

Ethiopia Reads UK

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Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	Period start date	Period end date
	1 January 2024	31 December 2024

Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations						750
Legacies						
Grants						
Receipts from fundraising activities						
Bank interest	18				18	28
Income from investments other than land and buildings						
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
A1 Sub total	18				18	778
A2 Receipts from asset &						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments						
A2 Sub total						
Total receipts	18				18	778
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities						
Gross trading payments						
Investment management costs						
Payments relating directly to Grants and donations						
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Other						
A3 Sub total						
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments						
A4 Sub total						
Total payments						
Net receipts / (payments)	18				18	778
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	18				18	778

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	778
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	18
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	796
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-

Details

B2 Investments

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Details

B3 Other assets

Details

B4 Liabilities

Details

B5 Contingent liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

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Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
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			18	778
			18	778

Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total		

Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			

Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £

Total		

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due
to nearest £Last year
to nearest £

Total		

Print Name

Date of
approval

		04 Apr 2025
		04 Apr 2025

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons		
C6 Other information		

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Date	Time	Location	Weather	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Cloud Cover	Visibility	Air Quality	Soil Moisture	Plant Growth	Animal Activity	Human Activity	Other Observations
2023-10-27	08:00	Field Station	Clear	22°C	65%	15 km/h	SE	10%	10 km	Good	15%	Stable	Low	None	None
2023-10-27	12:00	Field Station	Clear	28°C	70%	20 km/h	SE	10%	10 km	Good	15%	Stable	Low	None	None
2023-10-27	16:00	Field Station	Clear	25°C	75%	18 km/h	SE	10%	10 km	Good	15%	Stable	Low	None	None
2023-10-28	06:00	Field Station	Clear	18°C	60%	12 km/h	SE	10%	10 km	Good	15%	Stable	Low	None	None
2023-10-28	10:00	Field Station	Clear	24°C	68%	16 km/h	SE	10%	10 km	Good	15%	Stable	Low	None	None
2023-10-28	14:00	Field Station	Clear	26°C	72%	19 km/h	SE	10%	10 km	Good	15%	Stable	Low	None	None
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Number of grants made	£
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Number of trustees	£
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Transaction	Balance

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donation - direct to bank						615
Donation - from JustGiving						109
Donation - from JustGiving						26
Total						750

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £		Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Total					

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Gross interest from Virgin Money					18	28
Total					18	28

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Total						

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5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations						750
Legacies						
Grants						
Receipts from fundraising activities						
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Rents from land & buildings						
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Sub total	18				18	778
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments						
Sub total						
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Payments						
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Investment management costs						
Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
Grants and donations						
Governance costs:						
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Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Sub total						
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments						
Sub total						
Total payments						
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Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	18				18	778
Nature and purpose of funds						

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6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations						
Legacies						
Grants						
Receipts from fundraising activities						
Gross trading receipts						
Income from investments other than land and buildings						
Rents from land & buildings						
Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
Sub total						
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets						
Proceeds from sale of investments						
Sub total						
Total receipts						
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities						
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Investment management costs						
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Governance costs:						
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Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Sub total						
Payments relating to asset and investment						
Purchases of fixed assets						
Purchase of investments						
Sub total						
Total payments						
Net receipts / (payments)						
Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year						
Nature and purpose of funds						

APPENDIX 3



	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name						
	Ethiopia Reads UK						
	SC51397						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2024	to	31	December	2024
							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.						
Signe					Date:	5 April 2025	
Nam							
Relevant profession qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Certified Accountants						
Addres							

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*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose



Ethiopia Reads UK

Trustees' Annual Report

Period from 1 January 2024 to
Period end 31 December 2024

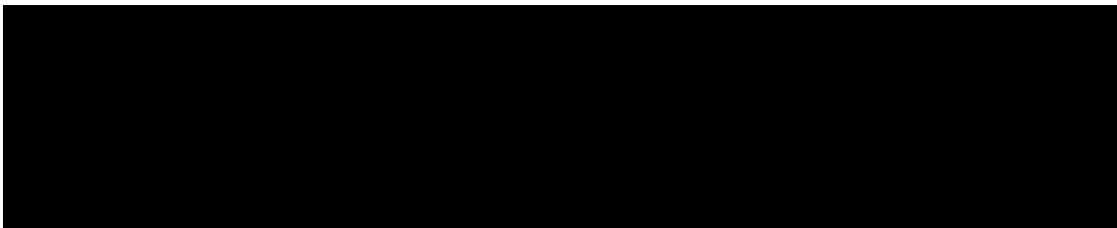
Charity contact information

Your charity's name: Ethiopia Reads UK

Scottish Charity Number: SC051397

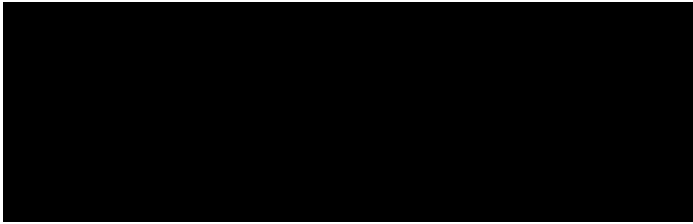
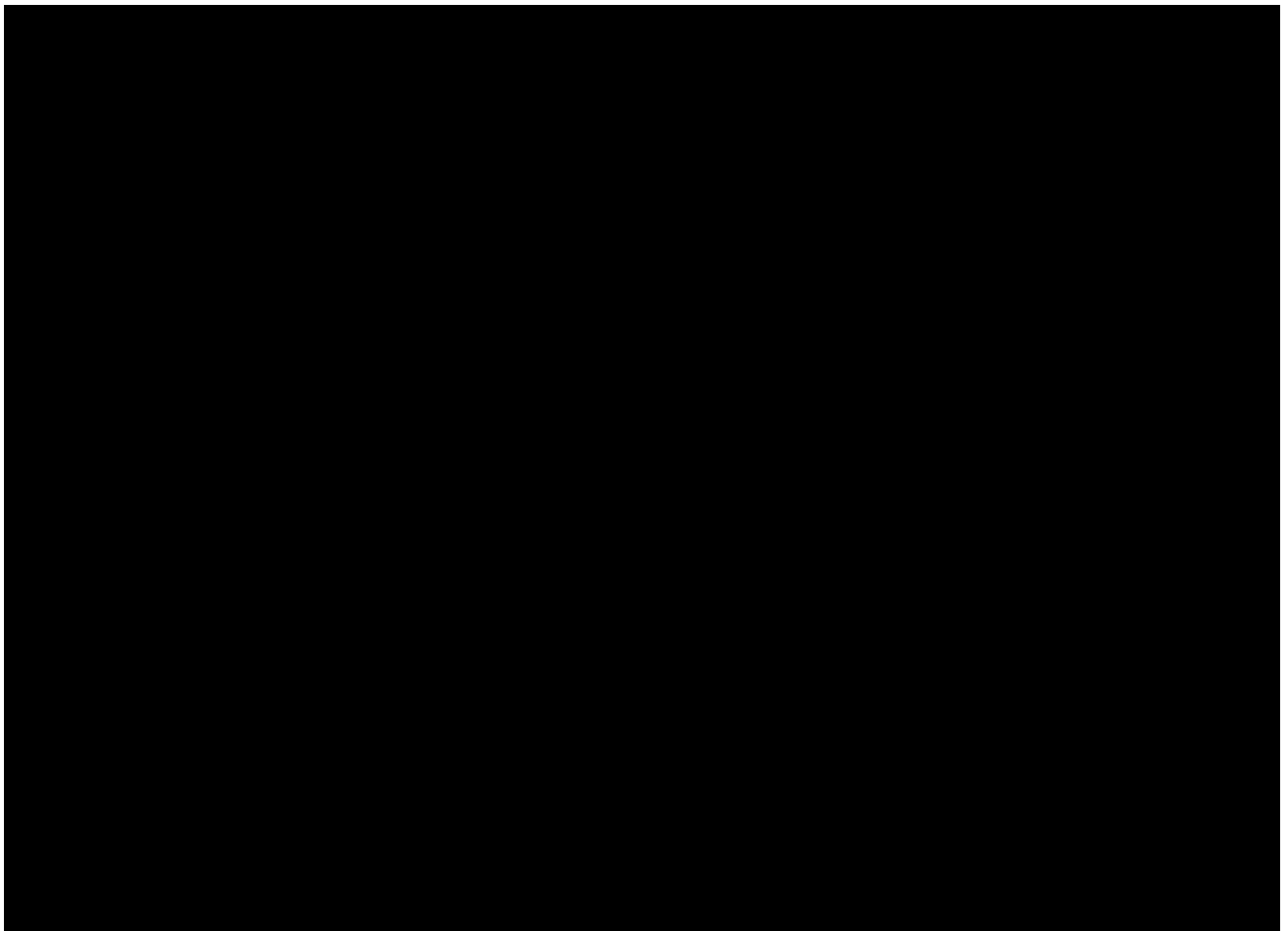
Address: 18 Inverleith Terrace, Edinburgh

