

THE KANJI PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1090901

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-03-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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Activities: We raise money to support a school, a children's home and a day centre for children with learning difficulties, and to alleviate need in the community, all in southern India.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE INDIA.
- India

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£31,693	£30,967	-	-
2024-12-31	£31,634	£31,015	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,067	£34,524	-	-
2022-12-31	£34,555	£35,764	-	-
2021-12-31	£42,905	£36,854	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sofie Franzen	Chair	2014-04-07
Alison Louise Worgan		
Benjamin Nicholas Skinner		2023-06-17
George William Foden		2017-05-05
Jennifer Cruse		2019-09-14
Lesley Marilyn Arend		2024-01-11
Peter John Dacombe		2020-08-29
VERONICA ROSE CLARK		

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In 2025 the trustees have maintained regular contacts with our partners in India via online meetings, telephone and email correspondence.

Governance

The trustees have continued to meet regularly online via Microsoft Teams throughout 2025. In total, the trustees met online as a quorate group 8 times for a regular trustees' meeting. Although TKP trustees have not visited Kanji in 2025, they have benefitted from information shared by partner organisation Enfants de Kanji, whose Chair visited both St. Anthony's School and the

Sunshine Day Centre. Trustees of TKP received an in-person visit from Lourdusamy Michael, the head of school at St. Anthony's, providing a chance to discuss business as well as socialise.

This year, the trustees have attended to some back-office tasks such as organising online filing systems and updating our shared OneDrive. This has had a significant positive impact on the ease of administration and helps to secure clear accountability. In a similar vein, although not of our choosing, the trustees have had to make new arrangements to its financial reporting practices because of CAF Bank's implementation of a new online infrastructure. Some issues remain unresolved and TKP is in ongoing communication with CAF Bank, also with regards to costs incurred by the charity because of the changes to CAF Bank's reporting templates.

Fundraising wise, this year has seen the welcome repeat of events such as the Lenten Lunch and the Eastbourne Charity Quiz, both a testimony to the activities of loyal and dedicated supporters in our community for whom we are very grateful. Aware of the need to find new income streams, the trustees have this year began an exploration of the possibility of securing additional money from other trusts and funding bodies. Although not successful in this instance with the trust approached, this avenue of funding will remain on the agenda for the year ahead. 2025 also saw trustees out at local events in the Eastbourne area to raise awareness of TKPs work. The trustees also pass on their sincere gratitude to the charity's President and Patron for their ongoing support in helping to raise the profile of the charity.

This year, in the projects, we have continued to see the delivery of high-quality services, with reported outcomes for the children and community members receiving support, meeting and reaching beyond expectations. A beautiful testimony to the impact of the charity's work was displayed in the Autumn Newsletter where testimonies from a range of beneficiaries were recounted.

St. Anthony's School had a successful end to the 2024/25 school year, seeing the first cohort of Plus One students sitting government exams with very agreeable results. The number of students enrolled in Plus One and Plus Two have exceeded expectations and the school this year had a total of 2,154 students on roll, the highest number ever. The outreach work has also seen some significant results with 200 children benefitting from support at the afterschool clubs and with women members of the loan scheme successfully setting up their own little enterprises with great impact on their families' livelihood. The community work delivered by SAF celebrated another great success in taking 38 women through the 6 months tailoring course. The training provides a direct segway to employment for women, often young girls, with no formal education and limited means of supporting themselves and their families. 10 of the poorest women received a sewing machine on completion of the course.

The trustees also extend their admiration and gratitude for the way in which Lourdusamy Michael, head of school at St. Anthony's, continues to be an active agent for change and support in the wider community, instilling in the pupils a sense of duty and responsibility to care for those less able to care for themselves, for example when disaster strikes, as was the case with cyclone Fengal this year.

At the Sunshine Special School, 20 children continued to be supported to grow and develop based on their individual abilities, providing relief and support to their families who are able to work and carry out their other responsibilities because of the relief of care provided by the centre. The trustees have this year begun negotiations with the Rose Sisters about the possible development of a new centre for the children as the current facilities are not fit for purpose longer term and poses accessibility issues for the children with limited mobility.

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Publicity and Liaison with Supporters

The Kanji Project sends out 2 yearly, newsletters and also extensively use the news tab on our [website](#) to communicate with supporters about current issues affecting our projects and the local area in which they are situated. We use Mailchimp to share regular news updates with people on our database and to launch new fundraising initiatives.

Financial Review

We finish the 2025 financial year with a healthy balance of £14,192 in our general account. As well as our regular payments to St. Antony's School we were able to send an extra payment of £2,000 to fund chairs and benches for their new +1 and +2 classrooms (sixth form to us) by taking some money from our CAF Gold account. We were also able to send an extra £500 at the end of the year to support general expenses.

We have also made a small increase in funding to the Sunshine School to take account of inflation. Quarterly payments increased from £1,400 to £1,500 from May onwards. During the year we have been in discussion with the Rose Sisters about their plans to build a new centre for the school. This would represent a very positive development. However, substantial additional funding will be required. This will be a key focus for 2026.

We bank with the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). In June they up-graded their systems and their new data transfer format was no longer compatible with our database. We incurred some significant costs to have the database modified so that we could continue to use it to keep our financial records up-to-date.

This year the level of regular donations from supporters has held up well. On the other hand, the level of one-off donations was lower than in 2024. This can partly be accounted for by the fact that we did not arrange a large event like the 2024 Walk-to-India.

