



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2020  
Period end date

Period start date To 31/12/2020

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Charity is motivated by the Christian faith to promote human development and social justice in under - developed countries by working with local charities, aid workers and indigenous people in these countries so that it can :</p> <p>1] Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the local people by the relief of poverty and the improvements of the conditions of life in socially and disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>2] Develop the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the Developing World in such a way that they are able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.</p> <p>3] Relieve financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in the Developing World by making grants of money, for providing or paying for, items, services and facilities.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In planning the following activities for the public benefit, the Trustees have paid due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance.</p> <p>1] <u>Feed My Lamb Community School in Uganda</u></p>

	<p>The school continues to cater for 140 vulnerable children, 50 of whom were street children brought to Gweri in the district of Kabarole from Nuguru slum in Kampala three years ago; and the remainder are from local child-headed families who would not otherwise receive any education.</p> <p>The staffing of the school comprises of 7 fully qualified teachers who specialise in particular aspects of the curriculum whilst some of them also have whole school responsibilities, for example, Head Teacher and Director of Studies. There are also 2 Teaching Assistants to support the children's learning.</p> <p>The School Board includes a wide range of people from the local community who support the school; the School Administrator, Head Teacher and one other teacher.</p> <p>We continue to provide accomodation in two hostels for the remaining street children from Kampala and, at times, for those at risk from abuse in the local community. Claire Dorcus, Founder and Adminstrator, arranges Guardian support for the local orphan children. We provide food for the whole school community.</p> <p>We provide medical insurance so that children and staff can be safe in the knowledge that they will receive the care they need. This year it has been especially helpful during the Covid pandemic, providing regular testing and hospital isolation and care.</p> <p>Other items of provision include teacher salaries, learning materials, examination fees, clothing and toiletries.</p> <p>We have also continued to provide some funding for the development of the arable, animal and fish farming and the hairdressing and tailoring projects which provide food, education and employment. Pupils who have left the school and members of the local community are gaining experience and working towards the aim</p>
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		<p>of being, at least, partially self sufficient.</p> <p>2] <u>Medical Support for Roma Families in Albania</u></p> <p>We supply funding for a doctor to respond to the health needs of Roma families and to deliver Health Education twice a week. However, as these families have become a more established part of society, our support is required more urgently for trafficked adults and children as well as those living in extreme poverty especially during the Covid pandemic. This work is co-ordinated by Sr Imelda of the Loreto Order.</p> <p>3] <u>Support for Trafficked Women and Children in Romania</u></p> <p>We provide funding for homes for these families until they are able to make their own provision by working in either the sewing or restaurant projects set up by Fr Petru and Sr Kathleen from Sisters of St Paul. Unfortunately, due to Covid, these projects have been shut for much of the year resulting in a great deal of poverty. The main aim has been to keep these people safe , well and fed.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p><u>Policy on Grantmaking</u></p> <p>The Trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group are committed to organising the support needed to raise funds for the World Development Projects identified by the members of St Nicholas Parish. All funding is transferred directly to the Projects and any expenses are kept to an absolute minimum.</p>

		<p>Each project chosen has to adhere to the following criteria :</p> <p>a] It should have close links with St Nicholas Parish.</p> <p>b] There should be close links to the Project Manager in the field.</p> <p>c] There should be regular liaison between the Project Manager and the Trustees to ensure the best allocation of funds.</p> <p>d] It should be possible to transfer money easily and at a minimum cost.</p> <p>e] Funds should go directly to the Project.</p>
Policyb on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity does not normally make investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity may seek the support of volunteers to assist with Charity events and activities
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The year began as usual with the expectancy that the work of the WDG would proceed much as any other in recent times. We celebrated the good examination results of the children from P7 at Feed My Lamb School in Uganda and began our preparation for our annual support visit to them. Our aim, during the ten days, was to monitor and evaluate all aspects of the school and attendant projects through observation of

		<p>the children and meetings with the Administrator, Head Teacher, classroom teachers, Guardians and members of the School Management Board.</p> <p>In particular, we tried to support their financial planning so they could incorporate the profits from their farming, hairdressing and tailoring into the costs of running the school. Thus moving towards their long term mission of self-sufficiency and sustainability.</p> <p>This would have been a big step forward in the development of this Project. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic brought everything to a standstill. The school was closed, teachers and Guardians fled to their homes leaving our Administrator, her family and members of the Board to look after the children.</p> <p>The Health Insurance became a lifeline as a doctor visited and tested the children regularly and hospitalised them when necessary.</p> <p>Our funding was able to support the extreme poverty arising amongst the children and Guardians as prices doubled and allotments went untended as the Government forbade people to leave their homes.</p> <p>In both our other projects in Albania and Romania we were able to relieve some poverty by making contributions for food and other necessities.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Our usual fundraising activities were curtailed throughout the year due to Covid restrictions.</p> <p>We appealed for funding through communicating with the Parish, friends,</p>

