



Friends of Amasango

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U.K. Charity No. 1116268

Annual Report for the year 2018/19

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

At the beginning of the year it was known that income would be down and thus very detailed budget projections were generated and plans made at the school, and have in the main been well carried out by the school, to meet these tightened budgets. A total of £48,000 (about ZAR 73,424) was sent to ACS meeting the above objectives as agreed in the Budget. The Charity's contributions to ACS have been adversely affected by a reduced GBP to South African Rand exchange rate (now standing at just over GBP 1 = R 17) and the very difficult fund-raising climate in the UK. The excess sent has been carried over into next year and funded from reserves – the trustees are keeping a very close eye on this as it can't go on for too long. During the year, 6 overseas Volunteers helped at ACS, all of whom came from U.K.

In U.K. the Charity received a total of £51,562 during the year. Compared with 2017/18 and excluding legacies, individual donations were increased whilst corporate donations reduced. Gift Aid tax recovery has worked well. UK bank balances at the year-end were up from £36,130 to £45,188 ensuring the charity has the cash flow resources to meet the needs of the School which start immediately in the new financial year whilst funds only come in during the year. The Trustees are continuing to considering ways of reversing the downwards trend in corporate donations and increasing the Individual donations so that some of the cutbacks in support of the School can be reversed, by increased fundraising but are constrained in fundraising by ongoing delays in South Africa with the building plans for a new school which are outside the control of the Trustees.



To ensure financial prudence a reduced budget for revenue expenditure in 2019/20 totalling R 811,860 (about £ 45,103) has been agreed which the Trustees believe can be serviced, and although this will put pressure on the school it is consider better to be realistic rather than too optimistic. This Budget was approved by Members at the AGM held on Saturday 14th September 2019.

The changed date of the AGM has worked well giving time for Accounts to be properly finalised and to link in with the Headmistress of the Schools delayed trip to the UK which worked well in the year and will hopefully this year.

The Charity is delighted that the local Department of Education in the Grahamstown area, have now identified and approved a new “green field” site in a good location for the new school to be built on. The Department remains under a contempt of a court order for its failure to provide educational facilities, as the South African Constitution requires, suitable for extrinsically disabled children, but is at last moving forward and the next challenge is getting a budget for the building approved, which unfortunately looks like another years wait..

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 15th 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 eight Trustees of the Charity in 2018/19 were Ian Irvin (Chairman), Hannah Peters (Hon Treasurer), Martin Coombs (Hon Secretary), John Cartmell, Alison Evans, Kate Mier, Mark Newton, 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 14th September 2019 and signed on its behalf by

Ian Irvin, Chairman

Friends of Amasango

U.K. Charity No 1116268 supporting the Amasango Career Schools (ACS) in South Africa

Receipts and Payments Account Accounts for the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Receipts and Payments	2019		20
	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>			
Individual donations	44,548		37,076
Legacies	0		0
Corporate donations	1,248		1,960
Grants successfully applied for	0		0
Gift Aid tax recovered	5,561		0
Bank interest	205		1,776
		51,562	
<u>Payments</u>			
Donations to ACS	40,791		48,000
Bank charges	125		160
Administration	1,588		862
		42,504	
<u>Excess of receipts over payments</u>		9,058	
Balance brought forward		36,130	
Balance carried forward		<u>45,188</u>	

Represented by:

Bank balances on 30th June	45,188
Cash in hand	0
	<u>45,188</u>

Note

This account has been prepared on a cash basis from the records of the Friends of Amasango. "Administration" in the year to 30th June 2019 includes JustGiving and PayPal administration charges totalling £216; insurance premium £431; conference call charges £215; and costs relating to Fundraising visit from Principal in South Africa.

We have found in recent years, the fundraising is very beneficial bringing in around 17%

Approved by the Friends of Amasango in General Meeting on 22nd September 2018 and on their behalf by :

Hannah Peters..... Hon Treasurer

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 'Friends of Amasango' Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2019, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) as an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act.
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

