



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

To

Period start date

Period end date

Day
01
Month
07
Year
2020

Day
30
Month
06
Year
2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of Mettupalayam Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1054673

Charity's principal address

c/o Mr HGG Welsh

16 The Avenue, Haxby,

York, UK

Postcode

YO32 3EQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name
Office (if any)
Dates acted if not for whole year

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Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)

Mrs A Eldridge 1

Mr S A Lawson 2

Mrs K M Lawson 3

Mr F A Muncaster 4

Mr H G G Welsh

Mrs J S Welsh

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

Name
Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

	Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)
By Trust Deed	
	How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)
Trust	
	Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)
Appointed by Existing Trustees	

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.

All our donations are directed through a properly constituted Indian Registered charity, The Institute for Rural Development Trust (IRDT).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty and sickness (whether physical or mental), the advancement of education and the preservation of good health, primarily but not exclusively amongst those persons residing in and around the village of Mettupalayam and the district of Chengalpattu, South India.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Financing and supporting the provision of primary school education, with open access to all children living in our catchment areas. We particularly encourage children from tribal communities who are not generally encouraged into the state education system.

Provision of bursaries to enable disadvantaged pupils to continue to higher education. This includes both tribal children and those whose parents cannot afford school expenses.

Initiating, organising and supporting primarily women's self-help groups for social and economic development.

Promoting healthcare through education, facilitation and the organisation of health camps and providing financial support to individuals for medical purposes. This is particularly aimed at illiterate and/or socially disadvantaged villagers and tribal communities.

Supporting, organising and facilitating disability services including help to gain access to Government grants, pensions and entitlements.

Providing services to the elderly, including a daily food programme and clothing provision.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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.

We are entirely run by volunteers and all UK expenses are covered by Trustees' donations, so that every penny donated is received in India.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was an extraordinary one, due to the impact of Covid-19. It meant that none of the Trustees was able to visit the project and that we utilised video calls as a key means of support and communication.

Through our team at the project we initiated a major programme of food aid for the local population. Lockdowns meant that local people lost their employment and means of income with most families living on a week-to-week basis. At the height of the pandemic, we provided food for 1500 local needy families and our project and schools remained open while others closed – a testament to our project director, his team, and the teaching staff. We also provided advice on Covid precautions and encouraged uptake of the vaccine, when it was made available.

Provision of a high standard of primary school education to around 65 children at the Crakehall School at Mettupalayam and a further 35 children at the Nambikki School at Palayanadukuppam. Our schools remained open unless there were state-wide mandatory closures, whilst most schools were closed for most of the year. We continue to encourage and embrace the local gypsy/tribal community who can suffer discrimination in this area. Ten years ago, only 20% of these children attended school – this has now over 90%. We continue to support former pupils from the Tribal community who have successfully gained entry to Further Education Colleges to study Engineering and Arts degrees.

A high standard of nutritional school meals, provided daily, using local produce, some grown on our own farm employing local labour.

Ongoing support for healthcare and the disabled, working with a local doctor, local Lions and Rotary clubs to supply weekly health clinics, eye clinics and the provision of therapy and wheelchairs for local disabled people.

Continued support to women's groups to gain financial aid to promote small business development; and to local farmers by support in gaining preferential loans.

Continued provision of health and nutrition support to people from neighbouring villages

Ongoing support for the elderly, including meals, healthcare and clothing.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Non

We do not plan to build up reserves of funds in the UK as we wish to expedite the use of all donations excepting that, from time to time, we do build up funds for planned capital expenditure, and also keep a general reserve to meet fluctuations in both the level of donations and also the level of running costs (particularly relevant and useful this year due to the extra costs incurred due to the pandemic). We have no specially allocated reserves.

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.

We target regular monthly donations of between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total monthly running costs at any one time. The majority of funding comes from personal donors with a small percentage from UK schools.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mr Hugo G G Welsh

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

25.04.2022



Friends of Mettupalayam Trust	10546713
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	7/1/2020	To	6/30/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	40,655	-	-	40,655
Craft fair sales	23	-	-	23
Talks	-	-	-	-
Other Receipts	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	27	-	-	27
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,704	-	-	40,704
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,704	-	-	40,704
A3 Payments				
Funds to IRDT Mettupalayam	36,320	-	-	36,320
Expenditure on Goods & trips to India	-	-	-	-
Website	-	-	-	-
Food Aid to IRDT Mettupalayam	17,848	-	-	17,848
Admin	311	-	-	311
Cheque receipt not cleared	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,479	-	-	54,479
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,479	-	-	54,479
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,774	-	-	- 13,774
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80,701	-	-	80,701
Cash funds this year end	66,927	-	-	66,927

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current Account	7,502	-
	COIF Deposit	59,425	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	66,927	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Projector	Unrestricted	299
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

Signature

Print Name

CC16a

Last year

to the nearest £

31,344
1,318
335
82
410
-
-
-
33,489

-
-

33,489

36,826
2,141
-
5,606
145
1,000
-
-
-
45,718

-

45,718

-	12,229
	-
	92,930
	80,701



**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

-
-
-
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OK

**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

-
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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Friends of Mettupalayam Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

30/06/21

Charity no
(if any)

10546713

Set out on pages

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(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. 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 Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

22/04/2021

Name:

Susie Hodgson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CIMA

Address:

27 The Brambles, New Hartley, Northumberland, NE25 0RQ

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None.