Fund-raising activities continue to make a good contribution to our income. We were delighted to be invited to be the beneficiary of one of the monthly Eastbourne Quiz Nights which raised £710. We are indebted to one of our long-standing supporters for organising Lenten and Harvest lunches which together raised £1070. We have now started to make use of the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme which covers small individual cash donations valued at £30 or less. Our first claim using this scheme will be sent off early in 2026. Trustees have also run a series of table sales at local indoor markets, selling Indian Goods and Christmas cards. These raised about £350 in all.

We finished the year with a surplus of £726 which however does not reflect the transfer of £2000 from the CAF Gold account, meaning that total assets by the end of 2025 were £997 less than at previous year end.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is up-to-date.

Risk

The trustees are aware of the risks associated with aid to overseas countries: exchange rate fluctuations, cultural differences, creation of dependency and so on. These are taken into account when making grant decisions. They discuss with the trustees of St Antony's Foundlings and with the Franciscan Sisters the impacts, positive and negative, that different forms of aid may make upon the Indian village communities. They also periodically review risks more generally.

Structure, governance and management

The Kanji Project is an unincorporated association registered by the Charity Commission on 4th March 2002 and governed by a constitution (last updated 25 April 2015). It is managed by trustees.

Trustees

Trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. They may also be co-opted until the next Annual General Meeting by the existing trustees. Trustees are themselves members of the charity.

When seeking to recruit new trustees, the existing trustees are mindful of the skills, knowledge and experience needed by the Board of Trustees. We continue to review the trustee board's need for new membership.

Prior to appointment, potential trustees are interviewed, two references are obtained, and, if successful, the new trustee is required to sign a declaration confirming their eligibility to serve. New trustees are provided with information giving them an overview of the charity's operations, but much of the trustee induction is done informally with further information being supplied as needed in trustee meetings and in other communications.

Trustees meet about every six weeks. They do not receive remuneration for their work with the charity, but expenses incurred solely for charity business are reimbursed on request.

Trustees who served in 2025 were

Jennifer Cruse	re-elected 29/06/2024
Veronica Clark	re-elected 17/06/2023
George Foden	re-elected 07/06/2025
Sofie Franzen (Chair)	re-elected 29/06/2024
Alison Worgan	re-elected 07/06/2025
Peter Dacombe	re-elected 02/07/2022
Benjamin Skinner	elected 17/06/2023
Lesley Arend	elected 29/06/2024

Patron and President

Lady Cotton is a Patron of The Kanji Project.
Mr Ian Parr is the President of the Charity.

Volunteers

The Kanji Project is run entirely by volunteers: the trustees plus the many other people who give of their time and their skills to the Charity. It is thanks to all these people that the Charity can commit such a large proportion of its income to its charitable purposes.

Serious Incidents

The trustees are legally obliged to report to The Charity Commission any serious incident (e.g. fraud) adversely affecting the charity. No such serious incident has occurred during 2025.

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Honorary Legal Adviser

Elizabeth Jones

Approved by the trustees on and signed on 24th March 2026 on their behalf by

Sofie K Franzen

Chair of Trustees

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sofie K Franzen', written over a horizontal line.

Date 24/03/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Kanji Project Trust

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Kanji Project Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 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.

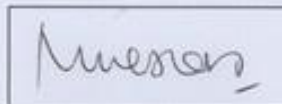
Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
2. 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.

Nick Westcott
Retired Bank Official
15 Motcombe Road
Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 1QT



Date: 23/2/2026

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2025

CAF Cash General Account

	2025	2024
RECEIPTS		
Regular donations	20,891	20,533
One-off donations	1,952	3,667
Fund-raising events	2,097	2,311
Gift Aid payments from HMRC	4,728	5,094
Bank interest	25	29
Transfer from Gold Account (1)	2,000	
TOTAL	31,693	31,634

PAYMENTS

Grants to St. Antony's Foundlings		
- School + Shanthi Lumin grants (2)	14,350	13,165
- Village outreach work	3,250	3,000
- Salaries and allowances	6,000	8,300
Grants to IDHAYA - the Sunshine School	5,900	5,600
Bank charges	261	291
Printing - newsletters, cards, flyers	342	338
Postage	136	145
Website hosting and helpdesk	173	176
Purchase of Indian artefacts	62	0
Trustee expenses	70	0
Database maintenance costs (3)	423	0
TOTAL	30,967	31,015

Excess of receipts over payments (1)	726	619
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CAF Gold Reserve Account

Receipts - Interest	278	476
Payments - Transfer to General Account	2,000	0

Balance Sheet - Assets

CAF Cash General Account	14,192	13,467
CAF Gold Reserve Account	13,994	15,716
TOTAL	28,186	29,183

Notes

1. The General Account shows a surplus of £726 for the year. However, this does not fully reflect the transfer of £2,000 from the reserves account early in the year. This was used to provide additional funding to St. Antony's School. Overall, our total assets are £997 lower than at the start of 2025
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3. We had some unexpected costs for maintenance and upgrading our database.

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Fundraising wise, this year's major focus has been on the Walk2India initiative, TKPs ambitious project to 'walk' the distance between Brighton, on the South Coast of the UK, to Kanji in Tamil Nadu. The purpose of the initiative had the dual intention of raising awareness of our work whilst also collecting funds. The distance of 6,370 miles was covered by participants pledging miles by means of running, walking, swimming and biking. We saw broad engagement from supporters, friends of the charity, trustees and the pupils from St. Anthony's school who all contributed miles. The journey was tracked by an extraordinarily elaborate website build by trustee George Foden on which distance travelled was regularly updated and accompanied by current and historical anecdotes on the connection between the enroute places and India. The initiative was a long while in the planning stages and took considerable effort from a dedicated collective of trustees. As a trustee group, we are pleased with the initiative having raised funds IRO £3,500 and proud for a small volunteer-led charity to have successfully delivered an ambitious project like this.

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The second historical occasion marked by SAF in 2024 was the grand opening of St. Anthony's Plus 1 and Plus 2 provision. After years of deliberation, careful scoping (and considerable pressure from the school community) it was decided to extend the school provision to offer post Standard 10 education. The school board and partners like TKP agree that providing college level education to the same high educational standard as hitherto delivered up until Standard 10, will fortify the standing of St. Anthony's school within the wider community and greatly enhance the future prospect of young people in Kanji. The new facilities, still within the original school site, were inaugurated in June.

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We have now funded the village outreach work in Kanji for a full year. Shanthi Lumin closed at the end of April 2024, and so the overall funding given to St. Antony's Foundlings (SAF) was lower than in 2023. However, funding to St. Antony's school has been maintained at the same level as in 2023 with an extra payment of £500 in November.

Ongoing trends show a gradual reduction in the number of supporters paying regular monthly amounts by standing order or direct debit and the trustees see this as a key area of focus and concern for 2025. The overall figure for 2024 is some £1400 lower than in 2023. Furthermore, we can see that TKP is operating with a significantly lower level of overall income than before. This inevitably means that our options are limited when it comes to considering whether we can commit to any new project which requires regular funding over the longer term.

Yet we do plan to identify opportunities to fund one or more specific one-off projects in 2025 and plan to use some of the funds held in our reserves account for this purpose. The review of our approach to managing reserves forms an ongoing part of the trustees' financial diligence process.

At the end of 2024, the Charity held £13,467 in the General Account and £ in the Reserve Account, a total of £15,716.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is up-to-date.

Risk

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George Foden	re-elected 02/07/2022
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Elizabeth Jones

Approved by the Trustees on 18/02/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Sofie K Franzen

Chair of Trustees

Signature

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Date 18/02/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Kanji Project Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Kanji Project Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 december 2024.

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').

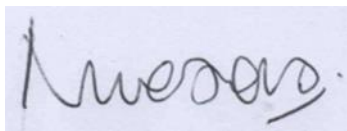
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

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2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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Nick Westcott

Retired Bank Official
15 Motcombe Road
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East Sussex
5 February 2025

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024

CAF Cash General Account

	2024	2023
RECEIPTS		
Regular donations	20,533	21,962
One-off donations (1)	3,667	2,552
Fund-raising events	2,311	3,026
Gift Aid payments from HMRC	5,094	5,151
Sale of Indian artefacts	0	345
Bank interest	29	31
TOTAL	31,634	33,067

PAYMENTS

Grants to St. Antony's Foundlings		
- School + Shanthi Lumin grants (2)	13,165	16,950
- Village outreach work	3,000	1,500
- Salaries and allowances	8,300	8,500
Grants to IDHAYA - the Sunshine School	5,600	6,220
Bank charges	291	280
Printing - newsletters, cards, flyers	338	299
Postage	145	96
Website hosting and helpdesk	176	161
Purchase of Indian artefacts	0	266
Membership fee	0	50
Trustee expenses	0	202
TOTAL	31,015	34,524

Excess of receipts over payments	619	-1,457
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CAF Gold Reserve Account

Receipts - Interest (2)	476	174
Payments	0	0

Balance Sheet - Assets

CAF Cash General Account	13,467	12,848
CAF Gold Reserve Account	15,716	15,240
TOTAL	29,183	28,088

Notes

1. The figures for one-off donations and fundraising both include donations to support the Walk to India fundraising project. This raised approximately £3,500.
2. The 2024 figure for interest on this account appears to be higher than in 2023. This is due to an oversight in the 2023 accounts. The figure of £174 did not include the fourth interest payment of the year. As a result, the 2023 figure was made up of three interest payments and the 2024 figure is made up of 5 interest payments.

THE KANJI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1090901

Accounts



Registered Charity No. 1090901

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**The Kanji Project
34 Vicarage Drive, Eastbourne, BN20 8AP**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Enfants de Kanji, a small French charity, also works with St Antony's Foundlings and liaises with The Kanji Project, sharing knowledge and experience.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of The Kanji Project are mindful of their responsibility to ensure that the Charity provides a public benefit. They communicate frequently with the key personnel in their Indian partner organisations so that they can be confident that the work being funded is indeed providing such a benefit.

In 2023 the Trustees have maintained regular contacts with our partners in India via online meetings, telephone and email.

Governance

The Trustees have continued to meet regularly online via Teams throughout 2023. In total, the Trustees met online as a quorate group 6 times for a regular Trustees' meeting and once for a dedicated discussion of fundraising options.

This year, the Kanji Project has made changes to arrangements concerning the community outreach activities which we have been delivering through The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (FSIHM), informally known as the Rose Sisters. The Rose Sisters, as part of a wider

redirection of their work, were no longer able to carry on with the valuable work they had hitherto been providing in the local villages surrounding the Sunshine Special School. We initiated conversations with Lourdusamy and SAF in early Spring 2023 about the need locally around Kanji and about the possibility of initiating outreach work in the village surrounding Kanji where SAF is already known and established as a source of trusted support. Following thorough scoping, Lourdusamy presented a project and budget plan for this new programme which were gratefully accepted and approved by the trustees for immediate implementation. The programme operates in 5 village and delivers homework support, children's parliaments, health promotion activities run by the children, as well as an income generating cooperative and loan scheme for women. One outreach worker is employed, and teaching support is procured from teachers at St. Anthony's School.