Postcode: EH3 5NS



Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year:

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Objectives and activities

The charity was set up in November 2021 with the objective of promoting the advancement of education in Ethiopia. It is specifically focussed on improving literacy and reading for children and young people.

Ethiopia, with the second largest population in Africa, has a young demographic with over half of the 120 million population under 18 years old. The primary school system has expanded enormously and is now the 7th largest in the world, with over 25m students enrolled before the coronavirus pandemic and violent conflicts in the north of the country. However, child literacy levels are very low with 65% of children unable to read a word, and only 5-6% reading at school year level. There are many factors which explain this, but one major reason is an extreme shortage of reading materials in mother tongue languages for children. There are few libraries plus a weak reading culture and understanding of the power of reading outside the classroom with a distinct lack of both parents and caregivers reading to and with children at home or children reading independently.

Ethiopia Reads UK has been established to mobilise support and resources in the UK to help address these problems, specifically supporting projects that promote reading as the fundamental basis for the success of a child's formal education.

Ethiopia Reads UK has partnered with Ethiopia Reads, a US 501(3)c nonprofit ("ER US"), which has been working on these problems in Ethiopia, for over 20 years, with significant success. ER US has a number of supporters in the UK who have expressed interest in becoming involved in a UK-based charity with similar goals, and Ethiopia Reads UK will work with ER US, using its longer experience and teams on the ground in Ethiopia, to selectively support projects it has identified as important. Ethiopia Reads UK intends to organise to mobilise resources, including (but not limited to) funds, volunteers, institutional or government support or expertise, that can contribute to these projects.

ER US helps many young readers directly through running its own community libraries, establishing primary school libraries in most regions of the country, running reading-oriented summer camps, family literacy events promoting reading practice to parents and donating many local language books to schools and, more recently, families displaced or where education has been disrupted by conflict.

ER US also promotes and is an advocate for reading outside the classroom through its own training of librarians and educators, hosting the only annual children's reading professional conference (sponsored by the Ethiopian Ministry of Education and National Archive and Library Agency), advising major libraries and consulting with many organisations and establishing school libraries.

ER US is also a promoter of the children's book ecosystem through the children's reading conference, facilitating children's writers and illustrators' workshops, promoting and supporting talented Ethiopian children's writers and sponsoring the only children's book awards in the country.

ER US is well-known to Ethiopia Reads UK, sharing a trustee (Malcolm Clark) with the ER US board and another trustee (Charles Middleton) volunteered for a month in Ethiopia in 2020 for ER US.

