

Annual Report of Coventry Tamil Welfare Association 2024-25

The financial year started with conducting classes in Tamil Language (in all four skills – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking), Cultural classes (Bharatanatyam, Mridangam, Carnatic Vocal, Veena instrument, Violin instrument and Keyboard) and other activities to help the Tamil Community in Coventry and Warwickshire. Children who benefit this service include many from south Asian community (viz Malayalam, Telegu, Kanada, Pakistan etc.). In addition, the community members were provided with several helps and assistance with immigration, naturalization, adoption, translation, completing application forms, housing, school admissions etc.

CTWA have three permanent trustees. On the 21 September 2024, the Executive Committee was elected from the general membership of the CTWA. The Executive Committee serves a period of two years.

Executive Committee members:

Mr.Kandiah Ariyaratnam – Chairperson
Mrs.Jeyasree Ratnam – Senior Vice Chairperson
Mr.Vasiyaruban Vivekanandan – Junioe Vice Chairperson
Mr.Paheerathan Srinathan – General Secretary
Mr Alavan Pathmanthan – Treasurer

The following were elected as ordinary committee members:

Mr.Thavathurai Manikam, Mr.Suganthan Nagalingam, Mr.Thiruvarangan Mahalingam and Mr.Nigethan Mayapperumal. On the 10th November 2024, Mr.Nigethan Mayapperumal resigned from being an ordinary committee member. No replacement was made.

Mr Raveendran Valli and Mr. Pirahith Pieris have the admin responsibility for the Tamil Academy of Language & Arts, Mrs. Jeyarathy Varatharaja as Tamil subject Coordinator, Mrs. Kunthavi Thiruvarangan as Cultural subjects Coordinator, Mrs. Vijitha Raveendran as Sports Coordinator, Mr. Prabhu Shankar Santhanaraja were selected as the Network Coordinator, Mrs. Rajani Johnson was selected as assistant secretary and Mrs Kalanithy Uruthiran was selected as assistant treasurer. No one was selected for the position of public relations coordinator.

The head teacher of Coventry Tamil academy of language and arts– Mrs Rajani Uthayasegaran and the admin Volunteers – Mrs. Ponmani Jaiganesh & Mrs. Sivakala Sureshtas 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 nearly 200. We have ten classes, and they are conducted on Saturdays between 10:00 am and 12:30 noon at the premises Tutors & Exams, 45 Blondvil Street, Coventry CV3 5EQ. Totally there are twenty-five teachers teaching on voluntary basis. All the teachers attended the training provided by the Chairman Mr Kanapathipillai Sivagurunathapillai who is the chief examiner for the BTEB examination board. All the children learning Tamil Language (Nursery to GCE A/L) were admitted doing the annual examination on 22nd of June 2024 conducted by the British Tamil Examination Board (BTEB), United Kingdom. (<http://www.bteb.org.uk>)

Cultural Subjects:

Every Saturday Afternoons and Sunday all day, the Coventry Tamil Welfare Association conduct 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 9th November 2024, where all the children who were involved in this project performed in the presence of the Chief guest was member of parliament for Coventry South Zara Sultana and special guest was former Lord Mayor of Coventry, Councilor Mr. Jaswant Singh Birdi at the Community Resource Centre, 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 2024. 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 the following various ethnic groups.

- i Dance performance at the chariot festival in Elakkandan Hindu temple in Coventry.
- ii Dance performance at the Amman temple's chariot festival.
- iii Navaratri festival was held at the school premises and children participated in programs.
- iv Navaratri dance performances in Coventreeswaram Shivan temple.
- v Performed in Diwali celebrations organized by Warwickshire county council in Bedworth.
- vi Performed in Diwali celebrations organized by Coventry Tamil family organization in Coventry.
- vii Dance Performance in "Diversity together" program organized by Xmas Extravaganza.
- viii Christmas celebration at the school.
- ix Dance Performance in "Celebrate Swanswell" in Coventry.
- x Thai Pongal was celebrated at the Tamil school.
- xi Performed in "Ezhisaikulu's Thaipongal program.
- xii Performed in "Sivarathiri" at Coventry Easwaram sivan temple.

Total Number of Children benefited from the project was 102 (One hundred and two) in the age group of 5 years to 18 years of age. None of the children had any disabilities. The classes were conducted on the weekends (Sundays) on a regular basis for 33 weeks commencing from April 2024. The total number of volunteers involved in this project increased to fifteen (15).

Annual Sports Fun Day – 13th of July 2024

All the children took part in the Sports Fun Day, and it was also a success story. Chief Guest was former Lord Mayor of Coventry, Councilor Mr. Jaswant Singh Birdi.

