

Annual Report of Coventry Tamil Welfare Association 2022-23

The financial year started with conducting classes in Tamil Language (in all four skills – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking), Cultural classes (Bharatanatyam, Mirdangam, Carnatic Vocal, Veena instrument, Violin instrument and Keyboard) and other activities to help the Tamil Community in Coventry and Warwickshire.

CTWA has nine permanent trustees. The Executive Committee is elected from the general membership of the CTWA. The Executive Committee serves a period of two years.

The annual general meeting of the association was conducted on the 10th September 2022. Following, new members were elected to the committee as volunteers to take up additional responsibilities:

Executive Committee members:

Mr. Kandiah Ariyaratnam – Chairperson
Mrs. Jeyasree Ratnam – Senior Vice Chairperson
Mr. Visaiaruban Vivekanantham – Junioe Vice Chairperson
Mr. Paheerathan Srinathan – General Secretary
Mr. Suganthan Nagalingam – Treasurer

The following were elected as ordinary committee members:

Mr. Thavathyurai Manikam, Mrs. Kalanithy Uruthiran, Mr. Parakaran Ampikapathi, Mr. Nigethan Mayapperumal

Mr Raveendran Valli and Mr. Pirahith Pieris have the responsibility for the Tamil Academy of Language & Arts, Mrs. Rajani Johnson as the Tamil Language coordinator, Mrs. Thusyanthi Ethayakumar as the cultural subject's coordinator, Mrs. Vijitha Raveendran as sports coordinator, Mr. Pirasath Kanesiah as public relations coordinator, Mr. Thiruvakaran Mahalingam as cultural coordinator and Mr. Prabu Shankar Santhanaraja the IT / web design coordinator. Volunteers were assigned to take care of the activities to promote the objectives of the organization.

Tamil Language Classes:

More children are learning Tamil Language and the total number of children learning the Tamil Language has grown to 146. We have ten classes, and they are conducted on Saturdays between 10:00 am and 12:30 noon at the premises "Clifford House", 38-44 Binley Road, Coventry CV3 1JA. Totally there are twenty-one teachers teaching on voluntary basis. Eight children are preparing to do their Cambridge Advance Level in Tamil Language. All the children learning Tamil Language (Nursery to GCE A/L) will also be doing the annual examination in June 2022 conducted by the British Tamil Examination Board, United Kingdom. (<http://www.bteb.org.uk>)

Cultural Subjects:

From April 2022 onwards on every Saturday Afternoons and Sunday all day, Coventry Tamil Welfare Association conducted classes in Bharatanatyam (South Indian classical dance), Carnatic Music, Keyboard, Miruthangam Instrument, Violin and Veena instrument. This project was aimed at pupils who are most at risk of disaffection. It provided them with a range of experiences that improved their self-esteem and helped them to view life in a more positive light. In addition, the project aimed at helping to understand cultural awareness and heritage. It provided several innovative resources that helped them achieve better standards. This initiative was organized at the request of the parents.

The project is a success, and this has been proved by the event we had on the 23rd April 2022, where all the children who were involved in this project performed in the presence of the Deputy Lord Mayor of Coventry Cllr Kevin Maton (Chief Guest for the evening) at the Willenhall Social Club, Coventry. All these children were presented with a certificate of achievement by the Chief Guest.

However, the real success was measured by the performance in the examinations conducted in April 2022. The examinations were conducted by a professional organization based in London – OFAAL (Oriental Fine Arts Academy of London - <http://www.ofaal.com>). Our youngsters took part in Coventry Cultural events organized by various ethnic groups. In addition, the youngsters also took part in the cultural event organized in London by the North Ceylon Cultural Academy.

Total Number of Children benefited from the project was 72 (Seventy-Two) in the age group of 5 years to 18 years of age. None of the children had any disabilities. The classes were conducted at the

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weekends (Sundays) on a regular basis for 33 weeks commencing from April 2022. The total number of volunteers involved in this project increased to ten (10).

