

Africa Connection

Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended

31st January 2016

Registered Number: 7898103
(England & Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1146628



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Legal & Administrative Information

Status.

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 5th January 2012 and registered as a charity on 28th March 2012.

The company is established under a Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the rules for the appointment and de-selection of Trustees are stated.

Registered Name	Africa Connection
Registered Company Number	7898103
Registered Charity Number	1146628
Registered Office	25 Monterey Drive, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD15 9LP
Trustees	David Bass Sharon Bass Teresa Jack Steven Pearson
Bankers	HSBC
Accountants	Torevell Dent Limited, Centre of Excellence, Hope Park, Trevor Foster Way, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD5 8HH

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Report of the Directors/Trustees for the year ended 31st January 2016

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives of the Charity

The charity's objects are undertaken with a Christian ethos for the public benefit specifically restricted to the following:

1. Relief of need and the promotion of health in Africa, in particular but not exclusively, for the blind and partially sighted by providing specialist and supplies and enabling local people to use their specific talents to:
 - a. Provide healthcare to those in need;
 - b. Encourage and enable the start-up of businesses and;
 - c. Tackle areas of basic need such as the provision of clean water, food, clothing, housing and education

Activities of Africa Connection

The main activity for the year was primarily around the Mission Trip of November 2015. It was the first time we had fully organised a medical camp from the UK. In order to help ensure it was a success we took most of the money out of the HSBC bank account to make sure we had sufficient funds available.

The four days of medical camps were a success. All services were offered free of charge, and we were very grateful for the surprise gift of over £1,000 from Dr. Michael Bunter towards medical supplies.

Alongside the Medical Camp set up, the Blind Group was supplied with new soap moulds and audio bibles.

Before returning to the UK, funds were deposited into the Africa Connection Bank account so as to be available for future use on the projects.

Results

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts. The total incoming resources for the year were £5,035 (2015: £3,191) and after deducting resources expended of £4,806 (2015: £456) the net incoming resources received for the year were £229 (2015: £2,735).

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Report of the Directors/Trustees **for the year ended 31st January 2016 (continued)**

Investment policy and returns

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make an investment which the trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds so as to maximise interest on funds available.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient to cover three months running costs.

The Trustees are confident that future income will enable the charity to meet its foreseeable needs on the basis of planned activity.

Future plans

Having successfully organised an eye and medical camp from England having lost contact with our former partner Madaktari we are proposing to go to Kenya again in the Autumn of 2016, with the intention of holding two days of eye camps in the Kirinyaga Province, and if staff and medical supplies are available then we would like to again offer the services of testing for diabetes and hypertension.

We have an established relationship with the 'Grace and Mercy' blind group who we have supplied soap moulds and soap mixing equipment so we should like to visit them again. Two audio bibles were left with the group in 2015 so we should like to see how they are progressing and to see how effective these have been as an alternative to Braille.

We acknowledge our special relationship with The Peoples Church, who provide venues and additional volunteer staff.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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Report of the Directors/Trustees **for the year ended 31st January 2016 (continued)**

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the period are set out on page 2 of this report.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st January 2016 was four.

Approved by the Trustees on 21 July 2016 and signed on their behalf by:



David Bass
Director

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Statement of Financial Activities **for the year ended 31st January 2016**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2015</u>
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income		5,035	-	5,035	3,191
Spectacles sold		-	-	-	-
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Total incoming resources		5,035	-	5,035	3,191
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Resources Expended					
Costs of generating income		-	-	-	115
Charitable activities	2	4,673	-	4,673	208
Governance costs		133	-	133	133
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Total resources expended		4,806	-	4,806	456
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Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		229	-	229	2,735
Balances as at 31st January 2015		3,152	-	3,152	417
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Balances as at 31st January 2016		3,381	-	3,381	3,152
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The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2016

	Notes	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash in hand		208	48
Bank account		3,173	3,104
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		3,381	3,152
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 5	 -	 -
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<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>3,381</u>	<u>3,152</u>
 <u>Funds</u>			
Unrestricted		3,381	3,152
Restricted		-	-
		-----	-----
		<u>3,381</u>	<u>3,152</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st January 2016.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2016 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 which otherwise comply with the requirements of Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Trustees on 21 July 2016 and signed on their behalf by:-



David Bass
Director

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements **for the year ended 31st January 2016**

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in March 2005.

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are corporate funds, which as such are available for use or retention at the discretion of the directors in accordance with the Trust's objects.

Restricted funds are trust funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by sponsors as donors or by the declared purpose in appeals literature.

c) Incoming Resources

All income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Any general purpose grants whose use is restricted by the grant or to some future accounting period are accounted for as deferred income until the restriction has been satisfied.

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, and where incurred directly to further the Trust's charitable objects are shown as project direct costs under the heading of charitable expenditure.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2016 (continued)

2. Total resources expended:

Charitable activities

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	£	£
Project costs	4,613	200
Web hosting	-	-
Domain licence	-	8
Travel and accommodation	60	-
Bank charges	-	-
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	<u>4,673</u>	<u>208</u>
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3. Trustee disclosures

Directors remuneration	Nil
Trustees expenses	Nil

4. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Loan – D. Bass	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£Nil</u>
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Report of the Accountant to the Directors of Africa Connection

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2016 set out on pages 6 to 9 and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit.

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to me.

Torevell Dent Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Centre of Excellence
Hope Park
Trevor Foster Way
Bradford
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BD5 8HH

Date: 21 July 2016

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended to 31st January 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Gifts	5,035	3,191
Sale of Spectacles	-	-
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	5,035	3,191
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Computer School	-	-
Eye Sight Project	65	199
Food Provision	-	-
Health Care	500	-
Medical Camp	3,036	1
Toilet Block	-	-
Transport	60	-
Wanderi Visit	1,012	-
Web Hosting	-	-
Domain Licence	-	8
Accountancy	120	120
Advertising	-	115
Bank Charges	-	-
Companies House	13	13

	4,806	456
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<u>Net income for the year</u>	<u>£ 229</u>	<u>£ 2,735</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements