HELEN MARGARET OWEN FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

Charity Year 1st November 2024 to 31st January 2026

The Helen Margaret Owen Foundation actively supports the education of children attending Kirinya Children's Centre by developing the nursery and primary school and by providing funding for education, food, accommodation for orphans and teachers, and ongoing poverty relief.

Helen Owen February 2026

Trustee Review

During the year, the Foundation continued to support the development of Kirinya Children's Centre Nursery and Primary School through sustained investment in staffing, food provision, infrastructure and wider pupil welfare. The trustees note encouraging progress in school capacity, operational improvements and fundraising income, while recognising the ongoing need for careful financial stewardship and continued donor support. The achievements set out in this report reflect both the commitment of local staff and the generosity of supporters in the United Kingdom and Uganda.

Chair of Trustees' Statement

The trustees remain committed to the Foundation's purpose of supporting the education and welfare of children at Kirinya Children's Centre Nursery and Primary School. During the year, the Foundation has continued to make progress in strengthening provision for pupils while maintaining a focus on financial responsibility, sustainable development and partnership working. On behalf of the Board, I would like to record sincere thanks to all donors, volunteers, staff and supporters whose contributions have made this work possible.

Kirinya Children's Centre Nursery and Primary School is located near Kampala, Uganda, close to the Nelson Mandela National Stadium and Namanve Industrial Park. Although the area is rapidly urbanising, it remains economically disadvantaged. Since opening in 2017, following rebuilding work that began in 2015 with Pastor Geoffrey Kamya, the school has made a significant contribution to the local community.

The Helen Margaret Owen Foundation began as a small charity in September 2019. After two years of successful fundraising, it became a registered charity on 21 December 2021.



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

THE HELEN MARGARET OWEN FOUNDATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1197264

HAS BEEN REGISTERED BY THE

Charity Commission for England and Wales

ON THE DATE OF

21 December 2021

CERTIFIED BY

Ian Karet
Chair

Dr Helen Stephenson CBE
Chief Executive Officer

The trustees are Helen Owen, Lindsay Webb, Sue Newton, Susan Spiby and Ken Rogers

This report highlights the progress and achievements of The Helen Margaret Owen Foundation and Kirinya Children's Centre Nursery and Primary School and records the Foundation's appreciation for the continued support provided by partners and donors in both the United Kingdom and Uganda.

Table 1: Financial Overview

Statement of Activity Helen Margaret Owen Foundation 1 November, 2024-31 January, 2026		
	Total	
	Nov 1 2024 - Jan 31 2026	Nov 1 2023 - Oct 31 2024
Income		
Fundraising Event	12,552.88	8,979.40
Gift Aid	17,725.48	
Interest	125.77	24.66
Monthly donations	10,714.97	7,087.00
Other donations	15,924.55	10,933.50
Trees	350.00	803.00
Visit to school	2,669.73	10,306.29
Desks		80.00
Uncategorised Income		18,100.00
Total for Income	**£60,063.38**	**£56,313.85**
Expenses		
Advertising/Promotional	64.00	
Bank charges	71.98	434.42
Building and Renovation	10,267.54	928.18
Computer Costs	894.70	163.20
Exam fees	57.76	
Food for school	10,952.83	2,686.06
Insurances	475.75	
Raising funds	1,601.05	411.52
Teachers wages	27,380.38	20,476.54
Travel	2,725.63	11,387.95
Printing, Postage and Stationery		44.78
Total for Expenses	**£54,491.62**	**£36,532.65**
Net Operating Income	**£5,571.76**	**£19,781.20**
Other Expenses		
University Fees		633.03
Net Income	**£5,571.76**	**£19,148.17**
Accrual Basis Monday, 16 February 2026 12:11 PM GMTZ		

Please note that the charity year has been extended by three months, from 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025, in order to align with the school year ending 31st January 2026. Thereafter, the financial year of the charity will run from 1st February to 31st January each year, commencing in 2026.

The account balance at the start of the revised charity year was £3,949.