The Rose Sisters continue to receive funding to successfully deliver their outstanding work to ensure that children with mental and physical disability can attend an educational setting at the Sunshine Special School.

Moreover, trustees from The Kanji Project and Enfant de Kanji have been working closely with Lourdusamy (Head of St. Anthony's) and Maria (Leader of Shanthi Lumin) to carry out a feasibility review of the Shanthi Lumin hostel during this financial year. The review has come about because of a number of changes in the local environment following the pandemic. The review looked at three key parameters to determine viability: need, project set-up and finance:

Need: the number of children enrolling has significantly reduced. Families and children are increasingly wanting to remain together at home and are encouraged to do so by a significant improvement in government provision of education and subsidies for both adults and children in rural areas.

Project set-up: It has been impossible to recruit live-in staff to the project with the necessary skills. Whilst Maria has done a great job keeping the project running, it is not a sustainable set-up.

Finance: the upkeep and day-to-day running costs of the project cannot be scaled down sufficiently to reflect the dwindling number of enrolled children to provide economy of scale whilst still allowing for the project to remain operational.

The review has concluded that Shanthi Lumin as a live-in facility for young girls is no longer fit-for-purpose to meet the needs of the local community and the review panel has unanimously agreed to cease the operation with effect from the end of the school year 2023/24 in April 2024.

All parties acknowledge the huge impact Shanthi Lumin has had on hundreds of children who have benefitted from it over the 24 years it has been running. The trustees are immensely grateful for the outstanding contribution that Maria, her staff, and the project have made locally.

With regards to the distribution of funds, The Kanji Project has remained committed to being led by its partners on the ground. Regular communication has allowed for swift decisions to be made and to ensure that funds are used where they are most needed. The new outreach program run by SAF is a prime example of the agility with which we can make changes to optimise the impact of the money we receive from donors.

Key fundraising successes in the year have included a quiz night in Purbeck organised by our Patron Lady Cotton. Key supporters have continued to carry out their individual fundraising activities and kept up their sponsorship arrangements providing highly valued stability and continuity to the charity's finances. The Trustees have continued to prioritise communication with the charity's regular membership and are continuously reviewing how we can make the most of our website and social media platforms to engage new supporters.

This year we continued the post-pandemic arrangement of conducting the AGM as an online meeting. The annual meeting saw a live presentation from Lourdusamy Michael, the head of St. Anthony's school.

Education and Relief of Need

There are three distinct strands to the educational work funded by The Kanji Project.

St Antony's Matriculation School takes pupils, boys and girls, regardless of caste or religion, from the age of 3 through to 15. The school has high academic standards and its results in the external examinations for 15-year-olds are consistently among the best in the area. These results are complemented by the school's achievements in sports and a range of extra-curricular activities. The school involves itself in the community with ecological projects and health awareness programmes. St Antony's, which is run by St Antony's Foundlings, is a fee-paying school, with the fees set by the Tamil Nadu Education Department. It takes a proportion of children whose parents cannot afford to pay the full fees. Depending upon the family's circumstances, there may be up to 100% remission of fees.

The Kanji Project provides grants to top up the fee income and so enable the subsidised places to be offered. Grants also help to finance some of the community involvement.

In 2023 the school commenced work towards the opening of Plus 1 and Plus 2, the additional tier of education, equivalent to A-levels in the UK. This involves building of new facilities on site and eventually recruitment of additional staff with English language abilities. Plus 1 is set to launch in early summer 2024, and Plus 2 in the following academic year. The Kanji Project is not currently contributing funds to this development.

The **Sunshine Special School** takes up to sixteen children who have learning disabilities. Some of the children also have moderate to severe physical disabilities. The aim of the school is to enable each child to develop social, practical and academic skills to the extent to which he or she is able. The school is staffed by two teachers with special interest in the education of children with special needs, assisted by two ayahs with a particular interest in working with these children. There is close liaison between the staff and the children's parents.

The children's attendance records are excellent, and parents are pleased by the ways in which their children are benefiting from the school. There have been some significant improvements in children's speech, physical agility and learning.

The Sunshine School is run by the Franciscan Sisters. No fees are charged by the school which is supported entirely by grants from The Kanji Project.

12 children have been consistently in attendance during 2023, each with their own educational plan and each making significant progress .

Village Outreach work is carried out in 5 rural villages surrounding Kanji. The work is led by SAF and has an employed outreach worker plus several peripathetic homework club teachers. Support offered in the villages include after-school homework clubs for children attending either local government schools or St. Anthony's School, Children's Parliament sessions, health promotion activities and an income generating cooperative and loan scheme for women. This work is receiving significant interest in the villages and has great potential for scaling to include more villages in the locality.

Children's Parliaments bring together boys and girls from different castes and religions to work together for the benefit of their communities. The parliaments are well-structured, with individuals taking responsibilities for particular roles e.g. chair, secretary, and subjects e.g. education, environment and so on. The parliaments are held in 'neutral' places such as schools, to ensure that children from differing castes or religions feel welcome. The Children's Parliaments are effective in disseminating information, such as the prevention of diseases like Dengue Fever, and in lobbying village elders for small but significant improvements such as the repair of street lighting, the cleaning up of public wells. Through the work of the Children's Parliaments, young people are growing up with a greater sense of social responsibility and the common good.

The women's income generation scheme runs through self-help groups. These groups, each with up to 15 women, meet monthly to discuss progress and future plans. Monthly subscriptions enable them to provide loans to members in urgent need, while they also access government loans to support various family needs such as education, healthcare, and livelihood development. With the co-operative support women are assisted in buying livestock and setting up market stalls to improve their household incomes.

