

Bush Fire Ministries Limited

Director and Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 April 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a director's report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRSI02) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The principal objective and activity of the charity is to collect donations and forward these to the pastor in Zambia to provide a village setting to house orphans and provide them with spiritual, physical, mental, educational, dental and medical care.

Achievements and performance

The charity continued to achieve its objectives as stated above, through better living conditions and better health care etc for the orphans. Through the continued efforts of fundraising the charity was able to forward amounts of £70,350 (2023: £60,220) to Zambia during the year.

Financial Review

Bush Fire Ministries Limited seeks to comply with best practice in managing the finances of the charity.

The balance sheet as at 30 April 2024 reflected cash at bank of £1,386 (2023: £23,804). The total Net Current Assets at 30 April 2024 were £2,886 (2023: £21,464) and unrestricted reserves were £2,886 (2023: £21,464). Income from charitable activities and donations for the year totalled £66,154 (2023: £59,086). Expenditure on charitable activities for the year totalled £84,732 (2023: £73,996). This resulted in a net deficit of £18,578 (2023: £14,910).

Policy on Reserves

The reserves that have accumulated since the charity was incorporated are unrestricted reserves and are available for immediate use to assist in achieving the charities objectives. It is the intention of the trustees to continue to provide financial assistance to Zambia on an ongoing basis as funds become available and are required. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees.

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Structure, governance and management

Bush Fire Ministries Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 25 April 2005 and registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland on 25 March 2015.

It is guaranteed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. The company is accepted as a charity for tax purposes. The trustees meet on a regular basis to review issues arising and to delegate tasks to the members. There is no provision in the Memorandum and Articles of Association requiring the trustees to be re-elected annually and the trustees may elect new members as required. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Relationships with related parties

Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the charity. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

Reference and Administrative details

These are set out on page 1.

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Statement of director and trustee's responsibilities in respect of the annual report and financial statements

The trustees, (who are also the directors of Bush Fire Ministries Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Small companies' provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Armstrong', written over a circular stamp or seal.

J Armstrong

Director