

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 as amended by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Governance

Willies Orphan Fund is an unincorporated charity set up under a Trust Deed and registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under reference number 100652.

Trustees

The Trustees who held this position for the whole of the year ended 31 December 2020 were:

Willie Gregg
Christine Alexander
Milne Rowntree
Stephen Duke

Objectives and activities

The principal activities of the Charity are unchanged from last year and are to contribute to the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Public benefit

The Trustees believe that the Charity provides a public benefit in a number of ways:

- a) To support the charitable work of Duang Prateep Foundation in the area of benefit (namely Phuket, Thailand). Orphans in Thailand benefit from the fund raising activities of Willies Orphan Fund by relieving their need for care, housing and education through our contributions direct to Duang Prateep Foundation. In particular our funds have helped support an orphanage ensuring that the orphans had a place to live and were receiving adequate care and education.
- b) To promote awareness of the needs of orphans in the area of benefit. Educating members of the public in NI about the real needs of children and young people affected by the tsunami in 2004 and thereby gaining their support for the work of Willies Orphan Fund and the benefit to people in Thailand. This also makes people more aware of the issues that affect the orphans.
- c) To construct, maintain and manage facilities in the area of benefit (Phuket, Thailand) for activities promoted by the Trust (Willies Orphan Fund). Willies Orphan Fund activities raise funds which are directly passed to the home to support buildings and facilities at the home such as a first aid room ensuring the children have access to adequate basic first aid treatment, a music room where music tuition, practice and performance are facilitated, a kitchen which ensures adequate provision of meals and training in cooking, a study room to assist students at all levels to complete homework and individual study, a rice paddy and fish farm to help the children learn how to become more self sufficient for the future and to provide fresh produce for consumption at the orphanage. We also provide monetary support for the education of the children in the home in order that they can gain a basic education, such as reading and writing, as well as the opportunity as they mature, to gain qualifications and training to help them support their lives in the future.

These benefits are demonstrated through: progress of orphans from basic primary education as young children through to secondary and higher education in appropriate cases as children mature; provision of actual physical resources at the orphanage; creation of practical self help arrangements for the orphanage. Evidenced in: School reports supplied from the orphanage, photographic and video evidence of the activities, Facebook and website postings, NI press coverage of activities e.g. Graeme McDowell First Aid facility. It is not believed that this charity has or will lead to harm for any of the recipients of the aid provided i.e. the children or staff at the orphanage. The Charity provides funding and support, not any direct involvement with the provision of services in Thailand. There is no private benefit flowing to any member of the Charity in Northern Ireland and none known at the orphanage in Thailand.

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to guidance produced by the Charity Commission and that the Charity continues to meet the public benefit requirement. The Trustees have read sections 32, 33 and 34 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015 and confirm the Charity Trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b)' (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance) to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the Charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Achievements in the year

Fundraising activities continued in the year as did the link with the children in the orphanage, including work on the combined art exchange project with Portrush Primary school.

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Financial review

The Charity recorded a deficit of £9,966 (2019: surplus of £4,135) for the financial year. As the Charity is a not for profit organisation, any surplus is re-invested in the ongoing work of the charity.

Reserves of the Charity as at 31 December 2020 were £2,637 (2019: £12,603) and represent unrestricted funds which are available for general use.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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