Financial support from The Kanji Project to relieve need focuses mainly on long-term benefits rather than short-term handouts. However, the locality is vulnerable to the immediate impacts of natural disasters, weather conditions (droughts, floods), and downturns in the wider economy and SAF therefore holds a small fund, provided by The Kanji Project, from which it can give **emergency grants** to families and individuals, most often in the case of a medical crisis. It is only these people who receive assistance in cash.

Safeguarding

Following release of the Charity Commission's Inquiry Report, The Gail Trust (March 2018), which emphasised the safeguarding responsibilities of UK charities who do not do direct delivery abroad but whose overseas partners have contact with potentially vulnerable individuals and groups, the Kanji Project's Board of Trustees, in conjunction with staff at St Antony's Foundlings, has undertaken a thorough review of our safeguarding policy and procedures. Processes for ensuring due diligence within our partner organisations have been added to our processes and a system

which will alert us to potential safeguarding issues within the projects has been put in place. No incidents requiring involvement of The Kanji Project have been noted by partners during 2023.

Data protection and GDPR

Leading up to the introduction of new regulations in May 2018, the Trustees undertook a data flow analysis and updated privacy statements and consent forms to be GDPR compliant. The legal basis underpinning The Kanji Project's data processes are Consent and Legitimate Interest. There have been no recorded breaches during 2023 and the Trustees continue to review the data that we hold on supporters to ensure that it complies with legislation.

Publicity and Liaison with Supporters

The Kanji Project sends out 2 yearly, larger newsletters and also use the news tab on our [website](#) extensively to communicate with supporters about current issues affecting our projects and the local area in which they are situated. We use Mailchimp to share regular news updates with people on our database and to launch new fundraising initiatives. We are also exploring new opportunities to expand our publicity on social media, both through our Facebook Page and on other platforms, with trustees exploring the possibility of starting an Instagram as part of an upcoming fundraising activity.

Financial Review

As in previous years, regular donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, form the mainstay of the Charity's income. The Trustees are particularly grateful to the supporters who continue to contribute to the Charity in this way. All donations to the Charity are, of course, much appreciated and mean that the Charity can continue to support the worthwhile work being done in India.

Fundraising events are valuable not just for the income they provide but as a way of increasing the visibility of the Charity. This year we were fortunate to benefit from the proceeds of a quiz night in Purbeck and also from a Lenten lunch and a garden party organised by one of our long-standing supporters. Together, these three events raised over three thousand pounds.

As in the previous year, the budget plan for 2023 anticipated that expenditure would exceed receipts. In the event, the deficit of £1,457 was smaller than expected. Our income was higher than our budget predicted, boosted by the income from fundraising and also by a legacy from the estate of a long-standing supporter.

Expenditure was somewhat lower than we had planned for. During the year, we have seen some changes in the work we support with our two Indian partners. Our outreach and family support work has now transferred from Idhaya, which runs the Sunshine Special school, to St. Anthony's Foundlings. This led to a reduction in expenditure while the new arrangements were put in place. The number of children attending the Shanthi Lumin children's home during the year has remained significantly below the project's capacity and funding for the home has been reduced to reflect this.

The Charity continues to have a healthy balance sheet. We aim once again to spend somewhat more than our potential income in 2024, and if necessary to use some of the money held in reserve to support this.

Both of our Indian partners do their utmost to make the most of every rupee that we provide. We receive regular updates and photographs from them which give both trustees and supporters a very clear picture of the positive impact of our funding.

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Jennifer Cruse
Secretary

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07 February 2024

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2023

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One-off donations (1)	2,552	7,257
Fund-raising events	3,026	1,640
Gift Aid payment from HMRC	5,151	5,651
Sale of Indian artefacts	345	155
Bank interest	31	15
TOTAL	33,067	34,555

PAYMENTS

Grants to St. Antony's Foundlings		
- School + Shanthi Lumin grants	16,950	18,900
- Village outreach work	1,500	0
- House building grant	0	2,000
Sunshine School grants	6,220	7,640
Salaries (India)	8,500	6,000
Bank charges	280	319
Printing - newsletters and cards	299	593
Postage	96	0
Website hosting and helpdesk	161	143
Purchase of Indian artefacts	266	119
Membership fee	50	50
Trustee expenses	202	0
TOTAL	34,524	35,764

Excess of Payments over Receipts **1,457** **1,209**

CAF Gold Reserve Account

Receipts

Interest **174** **43**

Payments **0** **0**

Balance Sheet

Assets

CAF Cash General Account 12,848 14,306

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TOTAL **28,088** **29,372**

Notes to accompany the 2022 annual accounts

1. Prior to this year, the majority of income from the CAF donate platform was recorded as 'one off payments'. For 2023 this has changed to reflect the number of regular donations being made through CAF-donate.

THE KANJI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1090901

Accounts



Registered Charity No. 1090901

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Governance

The Trustees have continued to meet regularly online via Teams throughout 2022. In total, the Trustees met online as a quorate group 6 times for a regular Trustees' meeting and once for a dedicated discussion of fundraising options.

The post-pandemic environment in Tamil Nadu has been tough on the poorest communities in particular. Loss of job opportunities, recessive economic conditions and high levels of inflation are all factors that have impacted the re-opening and re-activation of the projects we support in Kanji. Despite these adverse conditions, the trustees have been pleased to observe and celebrate some significant successes with our delivery partners, for example, the full re-opening of St. Anthony's school and the Sunshine Day Centre for disabled children, as well as the completion of new homes for families tragically affected by the floods in 2021. St. Anthony's school also saw the retainment of the high-level success rate in pupils' Standard 10 examinations for which the school is renowned.

With regards to the distribution of funds, The Kanji Project has remained committed to being led by its partners on the ground. Regular communication has allowed for swift decisions to be made and to ensure that funds are used where they are most needed. For example, this has meant that we have been able to support a rise in salaries for the social and outreach workers engaged by The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The charity's UK based fundraising activities have resulted in a good level one-off donations with key successes in the year including an appearance as supported guest charity at a quiz in Eastbourne. Key supporters have continued to carry out their individual fundraising activities and kept up their sponsorship arrangements despite the disrupted educational situation in Kanji and surroundings, bringing much appreciated stability to the charity's finances. The Trustees have continued to prioritise communication with the charity's regular membership and are continuously reviewing how we can make the most of our website and social media platforms to engage new supporters.

This year we re-instated our AGM in a new online format. The annual meeting saw a live presentation from Lourdasamy Michael, the head of St. Anthony's school, and was attended by the charity's patron.

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In 2022 the school opened again fully following a 2 year period of full or partial closure due to the pandemic. Although there were initial concerns about a potential significant drop in pupil numbers

based in part on the number of children having left during the pandemic, St. Anthony's has successfully retained its intake, with student numbers dropping by only 85, to 1465 at the start of the 2022 academic year. Challenges do remain, however, with regards to the fee-paying abilities of the current cohort, a result in part of the general economic downturn experienced in the area. Other challenges include the difficulty in retaining and recruiting new staff, particularly teachers with a higher level of proficiency in English.

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The children are encouraged in their schoolwork and play some part in the day-to-day running of the home – whether inside, or outside in the large vegetable garden. During their time at Shanthi

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Publicity and Liaison with Supporters

The Kanji Project sends out 2 yearly, larger newsletters and also use the news tab on our [website](#) extensively to communicate with supporters about current issues affecting our projects and the local area in which they are situated. We use Mailchimp to share regular news updates with people on our database and to launch new fundraising initiatives.

Website and database improvements

The trustees have continued to improve and expand our social media activity and donations received through our online donation platform hosted on the charity's website continue to grow.

Financial Review

As in previous years, regular donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, form the mainstay of the Charity's income, accounting for more than 70% of receipts in 2022. The Trustees are particularly grateful to the supporters who continue to contribute to the Charity in this way. All donations to the Charity are, of course, much appreciated and mean that the Charity can continue to support the worthwhile work being done in India.

Fundraising events are valuable not just for the income they provide but as a way of increasing the visibility of the Charity. This year we were fortunate to benefit from the proceeds of an Eastbourne quiz night and from a coffee morning organised by one of our long-standing supporters.

The budget plan for 2022 anticipated that expenditure would exceed receipts. In the event, the deficit of £1,209 was smaller than anticipated. We have continued to benefit from some very generous one-off donations.

For 2022, the Charity made some changes to the way it sends funds to St. Anthony's Foundlings. We now provide baseline funding which is set out in the funding agreement which covers St. Anthony's School and the Shanthi Lumin children's home. In addition, we provide extra top-up funding which can be varied according to the relative strength or weakness of our financial position at any given time. This gives greater flexibility to the way in which we are able to manage our finances.

Both of our Indian partners do their utmost to make the most of every rupee that we provide. They face increasing costs and their ability to extend their work is limited by finances. However much the Trustees might wish to be able to provide additional financial support to their Indian partners, they can only do so within the constraints of the funds available.

Reserves Policy

In the second half of 2022 we re-visited our Reserves Policy. The added financial flexibility referred to above has led us to decide that in future we no longer need to hold as much in reserve for contingencies or as a buffer. A draft policy has been drawn up which proposes that £7,500 should be retained for contingencies, whilst the remainder may be allocated for future projects of St Antony's Foundlings, the Franciscan Sisters or of other suitable Indian charities. This policy will be presented for formal agreement at a Trustee meeting in early 2023.

At the end of 2022, the Charity held £14,306 in the General Account and £15,066 in the Reserve Account, a total of £29,372.

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When seeking to recruit new trustees, the existing Trustees are mindful of the skills, knowledge and experience needed by the Board of Trustees. We continue to review the Trustee Board's need for new membership and the recruitment of new trustees is a priority for 2023. To inform this recruitment drive, the current Trustees have drawn up detailed lists of the roles and responsibilities that we currently cover and identified priority areas for additional support.

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Trustees who served in 2022 were:

Jennifer Cruse	re-elected 02/07/2022
Veronica Clark	re-elected 08/06/2018
George Foden	re-elected 02/07/2022
Sofie Franzen (Chair)	re-elected 02/07/2022
Pamela Jones	re-elected 14/06/2019
Rod Thick	re-elected 02/07/2022
Alison Worgan	re-elected 02/07/2022
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Approved by the Trustees on 20th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Jennifer Cruse
Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Kanji Project Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Kanji Project Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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:

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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.



