

**Friends of Amasango  
c/o 6 Friars' Close  
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Derby DE22 1FD**

U.K. Charity No. 1116268

**Annual Report for the year 2015/16**

**1. Overview of the year**

During the year the Friends of Amasango (the Charity) has engaged in fundraising for and the facilitation of volunteers to the Amasango Career School (ACS), Grahamstown, South Africa to support in particular the following objectives --

1. Food at Amasango
2. Clothing at Amasango
3. Honoraria to local volunteers
4. Past Pupil Support for those at High School
5. Overseas fund raising
6. Accountancy support
7. Capital expenditure on necessary equipment

A total of £45,470 (about ZAR 970,330) was sent to ACS compared with expenditure on the above objectives of ZAR 983,559 (about £46,089). The small shortfall was made up from the surplus of funds sent in the previous year. During the year, 11 overseas Volunteers helped at ACS, all of whom came from U.K.

In U.K. the Charity received a total of £86,980 during the year including a total of £32,000 in two large legacies. Compared with 2015 and excluding those legacies, individual donations were down but corporate donations were level, leading to a ratio for the year of 81:19 in favour of individual donations. Gift Aid tax recovered was £12,824 (including £5,532 attributable to the previous year) and has been received from HMRC more promptly than previously. As a result of the legacies, U.K. bank balances at the year end were up at £62,008 which puts the charity in a good position to help with the possible move into new school buildings in 2016/17. A budget for revenue expenditure in 2016/17 totalling R 1,000,000 (about £ 46,860) as well as a listing of the principal items of capital expenditure that will be required at the new school site (when confirmed by the local Department of Education) was approved by Members at the AGM held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

In 2015/16 the Trustees were fortunate to obtain the fundraising advice of Sue Hennessy, previously a senior fundraiser for RNLI. Her advice has been debated and will be adopted. We await formal confirmation by the local Department of Education of a new "green field" site that has been identified for new school buildings. The Department remains under a contempt of court order

for its failure to provide educational facilities, as the South African Constitution requires, suitable for intrinsically disabled children.

The Charity is the largest single donor to ACS.

## 2. Statutory information

The Charity is regulated by its Constitution which was adopted in General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

The Charity's Objects as stated therein are as a Christian organisation to advance the education of pupils who are street children in South Africa and in particular those attached to the Amasango Career Schools in Eastern Cape Province by financial support through bursaries or otherwise and through assisting in the provision of facilities not provided by the Provincial Government and by facilitating the availability to the Amasango Career Schools of volunteer teachers and assistants.

The nine Trustees of the Charity in 2015/16 were Ian Irvin (Chairman), John Cartmell (Hon Treasurer), Martin Coombs (Hon Secretary), Alison Evans, Kate Mier, Mark Newton, Oliver Pattenden, Rebecca Pennells and Brian Wakeham, none of whom holds any property on behalf of the Charity. Eleven Trustees meetings were held during the year.

The Charity's bankers are Santander Commercial Bank of Bridle Road, Merseyside, L30 4GB and HSBC Bank plc of 20 Market Place, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1DW. The Charity's Independent Examiner is Nicholas Wharam, ACCA, of 22a Duffield Road. Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5DS..

This Annual Report was approved by the Charity in General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and signed on its behalf by

*Ian Irvin, Chairman*