

***WILMSLOW  
WELLS  
FOR AFRICA***



***TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT***

***YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024***

***REGISTERED CHARITY No: 328330***



This report follows the guidelines laid down by the Charity Commissioners in their publication 'Accounting for the Smaller Charity'.

**Details of charity:**

The name of the charity is 'Wilmslow Wells for Africa' and the registered number is 328330. The principal address is 5 Thornfield Hey, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2NF. The governing document is the Charitable Declaration of Trust dated 25 October 1989.

The Trustees at 31 July 2024 were:

David Cash (Chair)  
Helen Battilana  
Nicholas Longson (Treasurer)  
David M Tonks

The Secretary of the Charity is Ann Elphick.

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc, Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire

Independent Examiner: M N G Evans FCA, 144 Grove Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, SK8 7NH

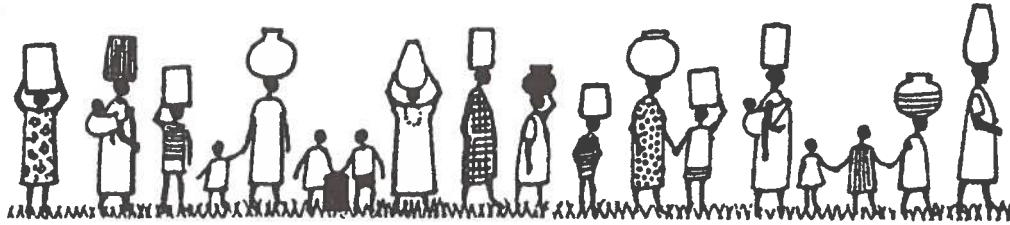
**Objects:**

The object of Wilmslow Wells for Africa is the relief of poverty in the continent of Africa by the provision of water for human consumption and irrigation. This may be achieved by the drilling of wells, the building of dams, the provision of storage tanks or any other means. Wilmslow Wells for Africa raises funds through donations and the efforts of a working committee. The provision of clean drinking water promotes public health benefits and supports sustainable communities in some of the poorest areas of the world.

**Operation of the charity**

Projects are undertaken either directly with communities in Africa, often through local churches, or through other aid organisations who have identified a water-related need. Money is only committed to projects by the Trustees when funds have been raised. Normally the running costs associated with wells, including maintenance, are the responsibility of the local community. Funds are raised by a committee which plans a programme of events throughout the year. Monies are held mainly in an interest-bearing account pending projects being approved by the Trustees.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and in approving projects for support.



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

2024 was a milestone for Wilmslow Wells marking the 40<sup>th</sup> year since its formation by Brenda Mottershead in the mid-1980s.

From this inspired beginning and on account of the sustained support of generations of families, community organisations and churches, the Charity has raised a total of £1,707,253 over this time, bringing new or upgraded water facilities to nearly 700,000 people.

Some 340 projects have been successfully completed, the details of which are available on our website, [wilmslowwells.org](http://wilmslowwells.org).

The Charity is volunteer-run and operates on a lean costbase. Its operating costs over 40 years have been £13,131, leaving £1,694,122 (99.2% of funds raised) available for its charitable objectives. Of this £1,678,501 (99.0%) has been spent on over 340 projects.

The impact of this effort has been to improve the health, physical security, education and economy of the communities involved.

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

We receive 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 £83,111, details of which are set out in the attached accounts.

We are supported by a diverse range of individuals, organisations and volunteers and are enormously grateful for all their contributions.

Our Gardens Day was again highly successful. In addition to both our Souperdays, which were well supported, our Souperday team provided lunch at the Barnby Open Singing Day. The bridge drive was also repeated. We sold Christmas cards via the Wilmslow Charity Christmas Card Shop and tea towels and other textile goods were also available for sale.

A significant feature of the year was the Wells Challenge for which a number of intrepid cyclists and other travellers completed a journey of 210 miles from Wilmslow to Wells Cathedral, raising £20,456 in sponsorship.



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Upon invitation from the Barnby Choir, the Charity attended their summer concert to celebrate its 40 year history and raise funds by providing refreshments. The Charity's new booklet recording its history was unveiled to a warm reception.

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 events via QR codes and card machines.

As a result of all these efforts this year, we managed to generate a high level of income from fundraising events and donations.

Expenditure during the period amounted to £92,599 which included £91,376 on 23 projects in 4 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, available through the website.

