



# Lert Sa Wat Child Development Project

Registered charity number 1085099

Giving Thai children the chance to escape poverty

## Trustees Annual Report Year ending April 2025

April 2025 marked 25 years since Deeo enlisted the help of Melvyn & Maureen Wallhead to find sponsors for 10 needy rural Thai children. Lert Sa Wat was built on Christian principles of love and care for all, and that continues. Visitors to Lert Sa Wat are impressed by the relationships the staff have with children of all ages. The Nursery starts with children aged 3, though sometimes children are accepted just before their third birthday, especially if they already have a sibling already in the Project. Older children are sponsored to go to local schools, colleges and universities. They do not just go to Lert Sa Wat to collect money for their uniforms, school fees and lunches. They go to chat to the



staff and have fun together, such as at Christmas and Children's Day parties. Thai people are famous for celebrating with food! Members of the local church helped prepare a full meal for children, their parents and siblings at Christmas. Every child in the Project received a Christmas gift. Families most in need also received food parcels.



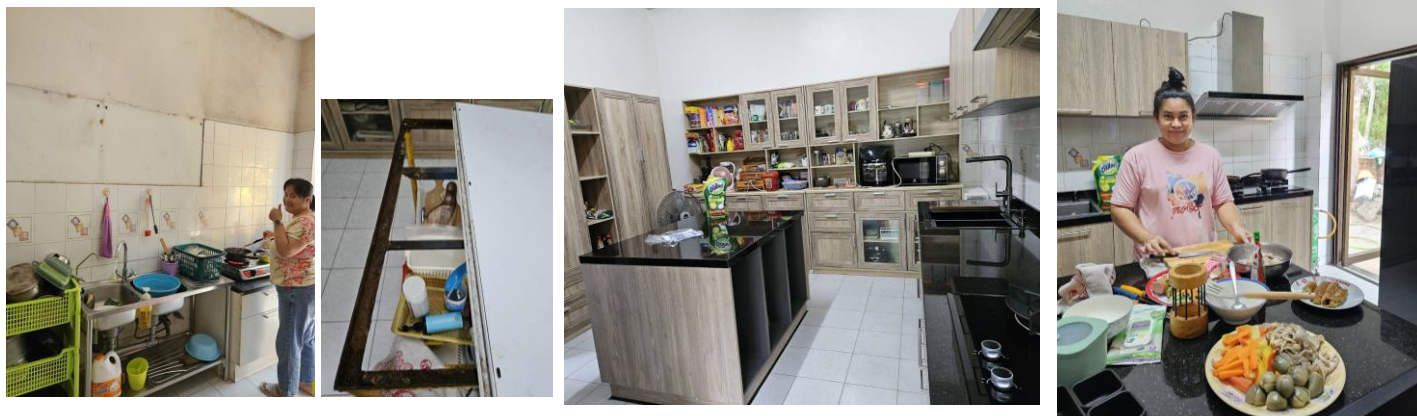
Lert Sa Wat is unlike many charities in that we do not select children to support based on academic ability. Children are welcomed into the Project based on the needs of their families. This means that some of the sponsored children have special needs. Eve on the left has Down's Syndrome. Achi in



the centre has a learning disability and eye problems. There are no special schools in North East Thailand where children with learning disabilities can receive an education. Instead they are kept in mainstream schools, usually with a doctor's certificate allowing them to progress more slowly than their peers. Sponsorship helps Eve and Achi experience the positive benefits of being with people their own age throughout school. Boss on the right has finished education. He is not able to work, but thanks to his kind sponsor, he continues to receive food parcels from Lert Sa Wat.



For years, the kitchen at Lert Sa Wat had been in poor condition. When rotting cupboards fell off the walls, it was time to act. Firstly a generous donation from Generation Trust allowed the purchase of large cupboards for the sides of the kitchen, then a combination of fundraising and donations raised sufficient funds to completely modernise the kitchen.