Funding Requirements for Kirinya Children's Centre Nursery and Primary School

Salaries

Historically, the school paid salaries monthly from February to November, with only a limited number of staff receiving pay in December and January. This arrangement created financial pressure for teachers during the Christmas and New Year period, particularly where they were also responsible for meeting secondary school costs for their own children. In response, it was recommended that annual salaries be distributed across 12 months rather than 10. This recommendation was approved, and teachers will now receive 420,000 UGX per month rather than 500,000 UGX over ten months. Support staff, including farm workers, security guards, cleaners and cooks, will continue to receive 300,000 UGX per month, reflecting the fact that many students and orphans remain at the school throughout the year.

The teaching complement has increased by two posts in the upper primary classes to reflect the longer school day. The school now employs 24 paid members of staff in total.

Teachers receive a weekly allowance during term time, reflecting variations in class finishing times, including nursery classes which conclude at 1pm. This cost is not met by the Foundation. In the previous year, these allowances totalled £4,230.

The total salary commitment is approximately £2,100 per month, subject to exchange rate movements.

Our salary expenses for 2025 were £22,580.

Food

£8,900 for 2025 school year

Fees income at KCC

£9,200

Internet costs at KCC

£387

Pupils

There are 257 pupils this term: 131 girls and 126 boys. Of these, 64 are in nursery and 193 are in primary.

Fundraising and Income Generation

Monthly Sponsorship

As at January 2026, monthly sponsorship income stood at £888.74 from 36 sponsors, compared with £586 in 2025.

Methodist Circuit Support

The Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit agreed to support The Helen Margaret Owen Foundation and The Alzheimer's Society over a three-year period (2024–2027), commencing in September 2024. To date, the Foundation has received £841.30, together with a further £327.62 raised through the Penketh Church Coffee Morning.

HSBC Charity Account and Business Money Manager Account (BMM)

Bank charges have been reduced, and interest income now exceeds the level of charges incurred (see Table 1).

Gift Aid

Gift Aid received, including associated interest, amounted to £8,320 in 2022, £3,605 in 2023, and £5,800 in 2024. This income has made an important contribution towards meeting recurring monthly costs and funding several essential projects. An application has been submitted for Gift Aid for the 2024–25 tax year on qualifying donations of £35,335, with an anticipated receipt of £8,834.

Planning and Support Team

The planning team has reduced in size during the year as a result of relocation, other commitments and health-related factors.

School Visits and Capacity Building

In November 2024, a team of seven individuals from the United Kingdom, including the author of this report, visited the school and delivered a series of workshops intended to equip older pupils and some adults with additional practical skills. These workshops have continued on a weekly basis. No visits took place during 2025.

Key Achievements in 2025

❖ Solar equipment was installed to reduce electricity costs through the provision of solar lighting. The system also enhanced security through camera installation and included a television for student use.

❖ Access to water was significantly improved through the installation of a pump at the school, removing the need for pupils to queue at the village well and improving operational efficiency.

❖ Reduced electricity expenses. This was achieved through the introduction of solar energy, reducing reliance on traditional electric lighting.

❖ The two teachers' toilets were renovated.

❖ Building additional houses for teachers has increased the accommodation available to staff.

❖ Windows were installed in classrooms to improve security and reduce cold during preparation time.

❖ Dining and examination hall desks were purchased.

❖ Additional solar-powered security lighting was installed to improve illumination during the hours of darkness.

❖ A long-awaited inspection by UNEB officials was carried out, providing valuable oversight and guidance.

❖ Fruit trees at both the school and Zirobwe continued to show positive growth.

❖ Internet access has supported staff research and improved the day-to-day administration and operation of the school.

❖ The classroom partition wall now extends to the roof, reducing noise between classes and allowing teachers to teach with fewer disruptions.

❖ Additional kitchen equipment, including saucepans and utensils, has improved the efficiency of meal preparation and service for pupils.

❖ A laptop and printer were purchased, making it much easier to manage both digital and printed documents at the school.

