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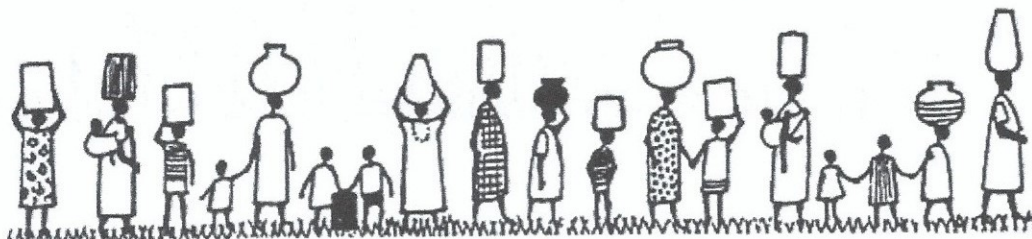
***WILMSLOW  
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***TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT***

***YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023***

***REGISTERED CHARITY No: 328330***



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### **Summary of Wilmslow Wells activities**

Since its formation in the mid-1980's, the charity has raised £1,624,142. Its running costs have utilised £11,908 of this. This has left £1,612,234 (99.3% of funds raised) available for its charitable objectives. Of this £1,587,125 (98.4%) has been spent on over 315 projects, helping provide clean water to local communities. The provision of readily accessible clean water helps reduce disease and eliminates the need to spend hours each day collecting water, often from unsafe sources.

The funds we have not yet spent reflect the time it takes to identify and evaluate projects. We have to obtain information on projects, ensure they appear to be properly researched as to cost and feasibility and have appropriate ongoing maintenance arrangements in place and satisfy ourselves they represent reasonable value in terms of the number of people helped.

We request reports on the progress and completion of projects, to provide evidence that the funds were used appropriately and to enable us to monitor the project against the proposal.

### **Activities during the year:**

During the current year the total income amounted to £72,403, details of which are set out in the attached accounts. We are very grateful for the support we receive for our work

Our fund-raising events had a good year. Our Gardens day was again highly successful and was blessed with good weather. We were able to hold both our Souperdays which were well supported. The bridge drive returned and was generously sponsored by D J Massey, the jewellers. We sold Christmas cards via the Wilmslow Charity Christmas Card Shop and tea towels and other textile goods are also available for sale. All these activities maintained our profile and highlighted the enormous need for water in Africa. We also maintained our presence on Facebook. We have worked to introduce acceptance of credit cards to facilitate sales of tickets for our event via QR codes and card machines.

2024 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of Wilmslow Wells and plans are underway for a commemorative booklet and a celebration concert. Details will be available via our website.

We have an increasing number of supporters who have entered into regular monthly donations by standing order, often supported by Gift Aid. Details of this scheme and of Gift Aid donations can be obtained from the Treasurer.

As a result of all these efforts we managed to generate a good level of income from fundraising events and for donations despite the challenging economic environment.



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Payments during the period amounted to £64,975 which included £63,966 on 20 projects in 7 countries. Our decisions to support projects are based on cost, numbers of people helped, the severity of the need and the viability of the project. Detailed reports on the projects are included in our regular newsletters. Subsequent to the year-end we have donated a further £14,612 towards 4 more projects and we are at the evaluation stage with a number of other proposals.

All work carried out for the charity is on a voluntary basis and there are no paid employees. Our website '[www.wilmslowwells.org](http://www.wilmslowwells.org)' gives details of fund-raising events, projects undertaken and our history. It also provides links enabling people to make donations online. The website has generated contacts from new donors and potential projects and partners. We have received a number of donations through the internet as a result. If supporters wish to use the facility they can donate via our website if they have a Charities Aid Foundation account or by debit or credit card. We are registered with HMRC as well in the event of anyone being lucky enough to be due a tax refund and wishing to donate it via their tax return.

R D Goddard  
Treasurer



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**Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and comply with section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Reserves policy**

The charity only holds funds until suitable projects have been evaluated and approved by the Trustees or to fund existing future commitments to approved projects which have not yet been drawn down by the project partner. Where significant one-off donations are received the Trustees may choose to spend these over a period of up to 3 years in order to manage the workload associated with projects.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Assets**

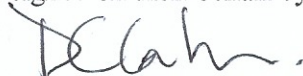
	<b>31 July 2023</b>	<b>31 July 2022</b>
	£	£
Stocks of goods for resale	417	141
Cash at National Westminster Bank	24,692	17,539
	<u>25,109</u>	<u>17,680</u>


In addition to the cash balances noted above there was an amount due from the Inland Revenue of £3,212, relating to a tax refund. This income arose from Gift Aid donations and will be recorded in next year's receipts and payments account.

