Siyakhanya

Trustees' annual report for the financial year ending 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Siyakhanya ('REPOSA' from 16 August 2023 until 1 December 2023)

Registration number: 1204363

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Amanda Arthurton (appointed 27 November 2023) (Donations Secretary)
Rev Philip Dorling (appointed 16 August 2023)
Andrew Pemberton (appointed 16 August 2023)
Nigel Taylor (appointed 16 August 2023) (Chair)
Dr Susan Young (appointed 13 September 2024)

Independent Examiner:
Peter Kerr, Cheltenham, Glos.

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Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the financial year ending 31 December 2025 covering the period from 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025. The Reference and Administrative Details set out above, form part of this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

Siyakhanya's registration as a charity in August 2023 was in recognition that the trustees of the Helwel Trust (charity no. 271713) were clear in their intention to bring that charity to formal closure on 31 March 2024 whilst there remained both the need to support one of the Trust's long-standing charitable partners in South Africa - ACAT KwaZulu-Natal (ACAT)[1] - and opportunity to raise funds in Britain. The founding trustees of Siyakhanya took the opportunity to establish the new charity with a different legal entity, a new brand, and a clearer focus in the Object reflecting ACAT's work and Christian foundations. The name 'REPOSA' was used as a place-holder until after extensive deliberations the trustees chose the name 'Siyakhanya'. This name has the sense in the isiZulu language that 'together, we are bringing light' reflecting both the challenges of life in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and also a strong theme in Christian teaching.

[1] ACAT KwaZulu-Natal is registered in South Africa as a Non-for-Profit Organisation (NPO) – number 002-165.

In this context, REPOSA (later Siyakhanya) was registered on 16 August 2023 with a constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation following the Foundation Model whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

The Charity has no employees and is administered by its unpaid trustees, of whom there are currently five.

Appointment of Trustees
Trustees are appointed by invitation.

Trustee induction and training
Newly appointed trustees are given a full introduction to the background and work of the trust and are provided with all the necessary documents.

Organizational Structure and Decision Making
The Trustees meet at regular intervals to ensure governance and management of the charity is maintained at the highest level, in particular through considering news from KwaZulu-Natal, the Charity's financial position and how best to use funds.

Risk Management
The Trustees identify and review from time to time the risks to which the Charity is materially exposed and the action to be taken to mitigate them. Presently they are seen as:

- The loss or incapacity of senior management at ACAT.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

Charitable object:

THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY, IN AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA, BY PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH EQUIPPING THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY WITH KNOWLEDGE AND LIFE SKILLS TO ENABLE THEM TO OVERCOME POVERTY IN THEIR OWN LIVES, AND TO INFLUENCE AND ASSIST OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THE SAME. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE, "CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS" MAY MEAN ANY THAT ADHERE TO TRADITIONAL AND ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE.

The Trustees have maintained their commitment to further the Charitable Object by channelling resources through the South African non-governmental organisation (NGO) ACAT.

Achievements and performance
In the year to December 2025, the charity made two grants to ACAT totalling £18,933.

A grant of £2448 was to cover **the full costs of a Youth Basic Life Skills course held in Nquthu district** in northern KwaZulu-Natal. The course was held over four days in the September 2025 school holidays. The programme engaged 51 young participants providing structured training designed to strengthen decision-making, personal development and future livelihood awareness among adolescents. Through interactive sessions, mentorship and participatory activities, participants were encouraged to reflect on their aspirations, identify potential career pathways, and develop the confidence to make informed life decisions. Evaluation data collected before and after the training indicated positive learning outcomes. Participants demonstrated improved career awareness and a stronger understanding of financial concepts, particularly the role of community savings groups. Youth also showed increased confidence in discussing life challenges and identifying trusted adults they could turn to for guidance.

A grant of £16,845 enabled the charity to make **a 50% contribution to the costs for 2025 of an ACAT Integrated Livelihoods Programme** run in what is known within ACAT as the Nquthu 2 zone. This is an area centred on the town of Nquthu. Among the activities completed were:

- Baseline data was gathered on household food security, income status and basic demographics of 50 community members interested in joining the programme, of whom 96% were female.
- 35 one-day household food security training workshops, attended by 279 people.
- 180 homestead visits to ascertain levels of implementation and provide appropriate support and advice.
- 34 one-day income generation training workshops, attended by 257 community members.
- Three 10 day basic life skills training courses were conducted, with a total of 50 community members being trained.
- Five 5 day external trainings on Community Volunteering for community members were conducted externally with four or five attendees from Nquthu 2 at each.
- Four 4 day Area Implementing Committee (AIC) workshops were conducted centrally for all AICs, including that for Nquthu 2.
- Mentorship of Area Implementing Committee members at monthly meetings.

