

Annual Report 2025 – 2026



Projects Delivering Hope is a charity registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Charity Registration number is 1177923.

Our registered address is: 29 Burford Road, Salisbury, SP2 8AW.

The charity's governing document is a Constitution.

Purposes of the charity as set out in our governing document:

- a) The prevention or relief of poverty
- b) The advancement of religion

These objectives will be carried out by the delivery of tailor-made aid to the South Sudanese (*wherever they are – in their own land or elsewhere as refugees*) through the establishment and delivery of time and cost bound projects. The projects are short term in nature and are intended to provide long term benefit.

Public Benefit: The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Reserves Policy and reserves. The trustees have approved a Reserves Policy of £1,000 to be retained in the accounts. The trustees confirm that £1,000 reserve has been designated and retained at year end as required by this policy.

Introduction: The past year has been very rewarding as Projects Delivering Hope has successfully completed several major projects in line with our aims of facilitating ‘Short Term Projects that Deliver Long Term Benefit’.

Many households have returned from the refugee camps to their homes in Kajo Keji after several years away and we have had the privilege of funding a number of income generating projects to enable them to earn a living. We have also funded a brick making project where 150,000 bricks were made to provide returning refugees with building materials with which to rebuild their homes.

At the Smile Academy in Uganda another 30 young people funded by PDH graduated with new skills and careers enabling them to support themselves and their families.

In addition, we have provided the Kajo Keji Diocesan Relief Agency with much needed financial assistance to a border security situation where Ugandan and South Sudanese soldiers clashed. 8 soldiers lost their lives and 8,000 people including 2,350 children were displaced. This was an outcome of the ongoing insecurity in South Sudan. Further details of each of these follow in this report.

Our annual income has increased considerably over last year to £51,039 for which we are deeply grateful. This has enabled us to pay grants to our partners of £58,474, also a significant increase over 2024-25.

In November 2025 we learned of the sad death of our long-term supporter Mrs Denise Turner who passed away after a short illness. Her family kindly invited donations in her memory to be directed to Projects Delivering Hope and as a result, the ‘Denise Turner Bursary Fund’ was created and from this, grants will be allocated on an individual needs basis to business students studying at Kajo Keji Christian College.

Projects Delivering Hope has benefited from the generous transfer of a shares portfolio from one of our amazing supporters. These shares are currently invested and will be used when an appropriate situation arises.

Trustees: The number of trustees was decreased from 6 to 5 during this year with the resignation of Mrs Rachel Gardner-Poole OBE at the February 2026 meeting of the trustees following her appointment as chair of a new charity, 'Aviation for Good'. Rachel was a founding trustee of Projects Delivering Hope and the trustees are indebted to her for sharing her knowledge and experience as the charity has grown over the past eight years.

The trustees are:

- Rev. Adrian Burholt (Chair of trustees)
- Mr Andrew Robertson (CEO)
- Mr Andrew Eustace (Honorary Treasurer)
- Mrs Cathie Rutter (Liaison with Friends of Kajo Keji College and Diocese)
- Mr David Sibson (Newsletter editor)
- Mr Andrew Ferguson

Officers: The trustees are grateful to the following people who have been continuing their valuable voluntary role as officers during the past year:

- Rev. Adrian Burholt (chair of Trustees)
- Mr Andrew Robertson (CEO and clerk to the trustees)
- Mr Andrew Eustace (Hon. Treasurer)
- Miss Hannah Williams (Website editor)
- Mr David Sibson (Newsletter editor)

The independent examination of our 2025/26 accounts was carried out once again by Cass Walsh Accountancy to whom we also extend our gratitude.

Our Operating Partners in South Sudan and Uganda:

We have continued our previous relationship with the same three local operating partners as in previous years:



The Diocese of Kajo Keji.

Rev. Dr. James Lule, Bishop of Kajo Keji leads the work and ministry of the Diocese, and we hold him in high esteem as he continues his work amidst huge national and local insecurity. Not only does he face the threat to his people of ongoing violence from political extremists, but he is also having to travel many miles in order to pastor and lead his people, some of whom remain in Ugandan refugee camps, while others have returned to find homes and land looted and destroyed. He is supported locally by FADRA (Faith, Development and Relief Agency) and by the Mothers Union.