**Liabilities**

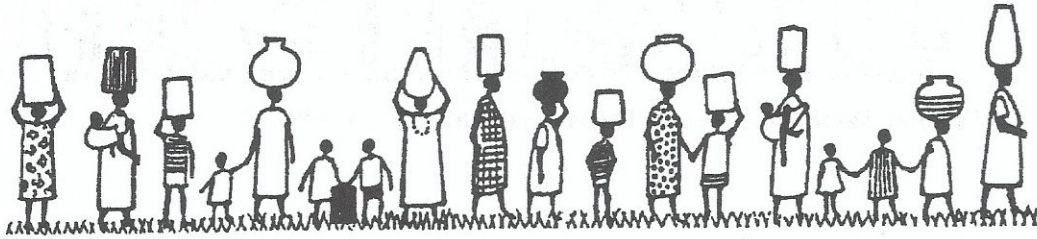
There are no outstanding liabilities at this date.

The accounts on pages 4 to 8 were approved by the trustees on 23rd October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

 (Chair)

 (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.



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**Receipts and payments account – year ended 31 July 2023**

**Receipts**

	Note	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Donations	1	44,859	37,178
Fund raising event income	2	25,060	22,617
Income Tax refunds		2,484	2,506
		<u>72,403</u>	<u>62,301</u>

**Payments**

Direct Charitable expenditure	3	63,966	62,248
Other expenditure			
Fundraising costs	2	345	6
Public liability insurance and other administrative costs		663	509
		<u>64,974</u>	<u>62,763</u>

<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		7,429	(462)
Balance from prior year		17,680	18,142
Balance at 31 July 2023		<u>25,109</u>	<u>17,680</u>

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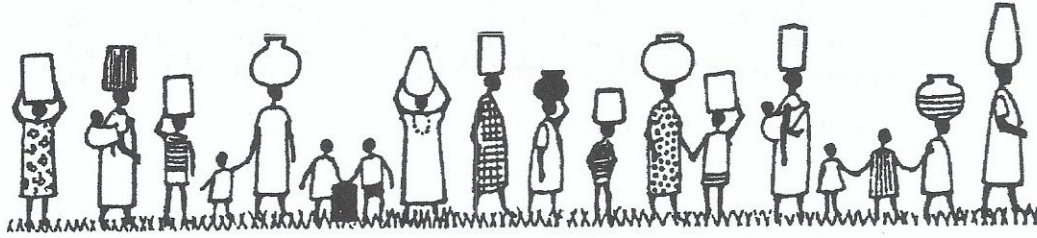


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## Notes to Receipts and Payments Account

### 1 Donations

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Legacies and gifts in memory	8,583	1,753
Celebration gifts		-
Alderley Edge Methodist Church		75
Amazon	132	99
Barnby Choir	180	-
Bolton Rotary Club		500
Highway One	5,000	5,000
Manchester Breakfast Rotary		50
Quantum Amalgamations		5,000
Prestbury Rotary Club		50
Simply local collection box		38
Wilmslow Methodist Church	550	300
Donations of over £100 from 45 individuals (2021/22 –59)	27,933	21,227
Other donations	2,481	3,086
	<u>44,859</u>	<u>37,178</u>



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**2 Fund raising events and costs**

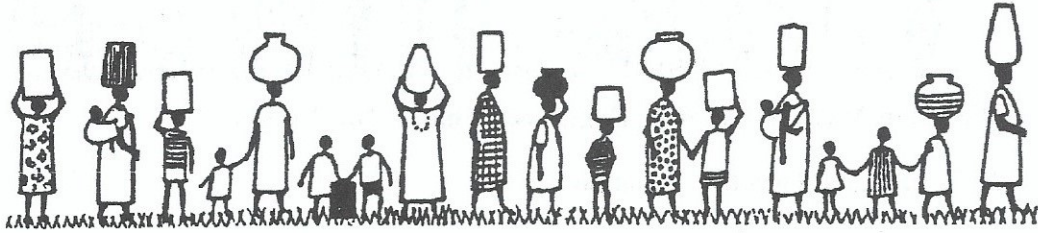
	2022/23			2021/22		
	Receipts	Payments	Net receipts	Receipts	Payments	Net receipts
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gardens day	19,246	172	19,074	19,579	-	19,579
Souperday/Souperweek	2,560	-	2,560	1,097	-	1,097
Bridge Drive	2,497	-	2,497	-	-	-
Afternoon tea event	-	-	-	885	-	885
Yorkshire peaks walk	-	-	-	150	-	150
Christmas and gift card and other product sales	757	173	584	906	6	900
	25,060	345	24,715	22,617	6	22,611