It is intended that Ethiopia Reads UK will engage with ER US to identify important projects that the trustees believe would be attractive for Ethiopia Reads UK supporters to contribute to. Funds raised in such a way would be given in the form of grants to specific projects with reporting requirements.

Ethiopia Reads UK has not supported any specific projects yet.

Here is an update from Malcolm Clark on the recent work of ER US:

“Since 2003, Ethiopia Reads has accomplished so much: establishing libraries, providing training, large-scale gifting of children's books, advocating for reading and strengthening the undeveloped children's book marketplace. Most recently, we've pioneered an innovative approach to emergency education for millions displaced without any access to learning.

We're also proud to have inspired and supported other organisations and individuals working to publish books, reprint titles, set up libraries, and host reading fairs and festivals in Ethiopia. As a result, our skilled team and programs have attracted recognition from federal and regional government education ministries and agencies, the World Bank, and the International Board for Books for Young People (IBBY).

Ethiopia Reads has an ambitious, long-term mission to transform literacy and increase access to reading materials for young children across Ethiopia. We're preparing for an even greater impact - expanding their dreams and opportunities wherever our efforts and resources can reach. It's a big, exciting challenge, and we are ready to meet it!

During 2024, in addition to our library-based programmes, Ethiopia Reads has found ways to bring glimmers of hope to the lives of millions of displaced and conflict-affected children who have no access to education. With generous donations from our supporters, the World Bank, and the Ethiopian government, this year we gifted over 215,000 local language storybooks to the children of 27,000 conflict-affected families and to 1,162 damaged schools across the regions of Afar, Amhara, Benishangul, Oromia, and Tigray!

We continue to provide reading access to thousands of children at the *Gebeta Library* and the *Hawassa Reading Centre*, which remain open for a range of daily programmes. We have held the beloved *Summer Camps* at both libraries for hundreds of children with local volunteers, and continued providing reading programmes with our *Donkey and Horse-Drawn Mobile Libraries* in *Hawassa* and rural areas.

Ethiopia Reads is also becoming a national leader in literacy advocacy. In 2024, we hosted the *4th National Children's Reading Summit*, published the first bibliography of Ethiopian children's books, and regularly supported reading festivals. More activities are in our pipeline."

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The charity's governing document is a written constitution based on the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations model Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

There are three volunteer trustees, who all know each other well. All have known about Ethiopia Reads' work for many years and all three trustees have experience of working or living in East Africa. As Ethiopia Reads UK develops, it is intended that the base of trustees will develop.