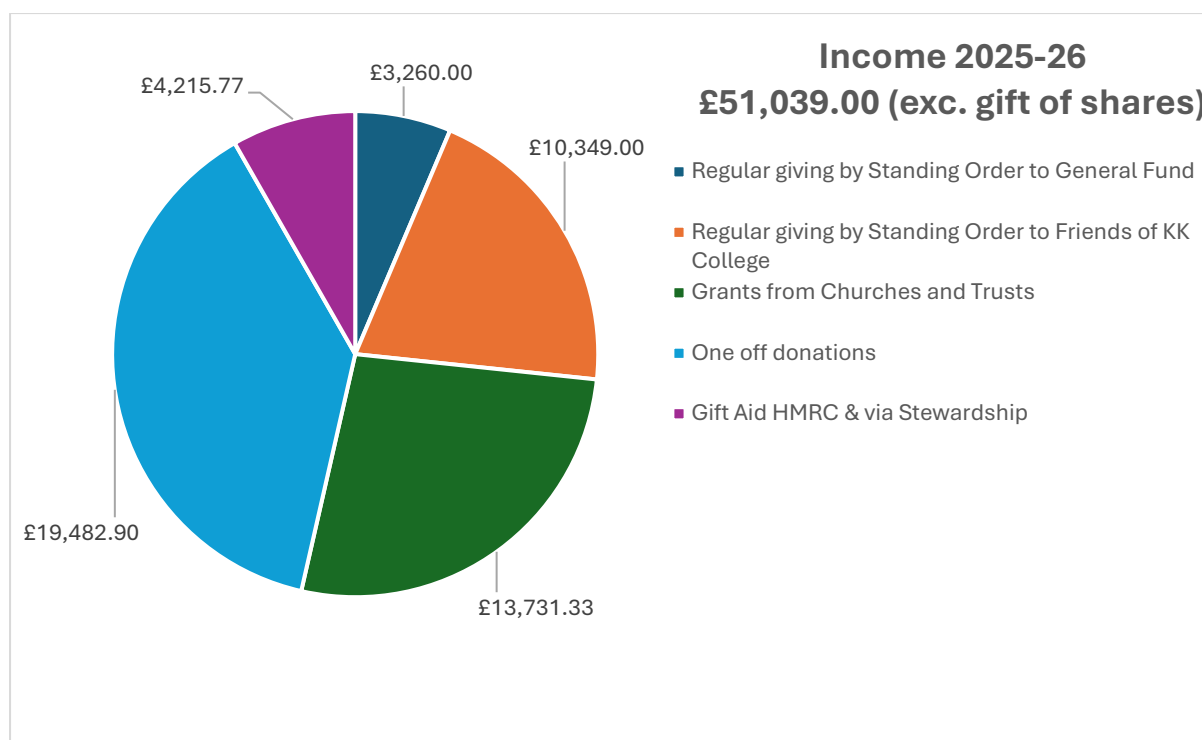
Kajo Keji Christian College.

We continue to incorporate the Friends of Kajo Keji Christian College within the PDH structure and have been pleased to support the college with a monthly grant which is used to support the running costs of the college. The college has continued to make significant steps towards recovering after its forced evacuation to Uganda in 2017 when its buildings and systems were looted and vandalised. The college community returned to Kajo Keji in 2022. The Friends of Kajo Keji College is led by Mrs Cathie Rutter (one of our trustees) and her husband Rev. John Rutter continues to lecture from their home in Ripon via Zoom.



Smile Children's Charity Village headed by its director Rev. Francis Candiga. This comprises an orphanage for 60 children, a school for 400 children and a training academy for around 30 young people. In the past PDH has funded a clinic and a full time nurse, and this has allowed the children and young people to be treated for various illnesses such as malaria which is common in the area.

Income:



One off donations amounting to £19,482.90 were received through project updates in our quarterly newsletter and social media pages. In addition, we have received regular monthly donations by standing order amounting to £3,260 to the General Fund.