JOHN COLLIER
Chartered Accountant
114 Lupus Street, London, SW1V 4AJ

20th May 2023

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022

Please see notes below

	2022	2021
RECEIPTS		
Regular donations (1)	19,837	21,147
One-off donations (2)	7,257	12,935
Fund-raising events (3)	1,640	4,299
Gift Aid payment from HMRC (4)	5,651	4,324
Sale of Indian artefacts	155	200
Bank interest	15	0
TOTAL	34,555	42,905

PAYMENTS

Grants to St. Antony's Foundlings		
- School grants	18,900	16,500
- Flood relief grants	0	1,850
- House building grant	2,000	0
Grants to IDHAYA		
- Sunshine School grants (5)	7,640	7,200
- Flood relief grants	0	1,850
Salaries (India) (6)	6,000	8,400
Bank charges	319	397
Printing - newsletters and cards (7)	593	218
Postage	0	40
Website hosting and helpdesk	143	161
Purchase of Indian artefacts (8)	119	238
Membership fee	50	0
Trustee expenses	0	0
TOTAL	35,764	36,854

Excess of Receipts over Payments	-1,209	6,051
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Balance Sheet

Assets		
CAF Cash General Account	14,306	15,515
CAF Gold Reserve Account	15,066	15,023
TOTAL	29,372	30,538

Notes to accompany the 2022 annual accounts

1. Regular donations are lower than in 2021. We now have around 100 regular standing orders coming in each month, down from about 110 in 2021.
2. One-off donations still represent a very important part of our income. In 2021 we had a very large donation in memory of David Holman. This is the main reason why the figure for that year is higher than in 2022.
3. This figure covers receipts from the Eastbourne quiz night and Bernadette Skinner's coffee morning.
4. This figure is higher than usual. This is because the large donation referred to in (2) above was eligible for Gift Aid, which was claimed in 2022.
5. Payments to Idhaya (the Sunshine Special School) have been increased to help support the salary increases for staff.
6. This figure does not include the £1,200 salary for Maria. We were unable to make appropriate arrangements to pay this before the end of the financial year.
7. This figure covers payments for the two 2022 newsletters and an invoice for the 2021 Autumn newsletter. It was sent to an old address and was therefore paid late.

THE KANJI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1090901

Accounts

The Kanji Project

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**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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Aims and Objectives

The Objects of the Charity, as defined in its constitution, are

- the advancement of education in India;
- the relief of those in need in India, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The constitution permits the Charity Trustees to meet these Objects in such ways as they think fit, in particular but not exclusively by providing grants.

Partners

During 2021 The Kanji Project continued to work with two organisations in Tamil Nadu, India:

- St Antony's Foundlings (SAF) is an Indian-registered charitable Society. The Society runs St Antony's Matriculation School and Shanthi Lumin children's home. It also assists local people who are in need. Its work is centred around the small rural town of Kanji in the Tiruvannamalai District of Tamil Nadu.
- The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (FIHM) is a religious Congregation of women based in Pondicherry. The Congregation runs The Sunshine Special School and coordinates outreach programmes for young people and for "differently abled" people from its centre near Pudupalayam, about 12 kilometres from Kanji.

Enfants de Kanji, a small French charity, also works with St Antony's Foundlings and liaises with The Kanji Project, sharing knowledge and experience.

Public Benefit

The trustees of The Kanji Project are mindful of their responsibility to ensure that the Charity provides a public benefit. They communicate frequently with the key personnel in their Indian partner organisations so that they can be confident that the work being funded is indeed providing such a benefit.

In 2021 the trustees have maintained regular contacts with our partners in India via online meetings, telephone and email. Because of the pandemic no project visits to India have been possible.

Governance during the Covid 19 Pandemic

The trustees have continued to meet regularly online via Teams throughout 2021. In total, the trustees met online as a quorate group 7 times during 2021.

As in England, the pandemic has continued to impact the lives of people in rural Tamil Nadu where our work is focused. The pandemic has put significant pressure on the poorest families in the rural communities, particularly those undertaking day-hire jobs, disabled individuals, and others without regular income. This has been compounded by floods happening across Tamil Nadu, including in the areas in which our partners work, which led to destruction of homes for the poorest villagers. Together with our partners we have launched a campaign to alleviate flood-related suffering and have been successful in providing additional funding to initiate relief work.

St. Anthony's school has remained part closed for this year, opening the doors primarily to the older year groups. The Shanthi Lumin girls' hostel and the Sunshine Day Centre for disabled children have remained fully closed. Staff have sustained contact with their pupils and the community through the provision of online learning where possible, home visits and poverty relief. As experienced throughout 2020, online facilities remain poor both with regards to equipment and connectivity, hence excluding approximately 80% of children from benefitting.

With regards to the distribution of funds, The Kanji Project has remained committed to be led by its partners on the ground. Regular communication has allowed for swift decisions to be made and to ensure that funds are used where they are most needed. For example, this has meant that SAF grants have continued to support the paying of reduced teacher salaries in order that the teachers at St. Anthony's School could remain in salaried positions. The Rose Sisters have continued to direct most efforts towards reaching out to isolated, homebound and poverty-stricken community members of the 20 villages in which they regularly work, thereby maintaining contact with the families of the children whom they support at the Sunshine Day Centre and in afterschool clubs.

The charity's UK based fundraising activities have been consistent with key successes in the year including a sponsored litter pick carried out by young supporters, a sponsored sky-dive by one of the trustees, and the return of the Purbeck Quiz event. Key supporters have continued to carry out their individual fundraising activities and sponsors have kept up their sponsorship payments despite the disrupted educational situation in Kanji and surroundings, bringing much appreciated stability to the charity's finances. The trustees have continued to innovate and improve mechanisms for communicating with supporters and attracting new audiences. Examples of this include the evolving of the gift card concept launch in 2020 and revamping the website to better emphasise the importance of sponsorships.

With the pandemic continuing to affect daily lives, trustees took the decision to cancel the charity's Annual General Meeting as in the previous financial year. Again, this decision was shared with the charity's membership in a series of communications. All financial examination and reporting processes have been completed as normal and all decisions about deviations from regular activity have been recorded. The trustees continue to monitor the charity's finances closely through monthly reviews and review its grant-giving and fundraising activity in accordance with the Covid-related guidelines issued in India and the UK. This year this has included a revised process for sending funds to India following new requirements regarding the receipt of foreign funds introduced by the Indian Government.