Since the year-end we have donated a further £21,398 towards 5 more projects and we are at the evaluation stage with a number of other proposals.

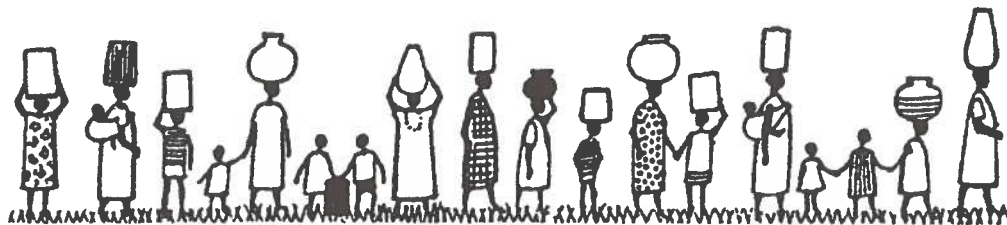
All work carried out for the Charity is on a voluntary basis and there are no paid employees.

Our website '[www.wilmslowwells.org](http://www.wilmslowwells.org)' provides links for supporters to make donations online.

Many people have made significant contributions to the Charity through their volunteer efforts, especially our long serving Treasurer and Trustee, Roger Goddard, who has retired after 25 years in this role. Our grateful thanks to Roger.

*M. Longson*

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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**

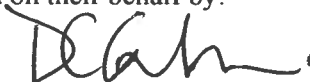
	<b>31 July 2024</b>	<b>31 July 2023</b>
	£	£
Stocks of goods for resale	525	417
Cash at National Westminster Bank	15,095	24,692
	<hr/> 15,620	<hr/> 25,109

In addition to the cash balances noted above there was an amount due from the Inland Revenue of £1,136, 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**

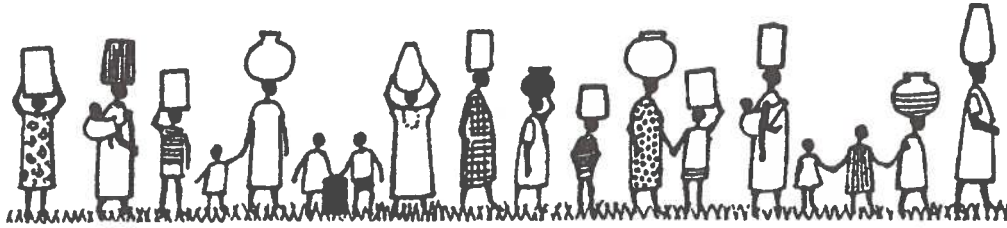
There are no outstanding liabilities at this date.

The accounts on pages 4 to 8 were approved by the trustees on 28th October 2024 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 2024**

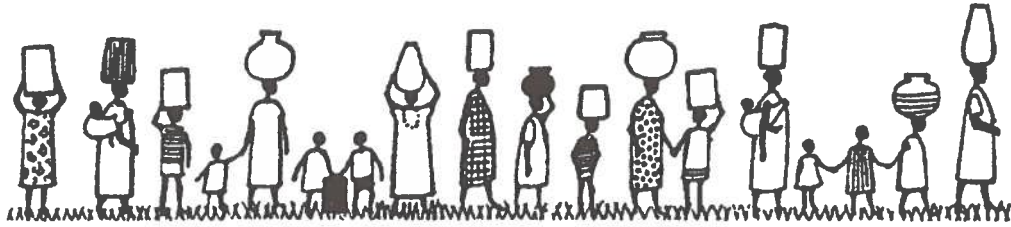
**Receipts**

	Note	2024/2023	2023/2022
		£	£
Donations	1	35,473	44,859
Fund raising events	2	44,102	25,060
Gift aid reclaimed		4,036	2,484
		<u>83,611</u>	<u>72,403</u>
Less costs incurred in fundraising		(501)	(345)
Total		<u>83,110</u>	<u>72,058</u>

**Charitable Payments and Overhead Costs**

Direct Charitable expenditure	3	91,376	63,966
Other expenditure			
Public liability insurance and other administrative costs		1,223	663
		<u>92,599</u>	<u>64,629</u>
<b>Net receipts/ (payments)</b>		(9,489)	7,429
Balance from prior year		<u>25,109</u>	<u>17,680</u>
Balance at 31 July 2024		<u>15,620</u>	<u>25,109</u>

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**Notes to Receipts and Payments Account**