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**3 Direct Charitable expenditure**

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Act4Africa – Iwuba, Uganda – <i>hand dug well</i>		4,600
Advantage Africa – Kalulini, Kenya - <i>water harvesting</i>	4,900	
African Revival – Chuunwe, Zambia- <i>rainwater harvesting tank</i>		5,181
African Revival – Siamoono, Zambia- <i>rainwater harvesting tank</i>		
Afrinspire – Uganda- <i>14 spring protections</i>		3,080
Afrinspire – Uganda- <i>10 spring protections</i>	2,000	
Afrinspire – Uganda – <i>9 spring protections</i>	2,000	
Aid Africa – Malawi – <i>4 borehole repairs</i>	2,000	
Aid Africa – Malawi – <i>emergency borehole repairs</i>	3,112	
Aid Africa – Malawi – <i>9 borehole repairs</i>		4,370
Aid Africa – Michesi Primary School, Malawi - <i>sanitation</i>		2,072
Amigos - Kitino Tima Village, Gulu, Uganda - <i>borehole</i>	5,200	
Amigos – Akam Dyang, Uganda - <i>borehole</i>		4,700
Busoga Trust - Uganda- <i>2 borehole refurbishments</i>		5,000
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C.E.D. – Manowa, Sierra Leone – <i>funding towards large borehole project</i>		5,000
Chazuka Project – Chazuka, Malawi – <i>borehole</i>		3,409
Geoff & Diannah Charitable Trust – Sichei, Kenya – <i>hand dug well</i>		2,957
Ghana Outlook - Kuondodoble, Ghana - <i>borehole</i>	4,360	
Green Mountain Initiative - Buhoma villages Uganda – <i>2 spring protections</i>	3,158	
Green Mountain Initiative - Mukongoro and Kanyamisinga, Uganda - <i>2 spring protections</i>	2,930	
Green Mountain Initiative- Kanungu, Uganda – <i>hand dug well</i>		1,430
Helping Uganda Schools – Little Shepherd School, Uganda – <i>pit latrines</i>		2,950
Helping Uganda Schools – St Francis de Sales School, Uganda – <i>latrines</i>	5,365	
Kaniki Trust – Misaka, Zambia - <i>borehole</i>	1,300	
Mission4Water -Uganda – <i>7 well refurbishments</i>	2,290	
Mission4Water – Entebbe and Kampala, Uganda – <i>3 boreholes</i>		7,500
Myra’s Wells – Yoroko Feso, Burkina Faso- <i>borehole</i>		5,216
Tanzania Development Trust - Mkigoti Primary and Ishimwe Secondary school Kasulu Tanzania – <i>2 hand drilled wells</i>	3,000	
Tanzania Development Trust - Rusesa and Shunguliba schools, Kasulu Tanzania - <i>borehole and rope pumps</i>	3,178	
Tanzania Development Trust – Kigodya and Murufiti Secondary schools, Kigoma, Tanzania – <i>two hand drilled wells</i>		3,000
Teso Development Trust – Soroti, Uganda - <i>2 boreholes</i>	3,000	
Teso Development Trust – Lake Kyoga, Uganda - <i>4 hand dug wells</i>		
Village Water – Zambia – <i>new water point</i>	4,200	
Village Water – Chumbwe, Zambia – <i>water point rehabilitations</i>	1,363	
Village Water – Bairro Chindo, Mozambique – <i>water point rehabilitations</i>	967	
Village Water – Zambia – <i>new water point</i>	4,643	
Village Water – Mozambique & Zambia – <i>water point rehabilitations</i>		1,783
	63,966	62,248



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### **Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Wilmslow Wells for Africa**

I report on the accounts of Wilmslow Wells for Africa for the year ended 31 July 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner**

As the charity’s trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (‘the Act’) does not apply. It is my responsibility as to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 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 I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner’s statement**

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to doubt that in any material respects the requirements:-
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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, subject to the comment in the Trustees annual report.

Name:

M N G Evans

Relevant qualification or body:

FCA

Address:

144 Grove Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, SK8 7NH

Date:

23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2023