



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day
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Month
July

Year
2024

To

Period end date

Day
30

Month
June

Year
2025

Charity name

Friends of Mettupalayam

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1054673

Charity's principal address

c/o H Welsh

16 The Avenue, Haxby,

York

Postcode

YO323EQ

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 | Mrs A Eldridge | | | |
| 2 | Mr S A Lawson | | | |
| 3 | Mrs K M Lawson | | | |
| 4 | Mr F A Muncaster | | | |
| 5 | Mr H G G Welsh | | | |
| 6 | 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 |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)



Description of the charity's trusts

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 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)



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)

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

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Provision of a high standard of primary school education to around 80 children at the Crakehall School at Mettupalayam and 25 children at the Nambikki School at Palayanadukuppam. An increasing number of the children at Mettupalayam are from the local Tribal community. Six years ago only 20% of these children attended school – this has now increased to 90%. We continue to support three of our former pupils from the Tribal community who have successfully gained entry to Further Education Colleges to study Engineering and Arts degrees.

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 promote small business development and to local farmer by gaining preferential loans.

Support for health and nutrition to people from neighbouring villages.

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

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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. We have no specially allocated reserves.

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.

We target regular monthly donations of between ½ and 2/3rds 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 F

Other optional information

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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 HGG Welsh

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Trustee

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Date

30/04/2026



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| Friends of Mettupalayam Trust | | 10546713 | | CC16a |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | | | |
| For the period from | 7/1/2024 | To | 6/30/2025 | |

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 £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 26,347 | - | - | 26,347 | 20,253 |
| Craft fair sales | 120 | - | - | 120 | 40 |
| Coffee morning | 305 | - | - | 305 | 180 |
| Gift Aid | 6,092 | - | - | 6,092 | 8,531 |
| Bank Interest | 3,051 | - | - | 3,051 | 3,216 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 35,915 | - | - | 35,915 | 32,220 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 35,915 | - | - | 35,915 | 32,220 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Funds to IRDT Mettupalayam | 28,800 | - | - | 28,800 | 53,000 |
| Expenditure on Goods & trips to India | 725 | - | - | 725 | 1,248 |
| Website | - | - | - | - | - |
| Servicing of vehicle IRDT Mettupalayam | 615 | - | - | 615 | - |
| Solar Panel system | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 32,140 | - | - | 32,140 | 54,248 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 32,140 | - | - | 32,140 | 54,248 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 3,775 | - | - | 3,775 | - 22,028 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 75,094 | - | - | 75,094 | 97,122 |
| Cash funds this year end | 78,869 | - | - | 78,869 | 75,094 |

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Natwest Current Account | 11,558 | - | - |
| | COIF Deposit | 67,311 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 78,869 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | Projector | Unrestricted | 299 | - |
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| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friends of Mettupalayam Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

10546713

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025YY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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:

28th April 2026

Name:

Susie Young

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

CIMA

Address:

27 The Brambles, New Hartley, 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.