**1 Donations**

	2024/2023	2023/2022
	£	£
Legacies and gifts in memory	212	8,583
Amazon	-	132
Barnby Choir	-	180
Highway One	5,000	5,000
Mulchand Foundation	8,481	-
Wilmslow Methodist Church	336	550
Cost of booklet	550	-
General donations	20,894	30,414
	<u>35,473</u>	<u>44,859</u>

**2 Fundraising**

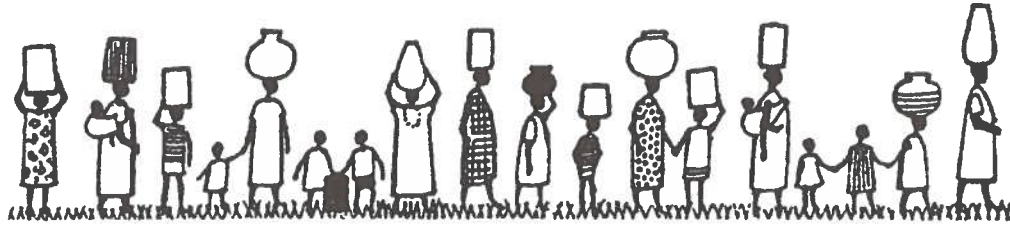
Gardens Day	17,699	19,246
Souperdays Team	2,688	2,560
Bridge Drive	1,426	2,497
Christmas and gift cards	725	757
Barnby	1,108	-
Wells Challenge	20,456	-
	<u>44,102</u>	<u>25,060</u>



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**3 Direct Charitable expenditure**

		2024/23	2023/22
		£	£
Advantage Africa -- Kalulini, Kenya	Water harvesting		4,900
African Revival - South Sudan	Rainwater harvesting tank	1,600	
Afrinspire - Uganda	new well + 2 spring protection	2,000	
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Afrinspire – Uganda	10 spring protections		2,000
Afrinspire –Uganda	9 spring protections		2,000
Aid Africa – Malawi	4 borehole repairs		2,000
Aid Africa – Malawi	Emergency borehole repairs		3,112
Aid Africa - Malawi	Borehole repairs	4,287	
Aid Africa - Malawi	6 well repairs	2,939	
Aid Africa - Malawi	4 borehole repairs	1,822	
Aid Africa - Malawi	Provision of 100 toilets	2,205	
Aid Africa - Malawi	Repair of 6 borehole pumps	3,913	
Amigos -Uganda	Borehole repairs		5,200
Audacious Church - Rwanda	Latrine	2,300	
Belmont chapel - Kenya	Water tanks and tower	2,200	
Bujagali Trust - Uganda	Well for School	10,600	
Busoga Trust - Uganda	Rehabilitation of 3 boreholes	7,500	
Busoga Trust - Uganda	Rehabilitation of borehole	2,500	
Busoga Trust - Uganda	Refurbishment of 2 boreholes		5,000
Chawn Hill Church - Uganda	Newe borehole	2,000	
Forever Friends of Uganda	Borehole & pump for primary school	3,052	
Ghana Outlook - Ghana	Borehole	4,000	
Ghana Outlook - Ghana	Borehole		4,360
Green Mountain Initiative - Uganda	2 spring protections		3,158
Green Mountain Initiative - Uganda	2 spring protections		2,930



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Help Uganda Schools - Latrines	Latrines	9,000	
Helping Uganda Schools – Uganda	Latrines		5,365
JEGMI - Uganda	Latrines	5,925	
Kaniki Trust – Zambia	Borehole		1,300
Mission4Water -Uganda	Refurbishment of 7 wells		2,290
Mission4water - Uganda	Well repairs	2,673	
Tanzania Development Trust	Boreholes & wells for schools	4,600	
Tanzania Development Trust	Boreholes & wells for schools	3,720	
Tanzania Development Trust	3 shallow wells	4,500	
Tanzania Development Trust	2 hand drilled wells		3,000
Tanzania Development Trust	Borehole and rope pumps		3,178
Teso Development Trust - Uganda	4 wells	6,000	
Teso Development Trust – Uganda	2 boreholes		3,000
Village Water – Zambia	New water point		4,200
Village Water – Zambia	Water point rehabilitations		1,363
Village Water – Mozambique	Water point rehabilitations		967
Village Water – Zambia	New water point		4,643
		<b>91,376</b>	<b>63,966</b>



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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 2024 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 Acthave 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:

28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025