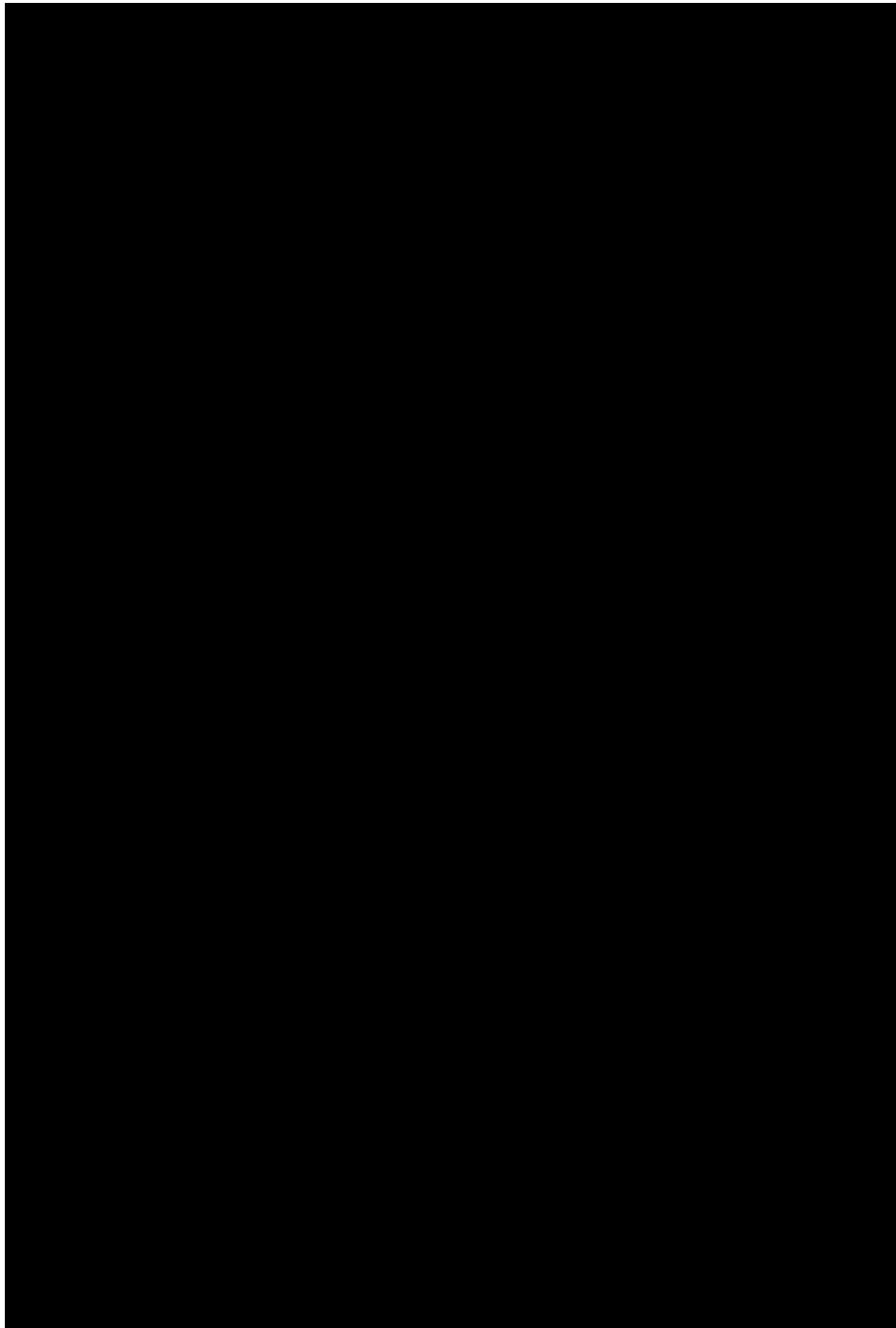
Malcolm Clark is from a professional banking and investment background and has been involved in the work of ER US for 20 plus years in various capacities, and currently as Board President.

Charles Middleton, a retired solicitor, has had a connection with ER US since 2020, when he spent a month in Addis Ababa volunteering for ER US.

Ian McAteer is owner and chairman of a marketing services business, has substantial charity board experience, and grew up in East Africa.

Achievements and performance

During the accounting period the charity received gross interest from its banking facility with Virgin Money. It did not receive any donations nor make any payments or grants during this accounting period. The accounts show a credit balance of £796 GBP.



Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees intend to hold £1,000 GBP minimum balance to meet unforeseen expenses.

Donated facilities and services

None.

Future plans

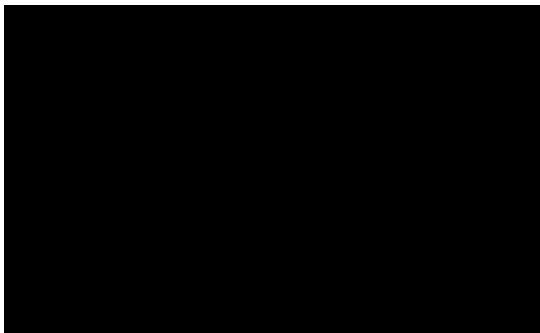
In 2025, a formal launch and promotion of the charity in the UK is intended.

Additional information

None.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Trustee

Date 2nd April 2025