

Africa Connection

Report and Financial Statements

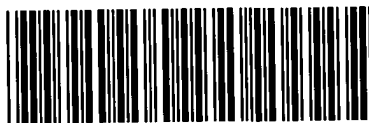
for the year ended

31st January 2017

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	14 West Royd, Wilsden, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD15 0HU
Trustees	David Bass Sharon Bass Teresa Jack Steven Pearson
Bankers	HSBC
Accountants	Torevell Dent Limited, 1-3 St Ann's Place, Pellon Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX1 5RB

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Report of the Directors/Trustees **for the year ended 31st January 2017**

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 2017. 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

A Report on the Activity of Africa Connection for year ended 31st January 2017

Our time in the year was spent collecting and sorting spectacles for our mission trip in October 2017. A two day medical/eye camp in Kerugoya saw many helped with reading glasses especially and we gratefully acknowledge a consignment of spectacles sent from Germany.

After a break of several years we again visited the local medium security prison where we took gifts of bread and toilet paper which were given out to nearly 500 prisoners. Our friends from the blind group were commissioned to make soap for them which would be sent later. We were told that the TV for the prisoners had been cut off because they did not have funds for the annual subscription. We paid the annual subscription for all four prison blocks a mere total of £35. What a contrast--- harsh prison conditions but TV to watch when they were not doing their work tasks.

We had regular catch up with the "Grace and Mercy" blind group who we provided a meal for and sent each one home with a bag of food.

Results

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts. The total incoming resources for the year were £ 1,213 (2016: £5,035) and after deducting resources expended of £2,662 (2016: £4,806) the net resources for the year were £ (1,449) (2016: £229).

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Report of the Directors/Trustees **for the year ended 31st January 2017 (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

2017 will be a year in which we try to obtain external funding so that we can expand the work especially regarding covering the cost of medical supplies for the camps.

We are mindful of our commitment to the blind and partially sighted and intend to take solar powered cassette players which play the local language of Kikuyu so that bible studies can be carried out by local groups as an alternative to using braille.

On our last visit we researched water needs for farming and would like to take forward to a trial project.

There is a possibility of travelling into Uganda where we can visit the excellent work carried out by a friend and see if we can carry out an eye camp there.

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 2017 (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 2017 was four.

Approved by the Trustees on 30/8/17.....and signed on their behalf by:



David Bass
Director

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st January 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		<u>1,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>5,035</u>
Total		<u>1,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>5,035</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	2,529	-	2,529	4,673
Other costs		<u>133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>133</u>
Total resources expended		<u>2,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,662</u>	<u>4,806</u>
Net (Expenditure)/Income		(1,449)	-	(1,449)	229
Balance as at 31st January 2016		<u>3,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,381</u>	<u>3,152</u>
Balance as at 31st January 2017		<u>1,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,932</u>	<u>3,381</u>

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

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Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash in hand		195	208
Bank account		<u>1,737</u>	<u>3,173</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>1,932</u>	<u>3,381</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>1,932</u>	<u>3,381</u>
<u>The Funds Of The Charity</u>			
Unrestricted Funds		1,932	3,381
Restricted Funds		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Funds		<u>1,932</u>	<u>3,381</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st January 2017.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2017 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 (SORP) 102 (effective January 2016).

Approved by the Trustees on 30/8/17..... 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 2017**

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the SORP FRS 102. The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102)

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 and Endowments

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) Expenditure

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 2017 (continued)**

2. Total resources expended:

Charitable activities

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£	£
Project costs	2,512	4,613
Web hosting/domain licence	17	-
Travel and accommodation	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>2,529</u>	<u>4,673</u>

3. Trustee disclosures

Directors remuneration	Nil
Trustees expenses	Nil

4. Taxation

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

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Report of the Accountant to the Directors of Africa Connection for the year ended 31st January 2017

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2017 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 Ltd

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Date: ...30/8/17...

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities **for the year ended to 31st January 2017**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Gifts	<u>1,213</u>	<u>5,035</u>
	1,213	5,035
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Eye Sight Project	182	65
Food Provision	214	-
Health Care	-	500
Medical Camp	1,859	3,036
Prisoners	257	-
Transport	-	60
Wanderi Visit	-	1,012
Web Hosting	17	-
Accountancy	120	120
Companies House	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
	<u>2,662</u>	<u>4,806</u>
<u>Net (deficit)/income for the year</u>	£ <u>(1,449)</u>	£ <u>229</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements