

ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 25

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE CHILD AT A TIME



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100%

STAFF ARE
VOLUNTEERS



Charity Name: CHILD's Trust

Formal charity name as recorded with Charity Commission: Children's Home Improvement Learning and Development Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1078151

Charity's Principal Address: PO Box 6056, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG22 5YS

CHARITY TRUSTEES:

Ben Davies, Chair (Trustee since 2003)

Mark Thomas, Operational Director (since 1999)

Maggie Thompson (since 2016)

Mick Boys (since Jan 2018)

Key Personnel: Julie Thomas, Co-Founder

3.63%

ADMIN COSTS OF
TOTAL
EXPENDITURE

OFFICE SUPPORT:

Maggie Thompson Finance & Admin

Laura Thomas Publicity & Events

SECTION B:

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT



STRUCTURE:

CHILD's Trust is governed by a Deed of Verification and the charity is constituted by Trust. Trustees are selected and elected to sit on the Board by the Board of Trustees. There have been no serious incidents to report within the time period of this report.

GOVERNANCE:

The charity is made up entirely of volunteers who receive no payment for their services. It is governed by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day-to-day running of the charity to its Operational Director who is supported by volunteers.

The Trustees have stated that they are satisfied with CHILD's Trust's risk management policy and procedure. To clarify, CHILD's Trust has no trading subsidiaries. The charity has two volunteers, excluding Trustees all of which are voluntarily working and receiving no financial gain from supporting the charity. DBS checks are made on all UK based individuals who will work unsupervised with children when visiting them in South Asia.



SECTION B:

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT ... CONTINUED.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SOURCES:

Funds are raised from the public through fundraising activities such as sponsored walks and one-off events. Individuals can also donate funds online on our website. All fundraising is carried out by volunteers. CHILD's Trust is not financially supported by any government or local authority. Most of the donations received by CHILD's Trust were from UK based supporters. All of our financial and administrative volunteers are UK based, but all beneficiaries are located in South Asia. All of our projects are covered by the need to send funds through official banking systems. However, on occasions we have given small cash gifts when one of our team visited a project.



SECTION C:

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The aim of CHILD's Trust is to provide financial and practical support to underprivileged children throughout the world. The Board of Trustees have decided that at present the work of CHILD's Trust should be focused on the countries of India and Bangladesh.

The Board of Trustees apply the statutory guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

To ensure that overseas spending is monitored CHILD's Trust Founders and/or Board Members would normally visit each project, every year, to check how the funds are spent. In addition to the above, there is monthly contact via email, Zoom and WhatsApp with our larger projects such as the Houses of Hope. This keeps us up to date with day-to-day developments as well as the usual birthday and school/college celebrations.

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HOUSES OF HOPE



UK BASED DEVELOPMENTS:

Regular emails, phone and WhatsApp calls as well as video based activities enabled us to keep in touch with all our projects.

In addition to the above we have maintained close links with those who support us, updating them via phone calls and meetings with larger groups such as Churches. Several presentations have been made by the Founders.

SECTION D:

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CONTINUED...



SOUTH ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS

During the financial year the following visits took place:

September: Mark visited the projects in Bangladesh and held meetings with project leaders in Delhi.

October/November: Mark and Julie were accompanied by their granddaughter, Lily, who helped them visit projects in India. Later in the trip Mark travelled alone to Bangladesh and returned to India where he visited some of the projects.

January/February (25): Julie and Mark visited Bangladesh and India where they visited all of the projects.



SECTION E:

FINANCIAL REVIEW

INCOME:

£1.69m

DONATED SINCE
1999

CHILDS Trust gratefully received £68,595

Income Generation: The majority of financial gifts are given monthly from a large number of individual supporters, through our Child or Project sponsorship programmes, regular monthly donations and generous one off gifts. We have been amazed to see that our income has been maintained in such tough times. During this financial year we have continued to reduce the number of individual Child sponsorship transferring them into project sponsorship.

EXPENDITURE:

Supporting and developing CHILD's Trust existing projects cost £62,450 for the year.

Reserves: CHILD's Trust retains funds in reserve that enables all the educational projects to be funded for 1 year. Additionally there are funds reserved for the House of Hope projects to be supported for 2 years. We saw a significant increase in the cost to support children from our Houses of Hope projects. In the next few years, we are expecting to be supporting 6 -8 children though degree level education.

SECTION F:

DECLARATION



The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name Ben Davies
Position Chair
Date: January 2026

Full Name Mark Thomas
Position Operational Director
Date: January 2026

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
<i>Fund Raising</i>						
7401 - Fundraising Events	—	—	—	—	—	8,041
<i>Fund Raising Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	8,041
<i>Voluntary Income</i>						
1101 - General	35,571	—	—	—	35,571	41,364
1102 - Birthday	—	—	—	—	—	40
1103 - Christmas	50	—	—	—	50	130
1111 - Administration	(16)	—	—	—	(16)	—
1112 - Further Education	—	—	1,275	—	1,275	1,412
1113 - Education	—	787	—	—	787	900
1200 - HoH General	—	9,579	—	—	9,579	9,871
1201 - HoH-Asha Kunj	—	4,415	—	—	4,415	4,515
1301 - HoH-Vishwa Jyoti	—	3,425	—	—	3,425	3,966
1401 - HoH-Nizhum	—	9,307	—	—	9,307	10,515
2001 - DPS - KHW	—	956	—	—	956	1,070
2501 - Roshni Playgroup	—	250	—	—	250	250
7403 - Every Click/GYL	53	—	—	—	53	55
7404 - Amazon Smile	—	—	—	—	—	16
<i>Voluntary Income Totals</i>	35,657	28,721	1,275	—	65,653	74,106
<i>Investment Income</i>						
9900 - Interest Received	2,942	—	—	—	2,942	2,530
<i>Investment Income Totals</i>	2,942	—	—	—	2,942	2,530
Incoming resources Grand totals	38,599	28,721	1,275	—	68,595	84,677

Resources used

<i>Charitable Activities</i>						
8101 - General	301	—	—	—	301	628
8102 - Administration	2,268	—	—	—	2,268	1,992
8104 - Birthday Gift	—	—	—	—	—	40
8107 - Christmas Gift	275	—	—	—	275	385
8112 - Further Education	—	—	4,690	—	4,690	6,847
8201 - HoH Asha Kunj	—	9,649	—	—	9,649	14,590
8202 - HoH AK & VJ Land/Building	—	—	1,847	—	1,847	—
8301 - HoH Vishwa Jyoti	—	13,155	—	—	13,155	10,448
8401 - HoH Nizhum	10,000	13,591	—	—	23,591	16,129
8710 - Generation Bangladesh	—	—	—	—	—	753
8810 - Pinewood Foundation School	—	—	—	—	—	500
9001 - DPS - KHW	—	4,086	727	—	4,813	1,320
9701 - Immanuel School	—	—	—	—	—	2,821
9710 - Jehova School	—	—	—	—	—	2,971
9802 - Roshni Playgroup	—	1,857	—	—	1,857	2,973
<i>Charitable Activities Totals</i>	12,844	42,339	7,265	—	62,450	62,402

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** **CHILDREN'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(CHILD'S) TRUST**

**On accounts for the year
ended** **30TH APRIL 2025** **Charity no
(if any)** **1078151**

Set out on pages **1**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2025**.

**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 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.

Signed: *Colleen Eldridge* **Date:** 20.12.2025

Name: COLLEEN ELDRIDGE

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

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