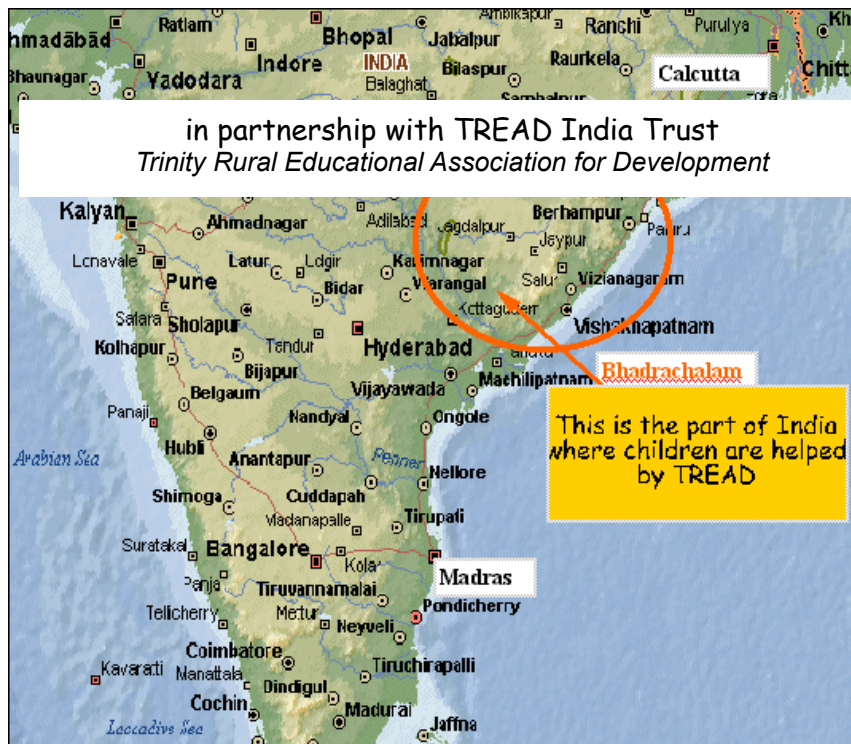


# Friends of Tread

## Friends of TREAD Annual Report 2020/21

Empowering children, changing futures



**Charity Registration Number:** 1081400 **Inland Revenue Number:** XR 41597  
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## **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

Friends of TREAD (*Trinity Rural Educational Association for Development*) was registered as a trust in July 2000 with five trustees who over the years have appointed a further four trustees. During 2020 seven trustees resigned and three new trustees were appointed. The office was relocated to share office space with B&A Church Bristol, B&A Church have also offered administration support free of charge to Friends of TREAD. Charity overheads are minimal as all work is carried out by the trustees and other supporters on a voluntary basis. Expenses incurred are costs of governance and generating funds including administration of the charity and the basic expenses for two trustees to visit TREAD India Trust each year.

## **OBJECTS AND AIMS**

Friends of TREAD exists to further the work of TREAD India Trust by supporting various projects and has the following objects and aims:

- To relieve need, hardship and distress for people of Telengana (formerly part of ANDHRA PRADESH) and Odisha (formerly ORISSA), S India
- To further the education of children and young people.
- To provide and maintain technical training and vocational institutes
- To provide financial assistance for children and young people upon leaving their place of study to prepare them for the workplace so that they are able to live independent lives
- To preserve and safeguard the health of persons of any age in these regions providing necessary medical aid and to found and maintain medical institutions.

## **PARTNER ORGANISATION AND PROJECTS**

TREAD India Trust is a charity whose headquarters is based in Bhadrachalam, Telangana (formerly ANDHRA PRADESH) in South India. Although TREAD is based firmly on Christian foundations it seeks to help children of any religion, caste or creed and two of its trustees are Hindu and Jain; the charity's work is targeted at children, young people and their families. The charity was founded in 1999. Its Director is Vasanth Raj who had worked with his father who founded the charity for some years before being appointed as Director.

### **Projects supported are:**

#### **Child Development Centres** (to further education of children and young people)

These centres were purchased and developed through donations from Friends of TREAD, they provide care before and after school with meals, activities and homework supervision. The children have vaccinations against common diseases and receive additional medical care when necessary. The local primary schools have been transformed with improved attendance rates and extra teachers provided by government. They also receive health and well being education .

#### **Trinity Child Development Centre**, Kudunure, Telengana.

Opened in 2000, currently 76 children attend this day care centre.

#### **Sarah Child Development Centre**, Podia, Odisha

On a 3.5 acre site. This centre which opened in 2002, currently 70 children attend this project.

#### **Hannah Child Development Centre**, Dubathota, Chhattisgarh.

In an isolated, poverty-stricken forestry tribal village opened in 2004. Currently 70 children attend this project

#### **David Child Development Centre**, Girkinpalli, Odisha

opened in November 2005. Currently 60 children attend this project

#### **Grace Tailoring Centre**, Podia.

(To provide and maintain technical training and vocational institutes)

Opened in 2002, regrettably due to Covid restrictions and lack of funding it was decided to close this project in 2020. There are no short term plans to reopen.

### **Vulnerable Families Programme (formerly Orphaned Assistance Programme)**

(To relieve need, hardship and distress and further education)

This project provides care for vulnerable children, young adults and semi-orphans and includes an educational assistance programme for promising students from poor families. It is funded exclusively by Friends of TREAD on a sponsorship basis. The youngsters live with a carer (who could be a relative or neighbour) or sometimes one surviving parent. If there is nobody to care for the child, one of the TREAD trustees will take responsibility for him/her, whilst the child attends weekly boarding school/hostel nearby. There are currently 16 youngsters benefiting from this project.

### **FRIENDS OF TREAD ACTIVITIES**

Friends of TREAD is now in its twenty first year. With the regular standing orders given so faithfully by many of its supporters, one-off donations are regularly received and are invaluable to “top-up” the projects or pay for some of the regular management and infrastructure costs incurred in India. These donations come from both individuals and organisations such as churches. Many of these donations are eligible for Gift Aid to be reclaimed and this additional income has been very beneficial. We also receive donations through website schemes, e-bay, easyfundraising and donations through Charity Aid Foundation and Virgin Money. The trustees sometimes give presentations to clubs or groups, hold fundraising events or take part in sponsored activities, although this year due to Covid 19 fundraising activities have been very limited. Some people prefer donations to be made to Friends of TREAD rather than receive gifts to mark special occasions.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEWS**

With the Covid 19 pandemic restricting foreign travel it was not possible for trustees to visit India. Tread India Trust and Friends of Tread made the difficult decision to temporarily close all the projects to normal activities to ensure we complied with Covid recommendations. The staff at Tread India have taken the opportunity to extensively refurbish the projects infrastructure and distribute emergency food and hygiene supplies most months through the year. Friends of Tread have been able to financially support the Covid emergency provisions and keep all the staff employed whilst observing safe practices to protect the staff and the children they serve.

### **PUBLICITY/FUNDRAISING**

Our website [www.friendsoftread.org](http://www.friendsoftread.org) is kept up to date and includes our policies for privacy along with forms for gift aid and data protection. It is a tool to highlight news on fundraising as well as to provide information on all the TREAD projects. It links to our blog *Postcards from India* which gives a snapshot of life in the areas where TREAD works whilst our Facebook page and Twitter account continue to bring news snippets and photos of TREAD projects.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

We are looking forward to being able to reopen all our centres as soon as it is safe to do so, with the changes to our structure, and new trustees we see this as a new chapter in the life of the charity. Initially we want to concentrate on our four Child Development Centres which we see as our core activity, increasing numbers and continually supporting the staff to ensure these are centres of excellence. We want to remain able to react quickly to changing circumstances as we have throughout the Covid pandemic adapting to changing needs and providing the best service we can to the communities we serve.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT 2020/2021**

### **INCOME**

Income generally was less than the previous year. The only significant deficit was on appeals and

fund raising, which wasn't possible due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We received some compensation from the bank in response to a complaint about the handling of the change of signatories on the account. The trustees agreed to close the Scottish Widows account; the Virgin Money account; and the Petty Cash as interest is so little at the moment. All the money is now in the NatWest Current account.

As ever we are so grateful to our donors for their faithful support during a very difficult year. We are especially grateful to B & A Church Bristol, for all their support; St Leonards and St Ethelburga PCC, St Leonards on Sea; B & A Piglets toddler group, Bristol and Fairground Little Church, Bristol. We are also grateful to Alpha State for their website support and to Martin Fletcher for the Independent Examination of the accounts.

## EXPENDITURE

As a result of the temporary closure of the projects due to the Covid-19 pandemic there were a number of changes to the grants to TIT India. The salaries of the senior staff were reduced for a few months until the work started on repairing the buildings. The money which would normally be sent to provide food for the children was suspended for a short while and then a sum was sent each month to provide food and hygiene supplies for the family of each project child and a small number of elderly in each village.

It was agreed that the prospect of Grace Tailoring being able to re-open in the near future was remote so the difficult decision was taken to close the project and provide the Grace staff an ex-gratia payment in recognition of their years of service.

We were able to provide a Christmas gift for each family as we recognised that this had been a particularly difficult year for them. We didn't need to send any money for medication as TIT India had a suitable sum in hand.

The closure of the projects provided an opportunity for the staff and some contractors to repair and redecorate the buildings and this work is almost complete.