In addition, we also had several activities to make the children aware of their culture and heritage.

On the 22nd February 2025, World peace and Harmony team visited the school and participated in meditation. Since then enabling the children to motivate in public speaking, started to participate via zoom in "Kathampam" program on every Thursday at 8.00pm organized by World peace and Harmony.

Yoga classes continued at the school by Shri Gowri Sankar of our community to encourage healthy living.

On the 21st of December 2024, prior to the Christmas break a celebration was organized and all the children enjoyed the celebration.

On the 18th of January 2025, the celebration of Thai Pongal was organized. 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".

The children who are learning Karate participated in the competition and received gold, silver and bronze medals which motivated more children to join the Karate lessons.

Six students participated in Tamil Language examination conducted by the OCR GCSE and got very good results. One student achieved the first rank in the world. A certificate of appreciation was issued by the Cambridge Examination board and was awarded to the student.



Kandiah Ariyaratnam
Chairman

31st March 2025

Coventry Tamil Welfare Association (CTWA) Charity No: 1093924

1 Jacklin Drive, Coventry

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	<u>INCOME</u>	£
School Building Rent	13,580.00	Members Donations for the Tamil classes	21,950.00
Tamil Teachers's Remuneration 24/25 Term1 & Term2	4,810.00	Members Donations for the Cultural classes	16,742.50
Cultural Teachers's Remuneration 24/25 Term1 & Term2	6,995.00	Membership Payments	1,470.00
Tamil / Cultural Teachers's Last Year23/24 Remuneration	7,635.00	Donation for Books	1,828.39
Admin Remuneration	4,430.00	Other Donation	743.75
Annual Sports Vizha Expenses 2024	3,477.37	Aanduvizha contribution & Sponcer 2024	6,297.68
Payment for Books	1,375.00	Annual Sports Vizha contribution & Sponcer 2024	5,165.06
Cambridge O/L,A/L Exam fees	1,140.00	Cambridge O/L,A/L Exam fees	1,140.00
Aandhu Vizah Expenses 2024	3,072.51	BTEB EXAM FEES	1,870.00
BTEB Tamil Examination Fees	1,870.00	Re correction Payment for BTEB	170.00
Sports Ground Hire 2025	800.00	Christ Hall donation	600.00
Domain webside, Phone for Admin	365.08		
Payment for Fitting to the school	400.00		
Teachers Honouring & Tranining cost	475.00		
Vani Vizha & Oli Vizh Expences	629.66		
Tamil Thiran competition Expenses	512.60		
Recorrection BTEB Refund	170.00		
BTEB Exam HALL HIRE	220.00		
Term Report Print	398.00		
Meditation day House Rent	200.00		
Other Petty cash Expenses	272.69		
Cleaning D L Ltd	140.00		
Card paymnt charge	10.65		
Donation for Kayts Orphanage	1,400.00		
Bank Charges	15.15		
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>3,583.67</u>		
	<u>57,977.38</u>		<u>57,977.38</u>

CASH & BANK RECONCILIATION

	£		£
Cash in Hand at 31/03/2024	26.44	Cash in Hand at 31/03/2025	26.44
Lloyds Bank Balance at 31/03/2024	54.82	Lloyds Bank Balance at 31/03/2025	54.82
BarclaysBank Balance at 31/03/2024	974.76	BarclaysBank Balance at 31/03/2025	159.61
RBS Bank Balance at 31/03/2024	2066.3	RBS Bank Balance at 31/03/2025	6,465.12
Building Society Balance (Nation Wide)	3.04	Building Society Balance (Nation Wide)	3.04
Current Liabilities as at 31/03/2025	13,168.04	Current Liabilities as at 31/03/2024	13,168.04
Excess Income over Expenditure	3,583.67		
	<u>19,877.07</u>		<u>19,877.07</u>

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Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2025

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Accruals	-00
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 Total Assets less Liabilities	<hr/>
	(6,459.01)
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 <u>Represented by</u>	
Balance B/F from	(10,042.68)
Net surplus /-Deficit	3,583.67
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CONVENTRY TAMIL WELFARE ASSOCIATION (CTWA)

CHARITY NO: 1093924

**Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Jacklin Drive
Coventry
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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 2025 which is set out on page 4– 5.

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 particular matters have come to my attention.

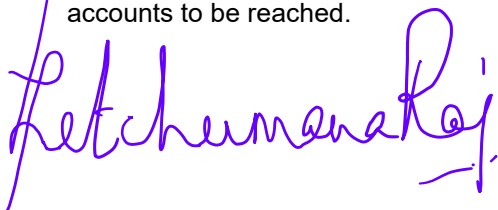
Basis of independent examiner's report

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

In the course of 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 17 February 26

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