Annual Celebration 2022 – Aandhu Vizah 2022:

On the 23rd April 2022 the twentieth annual celebration of the Coventry Tamil Welfare Association was held at the Willenhall Social Club in Coventry, and it was very well received. The Deputy Lord Mayor of Coventry Cllr Kevin Maton was the chief guest for that day and certificates were awarded to the children for their performance in Bharatanatyam dance, Carnatic music, and instrumental (Veena and Miruthangam). The certificates were presented by the Coventry South MP Zarah Sultana, Dr Rakesh Sachdev, President of the British Organization for People of Asian Origin and Mr Davinder Prasad, Secretary to the Mercia Lions Club. Following that a cultural programme was presented by the children, and it was very well received. The programme culminated in a celebration that was planned and presented by the young people. Planning the publicity, designing the invitation cards, planning the programme for the day, presenting the program, organizing the refreshments were also organized by the young people with the help and guidance from older members of the community. The children and the parents were delighted by this event. This brought them a sense of responsibility and a genuine feel for their cultural heritage.

There were no disappointments as such. In fact, receiving support from the parents and the well-wishers made this project an overwhelming success. This was seen as being able to integrate the Tamil Community into the mainstream society seamlessly.

Annual Sports Fun Day – 9th July 2022

All the children took part in the Sports Fun Day, and it was also a success story

In addition, we also had several activities to make the children aware of their culture and heritage. On the 4th October 2022, we celebrated the Navaratri Pooja. Navratri for the year 2022 started on Monday, September 26th and ends the 9-day festival on Tuesday, October 4th. Navratri is a 9-day festival dedicated to the Hindu deity Durga which starts on the first day of the Lunar month of Ashwin. In Sanskrit Navratri broken up mean nine nights.

On the 24th September, a seminar was arranged for the teachers to update their awareness of the importance of teaching and method of teaching to the children.

On 30th October 2022, the award ceremony for the British Tamil Examination Board was organised and the CTWA played a major role in helping with the preparation.

On the 17th December 2022, prior to the Christmas break a celebration was organised and all the children enjoyed the celebration.

On the 14th January 2023, the celebration of Thai Pongal was organised. Pongal is a harvest festival celebrated by the Tamil community. It is a celebration to thank the Sun, Mother Nature and the various farm animals that help to contribute to a bountiful harvest. Celebrated over four days, Pongal also marks the beginning of the Tamil month called *Thai*, which is considered an auspicious month. It usually falls on the 14th or 15th of January each year. Pongal is also the name of the dish made and eaten during this festival. It is a mixture of boiled sweet rice. It is derived from the Tamil word *pongu*, which means “to boil over”.

On the 28th January 2023, the Member of Parliament for Coventry North, Ms. Taiwo Owaremi visited our school and spoke to the parents and asked if they have any issues contacting her.

Annual Celebration 2023 – Aandhu Vizah 2023:

The year of activities was completed with the 21st annual celebration. On the 25th March 2023 the twenty-first annual celebration of the Coventry Tamil Welfare Association was held at the Muslim Resource Centre, Red Lane in Coventry and it was very well received. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Leicester Prof Nisan Canagarajah as the chief guest for that day and certificates were awarded to the children for their performance in Bharatanatyam dance, Carnatic music, and instrumental (Veena and Miruthangam). The certificates were presented by the Lord Mayor of Coventry Cllr Jaswant Birdie, Director of Griffin College Dr (Mrs) Pathma Rahulan and Cllr Asha Miasih. Following that a cultural program was presented by the children, and it was very well received.



Kandiah Ariyaratnam
Chairman

31st March 2023

CONVENTRY TAMIL WELFARE ASSOCIATION (CTWA)

CHARITY NO: 1093924

**Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1 Jacklin Drive
Coventry
CV3 6QG**

CONVENTRY TAMIL WELFARE ASSOCIATION (CTWA)

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Coventry Tamil Welfare Association (CTWA) Charity No: 1093924