Staff are delighted to have a clean and spacious area to prepare meals for the Nursery and Home, and the children enjoy their freshly cooked meals each day. They are taught personal hygiene - handwashing before meals and afterwards collecting their personal mugs and toothbrushes for teeth cleaning.



As all teachers know, happy, well fed children are in a good position to learn. The children continue to enjoy learning through the Montessori system, with more formal teaching given to those about to start Primary School.





What of the 2 remaining boys in the Home? Physically, Boss and Blue are thriving. Neither is particularly academic, so Joop paid for them to attend extra classes on Saturday mornings. The boys enjoyed the classes as they were learning through activities rather than the normal method of rote learning. Both boys improved at their village school, Boss coming 5<sup>th</sup> in his year group in the mid year exams.

Boss finished primary school in March. When he went to take an entrance exam for a larger secondary school, large gaps in his knowledge became apparent. Since there were no local alternatives that could help Boss progress well, Joop and Nong decided to send Boss as a weekly boarder to a small school about 50 miles away near Korat.



Physically, the boys are very different. Boss is tall and strong for a 12 year old: Blue is small and slight. Blue was chosen for the star part in his class drama – playing Phra Aphai Mani, hero of Thailand's 48,700 line epic poem. Despite the extra lessons, Blue wasn't doing well at school, so Joop and Nong have taken the decision to send him to a bigger Primary School about 6 miles away in the town of Sikhiu. Blue's old friend from the Lert Sa Wat Nursery, Antle, is there.



Both boys are fond of 2 young adults who grew up in the Home, Tee and TonKhao. This year something unexpected happened. Autumn was a difficult time for Project visionary, Deeo. She continues to be very unwell, needing 24 hour care. Deeo spent several months in hospital in the town of Sikhiu, but has been home since January. One of the health care assistants in the hospital was none other than Pen, who had also grown up in the Home. Someone cared for by Lert Sa Wat is in a caring profession.



None of the achievements of the past year would have been possible without the love and dedication of Joop and Nong, continuing Deeo's vision, and adding to it their own personalities and sense of fun. So much is also dependent on you, our supporters, who continue to give children and young people the chance of a better future. Thank you from all at Lert Sa Wat.

To find out more about Lert Sa Wat and child sponsorship for £20/£25 per month, visit our website [lertsawat.com](http://lertsawat.com) or email [lertsawat2000@gmail.com](mailto:lertsawat2000@gmail.com).

*Maureen Wallhead*

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pp The Lert Sa Wat Trustees

July 2025





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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-May-24	To	30-Apr-25
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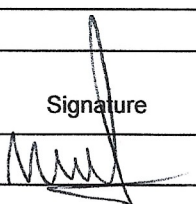
### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Sponsorship		16,480		16,480	14,942
Home/Nursery & Gift Aid	5,486	3,446		8,932	11,974
Christmas Party & Charitable Giving	150	1,500		1,650	1,037
Sponsors Gifts		810		810	2,118
Catalogue & General	1,391			1,391	1,723
Monitoring Visit		60		60	1,245
hen		6,027		6,027	1,000
Bank Charges/Interest	-	-	-	-	123
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>28,323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,350</b>	<b>34,162</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>28,323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,350</b>	<b>34,162</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Sponsorship		14,920	-	14,920	13,644
Home/Nursery		9,698	-	9,698	16,901
Christmas Party		1,500	-	1,500	1,000
Sponsors Gifts	-	810	-	810	550
Catalogue			-	-	-
Monitoring Visit	-	-	-	-	1,245
Kitchen	-	6,432	-	6,432	1,000
Bank Charges	-	185	-	185	185
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,545</b>	<b>34,525</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,545</b>	<b>34,525</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>- 5,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>- 363</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,553</b>	<b>- 5,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>- 363</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Deposit	-	12	-
	Bank Current	2,319	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Melvyn Wallhead Treasurer	28 July 2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Lert Sa Wat Child Development Project

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 April 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1085099

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

1/7/25

Name:

ROBERT GRAHAM PINDER

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

NIL

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.