		relations, social media and other regular donors and their support was incredibly generous. we therefore met our predicted financial targets.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite being unable to raise a percentage of our funding through events, our appeals to donors and others resulted in us being able to meet all our funding commitments to our three Projects and allowed us to hold some extra reserve funds for 2021 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Due to the current pandemic and uncertain future which may prevent the usual opportunities for fundraising in 2021 we felt keeping larger reserves was appropriate at this time. The funding is held in our Charity's current account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£12,876.24
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including	Para 1.47	Planned Giving, Gift Aid, Appeals, Trust Funding
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any fundraising)		
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>1] The risk of third- party claim for loss arising from one of the Charity's fundraising events.</p> <p>The Charity transfers this risk by purchasing Public Liability Insurance annually to protect itself from potential financial liability. The Charity does, of course, continue to ensure that those events are managed effectively. While the ability to hold events will continue to be impacted by Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic, there is the potential to resume events in the second half of 2021 if restrictions are reduced sufficiently.</p> <p>2] The risk of reduced governance due to the Coronavirus pandemic</p> <p>The Coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic and restrictions have impacted the World Development Group to meet in person and has limited interaction with the Projects. This has been mitigated by the use of online communication where possible and will continue to do so until restrictions are lifted. The Charity accepts any additional risk arising from the inability to conduct a Feed My Lamb monitoring inspection in 2021,</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by committee of Trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All potential Trustees are initially members of the Management Committee for a period of at least two years in order that they become familiar with the ethos, the work of the projects and the management of the Charity. Potential Trustees with specific skills and experience may be appointed earlier. All Trustees are also requested to read the support and training materials provided by the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has a Management Committee comprised of 7 Trustees and 3 Members who all meet regularly throughout the year. Working parties may be set up to deal with particular issues, for example, planning events, drawing up policies or applying for funding. Up to 24 volunteers may help with fundraising events.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We work closely with members of St Nicholas Parish, families, friends and the local community; Sisters of the Loreto Order and Sisters of St Paul.
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ST NICHOLAS WORLD DEVELOPMENT GROUP
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Other name the charity uses	ST NICHOLAS WDG
Registered charity number	1125836
Charity's principal address	243 JOCKEY ROAD SUTTON COLDFIELD WEST MIDLANDS B73 5LA

<b>Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity</b>				
	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Maureen Hickey	Chair		
2	Lesley Devlin	Secretary		
3	Stephanie Prestage	Treasurer		
4	Helen Middlemass	Communication and Publicity Officer		
5	Peter Middlemass			
6	Julie Bleasedale			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

**Additional information (optional)**

<b>Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)</b>
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Type of adviser	Name	Address
Advisory	Professor Samuel Hickey	14 Deeping Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 8GB
<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

<b>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.</b>		
<b>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees</b>		
<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Maureen Hickey	Stephanie Prestage
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	22/02/2021	22/02/2021

**St Nicholas World Development Group (Reg. Charity 1125836) 2020 End of Year Accounts**

	<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	£	<b>3,824.34</b>				
			<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>	
	<b>Standing orders</b>	£	<b>12,279.20</b>		<b>Feed My Lamb School</b>	£	<b>37,000.00</b>
	<b>Donations from Trust funds</b>	£	<b>21,000.00</b>		<b>FML extra resources</b>	£	<b>1,200.00</b>
	<b>Donations</b>	£	<b>14,806.00</b>		<b>FML Medical Insurance</b>	£	<b>2,000.00</b>
	<b>Virgin Giving Donations</b>	£	<b>1,991.90</b>		<b>Albania</b>	£	<b>3,500.00</b>
	<b>GiftAid via Virgin Giving</b>	£	<b>392.95</b>		<b>Romania</b>	£	<b>1,500.00</b>
	<b>Easy Fundraising</b>	£	<b>85.43</b>		<b>Shipping costs</b>	£	<b>445.00</b>
	<b>Amazon Smile</b>	£	<b>80.49</b>		<b>Bank Charges</b>	£	<b>57.00</b>
	<b>Events</b>	£	<b>353.69</b>		<b>Insurance</b>	£	<b>257.32</b>
	<b>Church Porch Box</b>	£	<b>210.57</b>				
	<b>HMRC Gift Aid for 2019</b>	£	<b>3,810.99</b>				
	<b>INCOME</b>	£	<b>55,011.22</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£	<b>45,959.32</b>
					<b>FINAL BALANCE</b>	£	<b>12,876.24</b>
	<i>OPENING BALANCE + INCOME</i>	£	<i>58,835.56</i>		<i>EXPENDITURE + FINAL BALANCE</i>	£	<i>58,835.56</i>

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Nicholas World Development Group (Registered Charity: 1125836)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### 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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Patricia A Perks

Relevant professional qualification: PhD

Address: 163 Walmley Rd, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 1PX

Date:

8.1 January 2021