

NECHELLS AND OVERSEAS CARE FUND

ANNUAL REPORT

Financial year 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

I have the pleasure of submitting this annual report to the trustees for our AGM. The financial year of our charity was from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

Uganda

Health Department Diocese of Northern Uganda (£)

Once again, not a lot of change. Our involvement remains focussed on 2 established units run by the Diocese of Northern Uganda with a small contribution to Nick Laing's. personal assistant. This year we have made a major contribution to Oberabic Health Centre to enable them to build an inpatient unit. We are grateful to one particular donor who contributed very generously.

Nick's main focus is the one day health initiative where health centres are set up in areas where there is no proper health care at all. This year he, his able assistant Emmanuel and the team are seeking to increase the number of units by 50% from 50 to 75. I was delighted to see Nick and Emmanuel in London last Autumn when their plans were outlined as part of an initiative developed by the London School of Economics

Sustainability

Two small payments were made to enable contacts to plant seeds

- Janani Loum - £150.00
- Akiro Paska - £150.00

Total Expenditure in Uganda : £21,547.00

Sri Lanka

Sathyendira

NOCF's main interest in Sri Lanka is to assist Sathyendira who teaches rural pastors and also involves himself with humanitarian work. We give a modest donation quarterly. His assistance has been reduced partly because of an overpayment last year and also because of the need to shepherd funds to enable Reach Out Community Project (ROCP) to thrive.

Cost of personal support

Three payments of \$1,150 were made to Sathyendira

Finances in Sri Lanka

Total Expenditure in Sri Lanka : £3,450.00

India

Pastor Jayaseelan leads a small church in a poor, low caste slum area and we have provided humanitarian support for which he gives full accountability. Pastor Jayaseelen is very persistent in his requests but we have not made any donations in this financial year.

Finances in India

Total Expenditure in India : £0.00

Pakistan

We remain in contact with the leader of the church plant in Pakistan. This year we have enabled them to develop a new worship centre as persecution meant they had to leave their previous one.

Total Expenditure in Pakistan : £3,550.00

Birmingham

What about Locally? -

ReachOut Community Project

Last year Reach Out Community Project (ROCP) was initiated and this year developed. It has been exciting and encouraging.

ROCP has a single aim and a single plan to enable that aim to be achieved.

Aim

The aim of the project is community transformation, hoping to play our part along with other agencies like free@last and the POD in making the Nechells, a gentler and kinder place. We believe that full transformation will only come when individuals choose to commit their lives to God through Christ and join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus to help those in our community who are hurting.

Plan

The plan is to replicate the ministry of our Lord Jesus by identifying people's needs and then meeting those needs. services are advertised through leaflets and word of mouth and referrals come from local agencies.

Present Team

Team Leader

Pete Hill

Team

Community

Jane Munayni - Leader - Starts Mid September

Tanuja Kavori - Employed -

Ravosh - Volunteer

Claire - Volunteer

Support

Tanuja Kavori

- Employed

David Tysell

- Employed only able to work 3 hours a week

Programmes

Guidance and Support

Easily the biggest: Benefits, asylum, Housing, Debts, Court issues, Illness, Mental health. We try to deal with problems and create relationships. We do not sign post

Essential Support Programmes

Necessary limited financial support

Home Assistance Programme

Gardening and decorating

Community Transport

Mainly to churches

Activity This Year

Last autumn saw a massive expansion, fueled by the energy and ability of project leader Gavin. In that period we had two Community meals when we were grateful to use Bloomsbury Hope Centre and we also joined the entrée in two Christmas events.

January 2025 was a reality check for us. Peter Morgan, who advised us in October that he would leave at the end of the year, did so. Also, our hope that we might be able to recruit Gemma as a community worker were unsuccessful and then attempts to recruit further team members failed. Gavin and I as a leadership did not have the abilities necessary to be successful in this area. The huge work commitment together with other priorities led Gavin to give his notice and he graciously stayed on until the last minute which was the day before a residential commitment at his university in June.

It is worth pausing to reflect on the huge contribution that Gavin has made to the area in general and the project in particular. Many are grieving his absence because of his personal kindness, his spiritual awareness and his willingness to work tirelessly to help those in need. I kept using the word "anointed" because he was. He is missed.

Since July, we have developed a team approach and kept our heads above water by only taking on a limited number of new referrals. Tanuja was recruited as a community worker, but has significantly expanded her work in the support area and is very gifted. David joined our team as a support worker on an eight hour contract but suffered significant health issues and is now working three hours per week. Gavin's successor, Jane is very gifted and was due to start work properly in the third week of August, but has had to delay that by four weeks to go to visit her severely ill father in Zimbabwe. This has put a very big strain on the team, but by God's grace and effective management of resources we are continuing to function effectively. Volunteer Hooria moved to Walsall and has left, Volunteer, Claire, who is exceedingly gifted continues contributing on a weekly basis, despite having to travel in by bus from Chelmsley Wood, new recruit Harry has excelled as a community worker and Ravosh, a member of Hope Church has become an important and busy volunteer and we particularly appreciate not only his dedication but his ability to translate Farsi and Tabie Hallam, has been leading the charge with the relatively new initiative of paperwork and peace, described below, and we're very grateful to her not only for that Work, but also holding Bible studies in her home. One Volunteer, who has been with us from the beginning is Eddie who kindly undertakes gardening work and without his input, the project

would be considerably diminished. It is worth mentioning there was a particularly large job completed some months ago and a team from Hope Church joined in which enabled a jungle to be tamed.

