

**Friends of Amasango**

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**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 2018**

| Receipts and Payments                   | 2018   |               | 2017   |                |
|---|--------|---------------|--------|----------------|
|   | £      | £             | £      | £              |
| <u>Receipts</u>                         |        |               |        |                |
| Individual donations                    | 37,076 |               | 30,626 |                |
| Legacies                                | 0      |               | 0      |                |
| Corporate donations                     | 1,960  |               | 9,483  |                |
| Grants successfully applied for         | 0      |               | 0      |                |
| Gift Aid tax recovered                  | 0      |               | 6,011  |                |
| Bank interest                           | 1,776  |               | 189    |                |
|   |        | 40,812        |        | 46,309         |
| <u>Payments</u>                         |        |               |        |                |
| Donations to ACS                        | 48,000 |               | 62,784 |                |
| Bank charges                            | 160    |               | 100    |                |
| Administration                          | 862    |               | 1,092  |                |
|   |        | 49,022        |        | 63,976         |
| <u>Excess of receipts over payments</u> |        | <u>-8,210</u> |        | <u>-17,667</u> |
| Balance brought forward                 |        | 44,341        |        | 62,008         |
| Balance carried forward                 |        | <u>36,130</u> |        | <u>44,341</u>  |
| <br><u>Represented by:</u>              |        |               |        |                |
| Bank balances on 30th June              |        | 36,130        |        | 44,341         |
| Cash in hand                            |        | 0             |        | 0              |
|   |        | <u>36,130</u> |        | <u>44,341</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 2018 includes JustGiving and PayPal administrative charges totalling £216 ; insurance premium £431 ; and conference call charges £215.

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

*Hannah Peters..... Hon Treasurer*

*H. Peters*

## **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 2018, 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) and that 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: 20/09/2018



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U.K. Charity No. 1116268

### **Annual Report for the year 2017/18**

#### 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 £51,526.19 (about ZAR 824,419) was sent to ACS compared with expenditure on the above objectives of ZAR 1,020,487 (about £74,674.38). 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 16) and the excess sent has been carried over into next year and funded from reserves. During the year, 6 overseas Volunteers helped at ACS, of whom 4 came from U.K.

In U.K. the Charity received a total of £40,661 during the year. Compared with 2016/17 and excluding legacies, individual donations from corporate and individual donations were both down. Gift Aid tax recovery has worked well. As a result of the reduced income and adverse exchange rate, U.K. bank balances at the year-end were down at £38,000 and the Trustees are continuing to considering ways of reversing this downwards trend and the resultant dwindling of reserves, by increased fundraising but are constrained in fundraising by ongoing delays in South Africa with new building plans outside the control of the Trustees.

To ensure financial prudence a reduced budget for revenue expenditure in 2018/19 totalling R 680,000 (about £ 42,500) 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.



Previous AGM's have been held in June of each year but the date has been moved back to September to allow the Accounts to be properly finalised and to link in with the Headmistress of the Schools delayed trip to the UK to hopefully improve fund raising potential.

The Charity continues to await formal confirmation from the local Department of Education of a new "green field" site that has been identified for new school buildings in Grahamstown. The Department remains under a contempt of court order for its failure to provide educational facilities, as the South African Constitution requires, suitable for extrinsically 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 2016/17 were Ian Irvin (Chairman), Hannah Peters (Hon Treasurer), Martin Coombs (Hon Secretary), John Cartmell, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 and signed on its behalf by

*Ian Irvin, Chairman*