❖ Skilling classes continue to run successfully. This initiative has strengthened students' motivation to learn, as reflected in the skilling report, which records the new competencies developed by pupils.

❖ Improvements to the school compound were made to create a more attractive environment and promote hygiene among students. These changes are greatly appreciated and have helped reduce dust and dirt in the areas where children play.

❖ The office windows and doors were replaced to improve the appearance of the office and present a more modern environment for visitors and the local community.

❖ A link was established with St Vincent's Primary & Nursery School, Altrincham, through which 40 pupils are participating in a letter-sharing initiative.

Appendix 2 Receipts and Payments from 1/11/2024 to 31/01/2026

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from: 1st Nov 2024 To: 31st Jan 2026

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising Event	12,553	-	-	12,553	8,979
Gift Aid	17,725	-	-	17,725	-
Interest	126	-	-	126	25
Monthly donations	10,715	-	-	10,715	7,087
Other donations	15,910	-	-	15,910	10,994
Visit to school	2,670	-	-	2,670	10,306
Other	364	-	-	364	18,923
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	60,063	-	-	60,063	56,313
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,063	-	-	60,063	56,313
A3 Payments					
Travel	2,726	-	-	2,726	11,388
Food for school	10,953	-	-	10,953	2,686
Teachers wages	27,380	-	-	27,380	20,477
Building & renovation	10,268	-	-	10,268	928
Other	3,165	-	-	3,165	604
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,492	-	-	54,492	36,083
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Buildings		-	-	-	18,100
fixtures, offfice equipment		-	-	-	489
Sub total	-	-	-	-	18,589
Total payments	54,492	-	-	54,492	54,672
Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-		1,641
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	661
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	3,328	1,026
Cash funds this year end	3,949	-		3,949	3,328

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current	500	-	
	Savings	3,449	-	-
		-	-	-
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		3,949	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
HMOwen	Helen M Owen	20/5/2026
L Webb	LINDSAY WEBB	20.5.2026

Appendix 3 Receipts and Payments from 1/11/2023 to 31/10/2024

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For the period from 01/11/2023 To 31/10/2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations including fund raising	26,999	-	-	26,999	30,214
Transfers from Deposit	18,100	-	-	18,100	
Interest	25	-	-	25	115
To cover visits to schools	10,306	-	-	10,306	-
Donations for trees	803	-	-	803	-
Donation for desks	80	-	-	80	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,313	-	-	56,313	30,329
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,313	-	-	56,313	30,329
A3 Payments					
Grant Payments to Uganda		-	-		150
Air Fares	11,388	-	-	11,388	3,089
Bank Charges	468	-	-	468	80
Sundries	465	-	-	465	57
Other Professional Services		-	-	-	1,133
Container expenses					8,166
Teachers Wages	20,443	-	-	20,443	24,664
Food	2,686	-	-	2,686	7,099
University Fees	633	-	-	633	226
Hospital Expenses		-	-	-	2,340
Sub total	36,083	-	-	36,083	46,974
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Buildings	18,100	-	-	18,100	
Fixtures, office equipment	489	-	-	489	
Sub total	18,589	-	-	18,589	-
Total payments	54,672	-	-	54,672	46,974
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,641	-	-	1,641	- 16,645
A5 Transfers between funds	661	-	-	661	
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,026	-	-	1,026	
Cash funds this year end		-	-		

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	1,687	-	-
	Deposit Account		-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	1,687	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Buildings		20,653	-
	Funiture, Fittings and Equipment		660	-
	Office Equipment		249	-
			-	-
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			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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			-	
			-	
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HMOwen	HELEN M OWEN	15/4/25
R Webb	LINDSAY J. WEBB	15.4.25

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B1 Cash funds	Current	500	-	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Helen Margaret Owen Foundation		
On accounts for the year ended	31st January 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1197264
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2026.

As the charity's 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 Trust's 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 examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	30.06.2026
Name:	David Woodyatt		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Chapel House, 22 Warrington Road, Lymm WA13 9BG		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	None