A large proportion of our work relates to form filling which is a challenge to us all and completely impossible for people who have a poor grasp of English. Gavin and Tabie developed the concept of a weekly two hour session, entitled paperwork and peace once again, kindly hosted by Hope Centre where in a chilled atmosphere with tea and coffee served with great love and attention by Ismail people are able to share and chat with coffee and biscuits and see us to have their paperwork completed. We are grateful to Hope Centre attendees and contacts Amita and Amina, who were running a group on Wednesdays before we came and also to Tanuja's friend Viveka who did some amazing work up until our summer break. I am pleased to say that she now has full-time work, which is a benefit to her, but she is no longer able to volunteer.

We will shortly be writing a fresh report, but suffice it to say that despite the absence of Gavin and delayed introduction of Jane, we remain busy and are grateful to God to see many people visibly relieved by the effectiveness of our work. It has also been encouraging to see many people happy to be prayed for and a number attending church either for the first time or as a reconnection after many years absence.

We look forward to getting going properly in the Autumn and are very keen to recruit more volunteers

Finances Locally

Total Expenditure Locally : £54,799.30

Conclusion on 2024 - 2025

As last year. The big change has been the Reach Out Community Project. NOCF has pushed very hard recently to assist poor countries but now the emphasis is local

Finances overall

Management Expenses

The fund's only management expense is for accountancy which amounted to **£620.00**

Future Plans

Possible Parameters for 2025-26, for information and decisions at the AGM.

- **Donations to the fund** are expected to rise significantly.
 - We will try to fundraise. Attempts so far have failed. Rooms at 49 Heneage Street are let which is bringing in some income.
- **Donations from the fund** will rise on account of ROCP.
- **Sri Lanka. Continue limited support fo Sathyendra**
- **Pastor Jayaseelan. He has specifically asked for assistance**
- **Uganda sustainability.** Trustees have agreed to very limited help. Perhaps we should continue support here at this very limited level.
- **Uganda Diocesan Health Care Team.** I imagine there will be no need for changes.
- **ROCP** Will take a lot of funds
- **Pastor Zeeshan** who is pioneering churches in Pakistan. I propose we continue giving regular support.
- **Sustainability**
 - I would like trustees to consider and either approve or amend the revised letter of intention
 - I would like to appoint David Tysall as secretary to NOCF

Possible Future Finances

I suggest we consider whether planning along the following lines would be appropriate

		2024- 25	2025-26
Projects Abroad			
Uganda			
	Diocesan Health Team	£10,847.00	
	One off building of an in-patient block.	£10,400.00	
	Regular food aid / sustainability	£300.00	
	TOTAL	£21,547.00	£12,500
Sri Lanka			
	Sathindra Transport Support	£3,450.00	£3,500
India		0.00	
Pakistan		£3,550.00	£3,500
Local	Reach Out Community Project	£54,799.30	£60,000
	GRAND TOTAL	£83,966.30	£79,500

Future Income

The income required is daunting. Time has not allowed the writing of regular reports nor do we have a website and so our regular donations and ad hoc support is generally lower although we did receive one single big donation from a friend towards the Oberabie inpatient building. Letting rooms at number 49 Heneage Street has gone well and this year has accrued £8000 and this coming year we are hoping for £11,000 pounds net. One of our guests is committed to be with us for two years. Letting the second room be more complex. I am looking to sell number 47 and so that will not be a source of income to us. I will be able to underwrite the present level of activity for a number of years. Fundraising currently seems to be beyond us.

I would like to thank the trustees for their guidance and support throughout the year

Peter Hill
NOCF Administrator

NECHELLS AND OVERSEAS CARE FUND
(Registered Charity Number 1043061)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

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		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Donations Received			102,196.72		21,971.04
Tax Refund			-		12,363.04
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			102,196.72		34,334.08
 <u>Less: PAYMENTS</u>					
Donations given	28,797.00			25,062.51	
Accountancy	370.00			300.00	
Reach Out - Community Project:					
Wages	22,879.36			9,849.87	
Outreach	22,256.14			2,532.11	
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EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS			27,894.22		(3,410.41)
Bank Balance at 1st September 2024			4,731.18		8,141.59
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Bank Balance at 31st August 2025		£	32,625.40	£	4,731.18
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NECHELLS AND OVERSEAS CARE FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2025

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Bank	32,625.40	4,731.18
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Represented by:

Value of the Fund at 31st August 2025	£ 32,625.40	£ 4,731.18
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The Account set out on page 1 for the financial year ended on the above date and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at that date set out above are as approved by the Trustees.

Signature

Date: 30th December 2025

Trustees

Helen Cullingford
Christopher Seaton
Gemma Willis
Peter Morgan

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF NECHELLS AND OVERSEAS CARE FUND

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2025, which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2025.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's Accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the Accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the Accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of Accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the Accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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