1 Jacklin Drive, Coventry

| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | £ | <u>INCOME</u> | £ |
|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Stationaries etc | 206.00 | OFAAL Examination Fees | 419.00 |
| OFAAL Exam Fees | 419.00 | Members Donations Cultural and Tamil classes | 11,655.06 |
| Cliford House Advance Payment | 2,125.00 | Donation - Mr & Mrs Sarvananthalingam | 1,000.00 |
| Domain registration, web design, Phone | 600.00 | Donation for the school - Mr & Mrs Kaandeepan | 900.00 |
| Rental for Cliford House - Feb & March 2022 | 1,450.00 | Sale of Books | 1,416.00 |
| Payment for Books | 1,008.00 | Donation for school from Charlie Super Market | 500.00 |
| BTEB Tamil Examination | 1,285.00 | Members donations for Christ Hall, Kayts | 1,540.00 |
| Payment for TERC Books | 1,980.00 | Aandhu Vizah 2022 (23.04.2022) | 6,778.30 |
| Donation to St Antony's College, Kayts, Sri Lanka | 1,540.00 | Aandhu Vizah 2023 (25.03.2023) | 4,065.35 |
| Advance payment for hall for Aandhu Vizah 2022 | 375.00 | | |
| Payment for Tamil Teachers - Term 1 (online) | 1,550.00 | | |
| Payment for Tamil Teachers - Term 2 | 60.00 | | |
| Payment for Cultural Teachers - Term 2 | 2,890.00 | | |
| Payment for Carpet Fitting to the school | 514.46 | | |
| Aandhu Vizah 2022 Expenses | 5,577.58 | | |
| Aandhu Vizah 2023 Expenses | 2,807.04 | | |
| Sports Day Expenses - 09.07.2022 | 2,689.92 | | |
| Excess Income over Expenditure | <u>1,196.71</u> | | |
| | <u>28,273.71</u> | | <u>28,273.71</u> |

CASH & BANK RECONCILIATION

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Cash in Hand at 31/03/2022 | 26.44 | Cash in Hand at 31/03/2023 | 26.44 |
| Lloyds Bank Balance at 31/03/2022 | 54.82 | Lloyds Bank Balance at 31/03/2023 | 54.82 |
| BarclaysBank Balance at 31/03/2022 | 974.76 | BarclaysBank Balance at 31/03/2023 | 974.76 |
| RBS Bank Balance at 31/03/2022 | 5,785.92 | RBS Bank Balance at 31/03/2023 | 882.63 |
| Building Society Balance (Nation Wide) | 3.04 | Building Society Balance (Nation Wide) | 3.04 |
| Current Liabilities as at 31/03/2022 | 13,168.04 | Current Liabilities as at 31/03/2022 | 19,268.04 |
| Prepayments advance for Andhuvizha 2022 | 375.00 | Prepayments advance for Andhuvizha 2023 | 375.00 |
| Excess Expenditure over Income | 1,196.71 | | |
| | <u>21,584.73</u> | | <u>21,584.73</u> |



Kandiah Ariyaratnam
Chairman

Coventry Tamil Welfare Association (CTWA) Charity No: 1093924

1 Jacklin Drive, Coventry

Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2023

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | £ |
| Building Society Balance | 3.04 |
| Barclays Bank Balance | 974.76 |
| Lloyds Bank Balance | 54.82 |
| RBS Bank Balance | 882.63 |
| Cash in Hand | 26.44 |
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| | 1,941.69 |
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| <u>Current Assets</u> | |
| Prepayments advance for Andhuvizha | 375.00 |
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| | 375.00 |
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| <u>Liabilities</u> | |
| Members Loan for fund | 1,500.00 |
| Accruals | -00 |
| Loan from Mr.Ariyaratnam | 11,668.04 |
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| | 13,168.04 |
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| Total Assets less Liabilities | (10,851.35) |
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| <u>Represented by</u> | |
| Balance B/F from | (12,048.06) |
| Net surplus /-Deficit | 1,196.71 |
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| | (10,851.35) |
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Coventry Tamil Welfare Association (CTWA)

I report on the accounts of the Coventry Tamil Welfare Association for the period ended 31 March 2023 which is set out on page 3-4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- To state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act).
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr. Thevarayapillai Letchumanan Raj FCCA FCMA
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Date: 25th May 2023