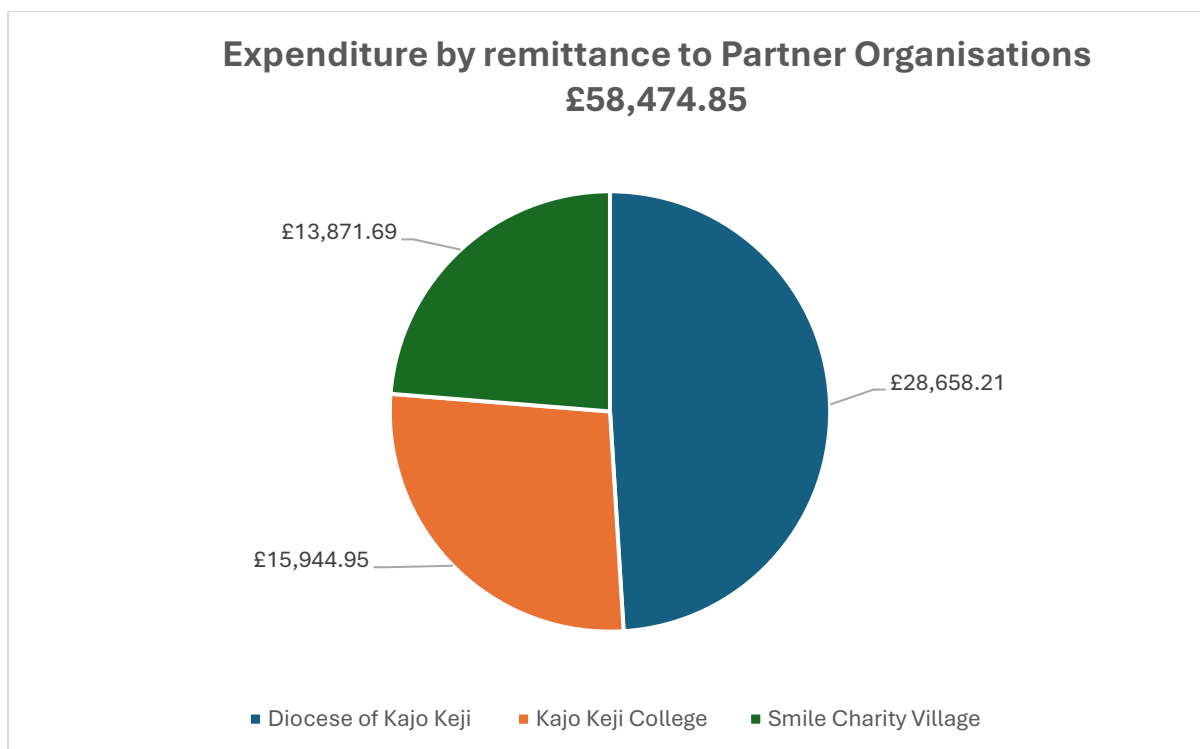
Friends of Kajo Keji College have donated £10,349 by regular standing order.

Gift Aid: Tax relief was claimed against all eligible donations each month via the government’s Gift Aid scheme. A total of £4,215.77 was claimed from HMRC either directly or by Stewardship on our behalf.

Grants: A significant proportion of our income this year has been grants from churches and organisations amounting to £13,731.33. We express our sincere gratitude to these valuable partners.

St Luke's Bournemouth	£361.80
St James' Devizes	£1,350.00
Holy Trinity Ripon	£2,500.00
St Paul's Salisbury	£843.00
Salisbury Baptist Church	£876.02
Worton PCC	£300.51
Richard Taylor Foundation	£2,700.00
Barnabus Trust (Wessex)	£4,800.00
	£13,731.33

Expenditure:



Projects Undertaken: A number of projects have been completed during the year:

With the Diocese of Kajo Keji:

a. **We provided £14,723.75 to set up Poultry Projects** in 5 villages. The first 2 of these projects have been completed and the final three are underway. Working with the Mothers Union, each project includes the construction of a 3m x 10m chicken house with surrounding enclosure together with feed & feeders, drinkers & vaccines. Chicks are reared and sold for a profit and the money raised is used to purchase further chicks until capacity is reached. Once established, the women form Community Savings Groups from which individual members will be able to access micro finance loans to fund their own small businesses, providing themselves with a means of support.



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b. **We provided £764.90 (\$1,000) for additional seeds and tools** to supplement last year's project.

- c. **We provided £2,636.04 for emergency supplies** to be distributed to the communities devastated by border clashes between South Sudanese and Ugandan soldiers. 8 soldiers were killed in the fighting and 8,000 people including 2,350 children were displaced. Each family received essential emergency food supplies and temporary shelter.



- d. **Based on the success of a community savings project set up in 2019 we provided £4,274.47 to set up 12 Village Loans and Savings Associations. (VSLA's).** Each village is provided with saving kits and offered business training for small scale business owners in Kajo-Keji.



This is a financial empowerment project for both men and women groups (15-25 members) to enable them to acquire easy to access loans to boost their business initiatives. The members of the groups will acquire small, self-managed loans from the

common pooled funds (savings). The members might decide to save for a year and distribute (share-off) their savings/profits for that year's cycle. In other groups, the members may buy some shares or take loans (as agreed by the group) and repayment is normally done with small interest. The groups are supported with a start-up kit including:

- i. Lockbox – a secure container for storing members' savings (Cash and shares) during meetings.
- ii. Calculator – for calculating savings, loans, and profits (to promote transparency)
- iii. Membership Cards and Passbooks – for each member to track their savings and transactions
- iv. Ledgers/Record Books: – this is the overall management group records – depending on how the group set it up
- v. \$50 per group start up seed funding.

