



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
<b>From</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	2005	<b>To</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	March	2006

### Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Friends of Wechiau Group

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1113023

**Charity's principal address**

c/o 55 Lunt Road	
Bootle	
Merseyside	
<b>Postcode</b>	L20 5EZ

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ann Bannister	Chairperson		
2	John Flynn	Treasurer		
3	Lisa Porter	Secretary		
4	Janet Kirk			
5	David Warren			

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

# Structure, governance and management

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	<b>Constitution</b>
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at Annual General Meeting

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- Relationship with any related parties.
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership is open any individual aged 18 years and over who agrees with the objectives of the Friends of Wechiau Group and who has paid the annual fee, agreed from time to time by the Annual General Meeting (AGM), currently £10 per year.

Members are drawn from people across the world.

Contact is maintained with members through email, a website and by post.

Members are invited to attend a minimum of one meeting per year in England. All documents relating to the AGM, including an action plan of activities for the forthcoming year are forwarded to members for comment before the annual meeting.

The Friends of Wechiau Group are currently working with the Nature Conservation Research Centre in Ghana to facilitate the transfer of funds, assist with the decision about who and what to fund, and to monitor the use of funds.

The trustees are aware of the difficulties in monitoring the appropriate use of funds when relying on a third party to provide the information. They are therefore exploring alternative communication methods to provide further information on how funds are being spent.

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education of people resident within the boundaries of the Wechiau Hippo Sanctuary, Ghana, or surrounding areas by the provision of educational materials, funding of teachers and supplies and at the discretion of the trustees the provision of scholarships for individuals to extend their education and training.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

To develop an international network or visitors to the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary who wish to provide support

To co-ordinate the sending of finance and educational materials to the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary

To provide a scholarship fund for people in the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary to further their education

To enable information exchange between people in the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary and members

To work with other NGOs and agencies to co-ordinate support to the people in the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

All grants are awarded on the decision of the trustees of the charity. An education committee exists in the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary with members from teachers of local schools, local leaders and NCRC who make recommendations on how funding should be awarded.

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The prospects for education for people living in the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary area are extremely limited. Some children have no access to primary education. Where children are able to go to primary and junior school, only a few achieve the examination results to enter senior secondary school. To go to senior secondary school means living away from home which is beyond the means of many families.

The Friends of Wechiau Group are committed to providing resources in an equitable and fair way to enable young people to receive education who might not have access by any other means.

In November 2005, the Friends of Wechiau Group funded its first student from Wechiau to attend senior secondary school. The student is a 20 year old young man who has shown a commitment to higher education when he qualified to attend senior secondary school during 2004, but was unable to attend through lack of funds. The young man lost his father and his mother is reported to have a terminal illness.

The scholarship has been able to pay the school fees for the year, on-site accommodation for two terms and a contribution towards meals

In addition the Friends of Wechiau provided £100 towards the provision of educational materials for a primary school at Talawona which has been in operation since 2002 as a community run initiative. The school is not government run and has depended on donations and a volunteer teacher to provide an education to over 100 children. The £100 provided has meant that text books, chalk, chalk brushes, teacher's handbooks, class registers chalkboards, notebooks, and maths sets have been able to be provided.

Funding has been obtained for a government sanctioned Primary School by the start of September 2006. All the educational material provided by FoWG will transfer to the new school.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Friends of Wechiau Group ensures at any time that it has sufficient reserves to enable funding students to complete their education (including university).

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The funds raised during the year have come from donations by individual members, and fundraising through sponsored walks.

## Other optional information

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## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