The administration costs for FOT were very low this year as it has not been possible for a trustees visit due to the restrictions on travel. As TIT were unable to take a group photograph it was agreed to print a Christmas card in the UK and this was sent by either MailChimp or post. As a result of the uncertainty of project closures the grant to TIT India were sent monthly which incurred additional bank charges.

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	Note	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>						
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>						
Individual Donations	2	12,034	13,648	14,766	<b>40,448</b>	43,926
Churches and Schools	3	3,172	-	91	<b>3,263</b>	3,520
Gift Aid Recovery	4	2,551	2,676	2,997	<b>8,224</b>	9,077
		<b>17,757</b>	<b>16,324</b>	<b>17,854</b>	<b>51,935</b>	56,523
<b>Other Trading Activities</b>						
Appeals and Fund- Raising Events	5	33	-	-	<b>33</b>	5,344
<b>Investments</b>						
Bank Interest		2	-	-	<b>2</b>	10
Other income		154	-	-	<b>154</b>	140
		<b>156</b>	-	-	<b>156</b>	150
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>17,946</b>	<b>16,324</b>	<b>17,854</b>	<b>52,124</b>	62,017
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Cost Of Generating Funds</b>	7	<b>(496)</b>	-	-	<b>(496)</b>	420
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>						
Grants to TREAD India Trust	9	309	27,015	13,027	<b>(40,351)</b>	43,880
Core salary to Director TREAD India		-	2,648	-	<b>(2,648)</b>	3,600
UK Administration Costs	10	278	-	-	<b>(278)</b>	1,661
Consultancy Fees (El Shaddai)	11	-	-	-	-	939
		<b>(587)</b>	<b>(29,663)</b>	<b>(13,027)</b>	<b>(43,277)</b>	50,080
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(1,083)</b>	<b>(29,663)</b>	<b>(13,027)</b>	<b>(43,773)</b>	50,500
<b>Incoming/(outgoing) resources (Net)</b>		<b>16,863</b>	<b>(13,339)</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>8,351</b>	11,517
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>(8,789)</b>	<b>8,789</b>	-	-	-
<b>Net Resources</b>		<b>8,074</b>	<b>(4,550)</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>8,351</b>	11,517
<b>Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2020</b>		<b>25,476</b>	<b>7,159</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>41,279</b>	29,762
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31 MARCH 2021</b>		<b>33,550</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>13,471</b>	<b>49,630</b>	41,279

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments (short-term)	-	798
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>47,930</b>	39,159
Accounts receivable (note 6)	<b>1,700</b>	2,105
		42,062
Accounts Payable (note 8)	-	(783)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>49,630</b>	41,279
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds:-		
General funds	<b>33,550</b>	25,476
Designated funds (Note 12)	<b>2,609</b>	7,159
Restricted funds (Note 13)	<b>13,471</b>	8,644
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>49,630</b>	41,279

The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the trustees on  
signed on their behalf by:

and

Jerry Dart  
Chairman

# Friends of TREAD (Charity 1081400)

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### 1. Principal Accounting Policies

- Friends of TREAD is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the current (2016) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS102))
- The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which Friends of TREAD are responsible in law.
- Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.
- Expenditure is included when incurred. Grants payable to the partner organisation are included in the SOFA when approved by the trustees and agreed with TREAD. The value of such grants unpaid at the year end is accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has to meet certain conditions before the grant is released are not accrued but are noted as financial commitments.
- Funds held by the charity are **unrestricted general funds** which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees, **designated funds** which are set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects, and **restricted funds** that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity; restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

#### 2. Individual Donations

Project	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>Individual Donations</b>					
Orphan Assistance Programme	-	-	4,068	<b>4,068</b>	3,494
Grace Tailoring Institute, Podia	-	-	1,857	<b>1,857</b>	3,503
Trinity Day Care Centre, Kud.	-	-	8,661	<b>8,661</b>	9,841
Project 200+	-	13,648	-	<b>13,648</b>	15,336
Development Fund	-	-	180	<b>180</b>	1,180
Consultancy Fund	-	-	-	-	1,000
General Fund	12,034	-	-	<b>12,034</b>	9,572
<b>Total Individual Donations</b>	<b>12,034</b>	<b>13,648</b>	<b>14,766</b>	<b>40,448</b>	43,926

#### 3. Donations From Churches and Schools

Project	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Trinity Day Care Centre, Kud	-	-	91	<b>91</b>	478
General Funds	3,172	-	-	<b>3,172</b>	3,042
<b>Total Churches and Schools</b>	<b>3,172</b>	-	<b>91</b>	<b>3,263</b>	3,520

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**4. Gift Aid Recovery on Individual Donations.**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Orphan Assistance Programme	-	-	918	<b>918</b>	760
Grace Tailoring Institute, Podia	-	-	414	<b>414</b>	776
Trinity Day Care Centre, Kud.	-	-	1,620	<b>1,620</b>	1,888
Project 200+	-	2,676	-	<b>2,676</b>	3,681
Development Fund	-	-	45	<b>45</b>	295
Consultancy Fund	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund	2,551	-	-	<b>2,551</b>	1,677
<b>Total Gift Aid Recovery</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>8,224</b>	9,077

**5. Appeals and fund-raising events**

	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile	33	-	-	<b>33</b>	126
St Leonards Afternoon Tea	-	-	-	-	2,765
Hastings Half Marathon	-	-	-	-	350
TREAD2India	-	-	-	-	25
TREAD4TREAD	-	-	-	-	953
ChapAid, France	-	-	-	-	1,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	-	-	<b>33</b>	5,344

**6. Accounts Receivable**

	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Gift Aid Recovery	518	649	533	<b>1,700</b>	2,105
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>1,700</b>	2,105

**7. Cost of Generating Funds**

	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Website support	46	-	-	<b>46</b>	-
Trustee Indemnity Insurance	320	-	-	<b>320</b>	320
Stationery and Postage	39	-	-	<b>39</b>	100
Printing Christmas Cards	91	-	-	<b>91</b>	-
<b>Total Cost of Generating Funds</b>	<b>496</b>	-	-	<b>496</b>	420



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**8. Accounts payable**

	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Trustee Expenses	-	-	-	-	445
El Shaddai Expenses	-	-	-	-	338
<b>Total Account Payable</b>	-	-	-	-	783

**9. Grants to TREAD India Trust**

	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Grace Tailoring Institute, Podia	-	-	2,454	<b>2,454</b>	4,530
Sewing machines for leavers	-	-	-	-	900
Orphan Assistance Programme	-	-	3,355	<b>3,355</b>	3,596
TDCC Project Running Costs	-	-	6,713	<b>6,713</b>	9,904
TDCC Roof Repairs	-	378	372	<b>750</b>	600
Petrol For Jayraj	-	-	133	<b>133</b>	260
Project 200+ Running Costs	-	22,465	-	<b>22,465</b>	31,096
Project 200+ Repairs	-	4,172	-	<b>4,172</b>	-
Computer for Hepsi	250	-	-	<b>250</b>	-
Taxes	59	-	-	<b>59</b>	-
Medicines	-	-	-	-	540
Travel to Goa for training 2019	-	-	-	-	757
Funds returned to FOT 19/20	-	-	-	-	(8,303)
<b>Total Grants to TREAD India Trust</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>27,015</b>	<b>13,027</b>	<b>40,351</b>	43,880

**10. Administration Costs**

	<b>Unrestricted General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Bank Charges	264	-	-	<b>264</b>	212
Postage to India	14	-	-	<b>14</b>	1
Travel Expenses For Trustees Visit	-	-	-	-	1,424
Trustee Meeting in London 2019	-	-	-	-	25
<b>Total Administration Costs</b>	<b>278</b>	-	-	<b>278</b>	1,661

**11. Consultancy Costs**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Expenses (El Shaddai)	-	-	-	-	939
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	-	-	-	-	939

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**12. Designated Fund Balances after transfers from General (Unrestricted) Funds**

	Balances brought forward 1/4/20 £	Net movement within year £	Balances carried forward 31/3/21 £
Consultancy Fees	61	-	61
Development Fund	7,098	(4,550)	2,548
	<u>7,159</u>	<u>(4,550)</u>	<u>2,609</u>

**13. Restricted Fund Balances after transfers from General (Unrestricted) Fund**

	Balances brought forward 1/4/20 £	Net movement within year £	Balances carried forward 31/3/21 £
Library	15	-	15
Development fund	2,703	(147)	2,556
Orphan assistance programme	1,000	1,708	2,708
Orphan assistance reserve	669	(77)	592
TDCC running	3,763	3,536	7,299
TDCC Reserve fund	20	(10)	10
Grace Tailoring	474	(183)	291
	<u>8,644</u>	<u>4,827</u>	<u>13,471</u>

**14. Payments to Trustees**

No payments were made to trustees

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**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Report to the trustees/ members of** Friends of TREAD

**On accounts for the year ended** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 **Charity no (if any)** 1081400

**Set out on pages** 1-6

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020  
 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 02/06/2021

**Name:** MARTIN FLETCHER

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body** RETIRED HMRC INSPECTOR OF TAXES

**Address:** 21 WHITTLEWOOD CLOSE, ST LEONARDS ON SEA, TN38 9JR

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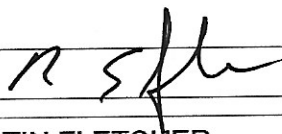
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Signed:



Date:

2/6/21

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