In non-pandemic times the charity funds work as described below. The trustees continue to work closely with partners in Kanji and are aware that this work might evolve and change in response to the changing situation following the pandemic. For example, the senior leadership at St. Anthony's school might have to adopt different ways of working depending on the number of children returning to school, the level of fee income generated and the ability to retain staff.

Education

There are three distinct strands to the educational work funded by The Kanji Project.

St Antony's Matriculation School, which is run by our Indian Sister charity, St Antony's Foundlings, is a fee-paying school, with the fees set by the Tamil Nadu Education Department. It takes boys and girls from the age of 3 through to 15, regardless of caste or religion. A proportion of children whose parents cannot afford to pay the full fees are on the school role. Depending on the family's circumstances there may be up to 100% remission of fees.

The school has high academic standards and its results in the external examinations for 15-year-olds are consistently among the best in the area. These results are complemented by the school's achievements in sports and a range of extra-curricular activities. The school involves itself in the community with ecological projects and health awareness programmes.

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The trustees have made changes to the communications that supporters receive throughout the year to reflect the current situation which has meant a much greater emphasis on families and communities support work (FACS). We now send out 2 yearly, larger newsletters and also use the news tab on our website (<https://thekanjiproject.org.uk/>) and Mailchimp to share regular new updates on what is happening both with The Kanji Project in the UK and with the work in India financed by the Charity. This has improved our ability to react quickly to emerging needs in Kanji and to respond with emergency appeals, like the Flood appeal, with great success.

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Financial Review

As in previous years, regular donations form the mainstay of the Charity's income. Most of these donations are eligible for Gift Aid. In 2021 these donations are associated Gift Aid account for almost 60% of receipts. The trustees are particularly grateful to the supporters who continue to contribute to the Charity in this way. In addition, the charity benefits a great deal from supporters who respond to appeals and make extra donations. This accounted for some 30% of income. All donations to the Charity are, of course, much appreciated and mean that the Charity can continue to support the worthwhile work being done in India.

Fundraising events are valuable not just for the income they provide but as a way of increasing the visibility of the charity. The TKP has been fortunate to have benefitted from three fundraising events in 2021, bringing in £4,299.

The charity's finances have been on a stronger footing in 2021. Income exceeded expenditure by £6,040. As a result of this, TKP has been able to partially mitigate the effect of the previously agreed reduction in funding to St. Anthony's School and Shanthi Lumin. This has been achieved by offering an 'extra uplift' to funding which is reviewed every six months.

At the end of the year, the charity has a balance of £15,515 in the General Account and £15,023 in the Reserve account. Given the improved financial position, the budget for 2022 anticipates an excess of expenditure over income of about £4,200. This assumes the 'extra uplift' payments for St Anthony's School and Shanti Lumin will continue throughout 2022.

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Reserves Policy

Donor funding is inevitably subject to fluctuation. The trustees therefore believe it is important to hold reserves to maintain a buffer to cover The Kanji Project's existing commitments and to maintain a contingency reserve. It is the present policy of the trustees to designate a reserve of £15,000, equivalent to five months' grant expenditure,.

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Trustees' Annual Report
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2. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Collier".

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3rd May, 2022

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS		
Regular donations (1)	21,147	20,668
One-off donations (2)	12,935	10,590
Fund-raising events (3)	4,299	550
Gift Aid payment from HMRC	4,324	4,485
Covid-19 appeal	0	1,532
Sale of Indian artefacts (8)	200	290
Bank interest	0	20
TOTAL	42,905	38,135
PAYMENTS		
Grants to St. Antony's Foundlings		
- School grants (4)	16,500	24,443
- Flood relief grants	1,850	0
Grants to IDHAYA		
- Sunshine School grants	7,200	8,415
- Flood relief grants	1,850	
Salaries (India) (5)	8,400	6,000
Bank charges (6)	397	280
Printing - newsletters and cards (7)	218	373
Postage	40	12
Website hosting and helpdesk	161	161
Purchase of Indian artefacts (8)	238	0
Trustee expenses	0	110
TOTAL	36,854	39,794
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£ 6,051	£ -1,659
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
CAF Cash General Account	15,515	9,465
CAF Gold Reserve Account	15,023	15,022
TOTAL	£ 30,538	£ 24,487

Notes to accompany the 2021 annual accounts

1. This figure is mainly standing orders received directly into the CAF General Account. It also includes £1402 which come via direct debits set up with CAF-donate.
2. This figure includes the donation of £4000 in memory of David Holman. It also includes donations received in response to the flood relief appeal. However, as we did not set up a separate account heading for this with CAF-donate it is difficult to put an exact figure on this.
3. This figure includes the receipts from the sponsored litter-pick, a sponsored sky dive and the Purbeck quiz evening.
4. This figure is made up of the agreed regular funding for the first six months and then for the next six months the agreed regular funding plus a £450 /month uplift.
5. This figure is higher than in 2020 because we sent two salary payments to the leader of the Shanthi Lumin's children's home in 2021. The 2020 annual salary was not paid until March 2021. This was due to uncertainty over the timing of the introduction of the revised Foreign Contribution Regulations in India. Her 2021 salary payment was sent in December 2021.
6. CAF bank charges have increased because the transfer charge we pay for each payment to India has gone up to £25.
7. This figure is lower than in 2020 because the invoice for the 2021 Autumn newsletter went astray. We received a reminder in January and paid the bill then, so it will appear on the 2022 accounts.
8. These figures represent the purchase and sale of some of the Indian artefacts purchased. There are enough left over for a future sales event.