trustees have worked with in the past in Uganda).

Challenges

Uganda also has one of the youngest populations in the world with over 75% of the population under the age of 35 years but only 15% of the 15-25 years age range have any employment. We target our work in Budaka District because it is ranked as one of the poorest districts in Uganda, with some of the highest levels of poverty, unemployment and low education quality, with the district being ranked 76 out of 82 districts in terms of educational quality. The government statistics highlight that over 39% of the population in Budaka live below the minimum poverty scale of 66p a day, resulting in them not having the funds for more than one meal a day, medical support, soap, clothing and education.

With limited employment in Budaka, most people are self-employed with simple enterprises or subsistent farmers who are reliant on the unpredictable weather, however they have limited knowledge of running a business, managing risk and innovating. As most people in the district live on or below the poverty line, a small business/ farming mistake has a devastating impact on a family’s income and further increase poverty. In a community where even, a minor setback can push a household deeper into poverty, there is an urgent need for practical skills, positive role models, and opportunities that help young people and families build resilience and break the cycle of poverty.

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Charity Focus

With so many unmet needs in Uganda, we are continuously working with the local community to develop new projects which will use education to reduce poverty and increase community engagement. The focus has been on developing the infrastructure and conditions for the community to address needs, which has resulted in the creation and development of community primary schools, vocational training centres and community WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) programmes.

To address the poverty challenges in Eastern Uganda and to fight famine, it is essential that the community can adapt to the changing environmental conditions and gain appropriate education, skills and knowledge in sustainable home farming. To address these challenges, we are educating young people in agriculture which is a key element in making the transformational change required to achieve the long-term sustainability in reducing poverty and increasing community's resilience to pandemics, environmental changes and instability.

Achievements

The Bumba Foundation continued to support our community school projects and vocational skills centres in Eastern Uganda, which supports over 2,000 young people and community members each year. The projects focus on providing access to quality education, improving health, sanitation and reducing poverty, whilst increasing community ownership.

We have continued to develop the demonstration gardens in Mugiti and Kachuru which provide the practical agricultural training to young people and community members, which will make the transformational change required in reducing poverty and increasing the community's resilience to pandemics, environmental changes, and instability. The main investment over the past year has been in construction of a new entrepreneurship training centre which will provide education, coaching and the opportunity to be mentored in creating positive income and enterprise for family security. The building is positioned in the established gardens and with additional landscaping with native plants and trees, will champion environmental protection and inspire new building designs.

We have also continued to strengthen our community ownership model, with the implementation of an advisory board and NGO in Uganda to support the management of the projects. The aim of the advisory board is to strengthen the management, business process and improve the educational quality within the local operations, with a focus on increased sustainability. We have further strengthened our community ownership model by developing our local advisory board, which guides and support the project teams. This structure places decision making closer to the community and ensures that programmes are shaped by those who understand local needs most deeply. The advisory board's role is to reinforce strong management practices, improve business processes, and raise the overall quality of education within our operations. By building local leadership and embedding sustainable systems, the model is designed to create long term stability, reduce dependency, and ensure that the impact of the Bumba Foundation continues to grow year after year.

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The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 6. The Trustees' policy is to raise funds to enable them to carry out their charitable programme and continue to support the schools in the future. Funds raised totalled **£66,636** and resources expended totalled **£64,794** resulting in net incoming resources of **£1,841**. There remains a cash balance of **£14,998** at the end of the financial year. The trustees consider that it is prudent to retain a cash balance of no less than £2,000 so that they are always in a position to pay modest grants and to cover any unexpected expenses that might arise.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 11th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Martin Tilbury
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bumba Foundation

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145(2) 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(2)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

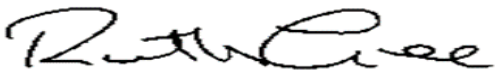
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



10th September 2026

Ruth Gee

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from generated funds	**3**		
Voluntary income			
Donations		62,465	67,707
Activities for generating funds			
Fundraising (Charity Dinner)		4,171	4,110
Total incoming resources		66,636	71,817
Resources expended	**4**		
Charitable activities			
Uganda schools and education programme		60,165	65,005
Fundraising events		4,045	5,725
Governance costs		250	250
Support costs		334	270
Total resources expended		64,794	71,250
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		1,841	567
Other recognised gains and losses		-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		1,841	567
Total funds brought forward		12,907	12,340
Total funds at 31 March 2026		14,748	12,907

The notes beginning on page 9 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2026

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	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Bank and cash balances		14,998	13,157
		14,998	13,157
Liabilities:			
amounts falling due within one year	**6**	(250)	(250)
Net current assets		14,748	12,907
Net assets		14,748	12,907
Unrestricted funds		14,748	12,907

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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Martin Tilbury
Chairman

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

(b) Fund accounting

The charity's funds are general funds and are available for use, at the Trustees' discretion, in furtherance of the charity's objects.

(c) Incoming resources

Donations are accounted for in the accounting period in which they are received.

(d) Resources expended

Grants are accounted for when they have been approved by the Trustees and any conditions attached have been satisfied. Costs are recognised when the related goods or services have been provided.

2 Taxation

The charity's income and gains are not liable to tax providing they are applied for charitable purposes.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2026	2025
Voluntary income	**£**	**£**
Donations and Fundraising	23,165	17,807
Donations from charitable trusts & foundations	39,300	49,900
	62,465	67,707
Activities for generating funds		
Annual charity dinner and fundraising events	4,171	4,110
	4,171	4,110

4 Analysis of resources expended

	2026	2025
Charitable activities	**£**	**£**
Monitoring and Evaluation	3,783	7,449
Kachuru Agricultural project and Apprentice Program	-	16,832
Mugiti Entrepreneurial Training Centre	41,580	-
Mugiti Agricultural Project	8,470	14,519
Mugiti Community School Refurbishment	-	23,913
	50,050	38,433
Sponsored Students and Operating costs	6,333	2,291
Total Uganda schools and education programme	60,165	65,005

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4 Analysis of resources expended - continued

	2026 £	2025 £
Fundraising costs		
Gala Dinner	4,045	5,725
Governance costs		
Accountancy and independent examination	250	250
Support costs		
Bank charges	334	270
	334	270

5 Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Governance costs	250	250