As a result of the activities above, 45 gardens and 45 income generating activities were started in Nquthu 2 area. This achievement provides clear evidence of progress in both livelihood strengthening and behaviour change among programme participants. Compared with the baseline, where only a small number of households reported having vegetable gardens or had a business, the increase demonstrates that participants are actively applying the agroecological skills and business training received through the programme. Households are now producing vegetables for their own consumption, contributing to improved food availability and dietary diversity, while some participants have begun selling surplus produce or engaging in small-scale agricultural activities to generate income. These outcomes indicate that participants are not only acquiring practical farming and business skills but are also changing their behaviour by investing time and effort in household food production and livelihood activities.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit pubished by the Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Financial Review

In the financial year to 31 December 2025, **the charity had total income of £36,233** (2024: £10,086). This included £17,893 from individual donations, £3348 from Gift Aid, a donation of £1000 from St Luke's Church Battersea, a legacy of £10,508, a grant of £2448, and a further £1037 following the closure of the Helwel Trust. The legacy was from the estate of the late Mrs Barbara Sawyer. The grant was from the Souter Charitable Trust to cover the costs of the Youth Basic Life Skills (YBLS) course. The significant increase in income from the previous period was in large part due to the receipt of the legacy, the grant, and some generous one-off donations with associated Gift Aid. However, the trustees are very grateful to all who gave so generously to enable Siyakhanya to reach this income in only its second financial period.

As described above, In the financial year, **the charity made two grants to ACAT totalling £18,933** (2025: £6600) **-** a grant of £2448 to cover the costs of a YBLS course held at Nquthu in September 2025 (covered by the grant received from the Souter Charitable Trust) and a grant of £16,845 so that the charity made a 50% contribution to the 2025 costs of an ACAT Integrated Livelihoods Programme run in Nquthu 2 zone.

Consequently, **the charity carried forward a balance of £20,786**.

Reserves policy
The broad aim of the charity is to carry and invest unrestricted reserves adequate to avoid a sudden disruption in the funding made available to ACAT as a beneficiary organisation, with the aim of having sufficient funds to cover three months operating costs of an ACAT Integrated Livelihoods Programme around Nquthu. Currently this would amount to approximately £9500. The charity's reserves reached this level in 2025.

Plans for future periods

At a meeting in October 2026, trustees agreed to continue to support an ACAT Integrated Livelihoods Programme (ILP) in 2027 in the Nquthu 2 zone. As a minimum the charity will provide funding sufficient to cover six months expenditure but with the aspiration to raise sufficient funding to fully cover the costs for 12 months. The choice of Nquthu maintains a link between the charity's predecessor charity, Helwel Trust, and this area, that dates back to the 1970s. The households in Nquthu 2 zone are predominantly rural and face overlapping pressures including limited local employment opportunities, transport costs, food price increases, unreliable basic services and the demands of caring for dependents. This flagship programme enables households to improve food security, build practical enterprises and strengthen community leadership through locally delivered training, mentoring and peer learning. With a strong El Nino forecast for the 2026/27 summer in South Africa, the next phase will place particular emphasis on preparedness for extreme heat, unreliable rainfall and pressure on household food supplies. A complementary YBLS programme will offer a four day course for adolescents to strengthen informed decision-making, life skills and future aspirations.

The trustees will continue to communicate to supporters in the UK through a regular newsletter, currently bi-annually. The trustees also agreed to explore the development of a simple website to communicate the charity's work, and will be seeking people with the appropriate skills to help.

The trustees are developing further organisational policies in critical areas.

Trustees continue to seek additional trustees with suitable skills and experience, and identification with the charity's Object. They are particularly seeking members of the South African diaspora in Britain who would share the charity's vision.

Signed:



Nigel Taylor
Chair

31 October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Siyakhanya	1204363

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-25	To	31-Dec-25

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 from individuals	17,893	-	-	17,893	7,741
Donations from churches	1,000	-	-	1,000	500
Gift Aid	3,348	-	-	3,348	1,250
Legacies	10,508	-	-	10,508	-
Grants		2,448	-	2,448	-
Other income	1,037	-	-	1,037	595
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	33,785	2,448	-	36,233	10,086
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,785	2,448	-	36,233	10,086
A3 Payments					
Grant to ACAT KZN, South Africa	16,485	2,448	-	18,933	6,600
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,485	2,448	-	18,933	6,600
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,485	2,448	-	18,933	6,600
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,301	-	-	17,301	3,486
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,486	-	-	3,486	-
Cash funds this year end	20,786	-	-	20,786	3,486

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	Co-op Bank	20,786	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,786	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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
Nigel Taylor	Nigel Taylor	08.10.2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Siyakhanya		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1204363
Set out on pages	Pages 1-4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025 DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:	PBKerr	**Date:**	5/11/26
Name:	Peter Kerr		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	64 Bouncers Lane Prestbury, Cheltenham GLA52 5JN		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	