- e. **We provided £6,259.05 to set up six Pig Rearing projects.** This is a pilot project with 6 single mothers or grandmothers who have returned to Kajo-Keji from the refugee camps and are struggling with livelihood to support their children or grandchildren in their schooling. Each of the women receives 2 piglets, with a shelter and all the necessary feed and equipment. This provides them with a kick-start for a self-sustaining venture. When mature, the piglets will be bred and their subsequent piglets sold to provide income. This process will be repeated to provide much needed funds for these women to feed their families and pay their children's school fees. If the pilot project is successful, we will extend it to other women in Kajo-Keji.



With Kajo Keji Christian College:

- a. **The Friends of Kajo Keji College provided donations to running costs of £10,441.98.** This is a vital income stream for the college and is used to cover salaries and general running costs.

- b. **We provided £4,007.21 to set up a brick making project** resulting in the



production of 150,000 bricks for use by returning refugees as they rebuild their infrastructure, as well providing building materials for use at the College. This project was funded entirely by money raised at Holy Trinity, Ripon

when Projects Delivering Hope invited Christian singer / songwriter Philippa Hanna to perform a fund-raising concert. The audience was gathered from a radius of 100 miles and when presented with the challenge of the brick making project, gave generously and funds raised exceeded the target we had set, resulting in 50% more bricks being made than we had planned. The project provided basic brickmaking equipment and materials, and local labour was employed for the brick making process.



- c. **We provided an initial grant of £1,495.76 (\$2,000) from the Denise Turner Bursary Fund.** Bursaries will be offered to students on the business training course, reflecting Denise's own line of work and interest. A small committee from the college faculty will select those students who are most in need of financial assistance on an individual basis. The grants will cover 25% of their tuition fees for one year. We are looking forward to hearing the stories of some of the students who will benefit, and we will share these through our regular newsletter. We will continue to make grants until the fund is exhausted.

With Smile Children's Charity Village:

We have provided a total of £13,871.69 to the Smile Village in the past year, and this has been distributed as follows:

a. Skills Training: Total £11,868.49

- £4,166.60 (2025)
- £7,701.89 (2026)

This grant enables around 30 young people each year to receive skills training on a 9-month training course. This provides them with a skill which they can utilise to provide themselves with a living. Training is offered in tailoring, hairdressing, driving and mechanics. Many of the students have only received prior basic education, or none, and this training gives them opportunities they would not otherwise have had. At the end of the course, a graduation ceremony is held, and many students speak of their immense gratitude for the training they have received.



- b. **Nurse and Clinic £2,003.20.** In 2023, Projects Delivering Hope provided funding to build the 'Hope Clinic' which is based in the village and offers in-house medical provision to the children and students at a fraction of the costs of using external clinics. Since 2023 we have been continuing to support the provision of a nurse. However, from 2026, we are pleased to say that the clinic will be self-funding, so the payment made in 2025 will be the last.

Visits to local partners.

We have not been able to visit any of our partners since Andrew and Karen Eustace visited the Smile Village in March 2025 – reported on in our 2024/2025 annual report. However, they are planning to return in November 2026 when the next cohort of skills training students will graduate. At the same time, our chair of trustees, Rev. Adrian Burholt is planning to visit our partners and their projects in South Sudan. This will be dependent on the security situation at the time of travelling, and he will only cross the border from Uganda if it is safe to do so. He is then planning to join Andrew and Karen for the Smile Village graduation ceremony.

Andrew Eustace is also Trustee and CEO of ‘Smile Child Sponsorship’ a charity set up in 2024 to provide funding for specific children and projects in the village. PDH is pleased to partner with SCS and looks forward to working with them in the future.

The future:

The Trustees are looking forward to the coming year with four exciting projects already underway. We do not underestimate the difficulties facing a small charity of raising funds in the current financial and geo-political climate, and we are preparing for the challenges that supporting our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and Uganda inevitably brings. We truly value every pound that is given by our UK partners and supporters and assure you of our commitment to make every penny count as we seek to offer a ‘hand up’ to our brothers and sisters in Christ in a war torn and poverty-stricken land.

As a Christian charity, we look always to God for his leading and guidance in our decision making and acknowledge His help in all the successes of the past year.

Our Mandate:

‘All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor.’

St Paul. Galatians Ch. 5 v. 10.

Andrew Robertson

May 2026