

Annual Report

FY 2024

BRIDGE OF LOVE TRUST

Registered UK Charity 1096302

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Soup, Soap & Salvation

Our ultimate goal is to reach out with our King's love to the oppressed in their struggles and build a BRIDGE from the church to the afflicted.

We reach out to

- Widows & Orphans
- Poor, Sick & Needy
- Child labour victims
- War/ Tsunami Victims
- Persecuted Christians
- Slum-dwellers / Children of prostitutes
- Dalits/Outcaste/ Untouchable

Aim & Purpose

Bridge of Love Trust (BOL) is a non-profit organisation and a registered UK Charity (Charity No: 1096302). Rev G I Ebenezer is the chairman of BOL.

The Trust was established to protect and support society's most vulnerable, particularly widows and orphans. The trustees engage in numerous welfare initiatives to defend the interests of the poor, who often fall victim to the civil unrest in Sri Lanka.

Activities

Bridge Of Love focuses on community development in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka and the tribal areas in Tamil Nadu, South India. For over twenty two years, we've provided financial support to registered local organisations dedicated to assisting the oppressed, vulnerable, abandoned, poor, needy, widows, orphans, child labour victims, underprivileged, young offenders, persecuted, and war victims in Sri Lanka and India.

We offer monthly financial support to the majority of our projects. Beyond our regular contributions, we identify specific needs and seek aid from individuals and organizations. We then channel these funds to trustworthy entities to meet those needs, ensuring that the organizations we support are genuine.

We assist individuals irrespective of their race or religion.

Charity Framework

Charity name: Bridge of Love Trust

Other names: BRIDGE OF LOVE (Working Name)

Address: 67, Yoxley drive, Ilford, Essex IG2 6PU

Governing document: DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 02/02/03

Date of registration: 03 Mar 2003

Organisation type: STANDARD REGISTRATION

Charitable Objects: THE TRUSTEES SHALL HOLD THE TRUST FUND AND ITS INCOME UPON TRUST TO APPLY THEM FOR THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") IN INDIA, SRI-LANKA, AFRICA, UK. ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT") TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR THROUGH PROVIDING OR ASSISTING WITH THE PROVISION OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND GRANTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES. TO RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS IN PARTICULAR AMONGST CHILDREN, WIDOWS AND PERSONS BEING PERSECUTED AS A RESULT OF THEIR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

Charity Classification

What

- GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES
- EDUCATION/TRAINING
- THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR SAVING OF LIVES
- DISABILITY
- THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY
- OVERSEAS AID/FAMINE RELIEF
- ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING
- RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
- ARTS/CULTURE/HERITAGE/SCIENCE
- AMATEUR SPORT
- ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/EMPLOYMENT
- OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Who

- CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE
- ELDERLY/OLD PEOPLE
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- PEOPLE OF A PARTICULAR ETHNIC OR RACIAL ORIGIN
- OTHER CHARITIES OR VOLUNTARY BODIES

How

- MAKES GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS
- MAKES GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS
- PROVIDES SERVICES
- PROVIDES ADVOCACY/ADVICE/INFORMATION
- OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Fundraising

We raise money for our causes through Standing Orders, Gift Aid/ donations from our friends and family / Church members. Occasionally, friends gather funds from their own circles for specific charitable causes using the Stewardship online fundraising platform

We do not use any “commercial participator” or “professional fund-raiser” and we do not have any fundraising agreement with anyone. Therefore, the following does not apply to us in relations to ‘Compliance with the Fundraising Regulator’s voluntary regulation scheme’.

- The charity’s approach to fundraising activity, and in particular whether a professional fundraiser or commercial participator was used.
- Details of any voluntary fundraising schemes or standards which the charity or anyone fundraising on its behalf has agreed to.
- Any failure to comply with a scheme or standard cited.
- Whether and how the charity monitored fundraising activities carried out on its behalf.
- How many complaints the charity or anyone acting on its behalf has received about fundraising for the charity.
- What the charity has done to protect vulnerable people and others from unreasonable intrusion on a person’s privacy, unreasonably persistent approaches or undue pressure to give, in the course of or in connection with fundraising for the charity.

Financial Summary

Over the past twenty two years, we've funneled over £775k into our projects. In 2024, we raised over £27k and directed more than £26k to support our projects.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2024		
RECEIPTS:		
Donations received from organisations and individuals (including Standing Orders/ Other Gift Aids)	£24,534	
HMRC Tax refund	£2,485	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£27,019
PAYMENTS:		
Abused / Abandoned	Notes 1	£420
Christmas presents for poor & needy	Notes 2	£1,186
Educational / Extracurricular Activities	Notes 3	£6,920
Housing	Notes 4	£1,353
Income Generating	Notes 5	£403
Orphanage / Residential School	Notes 6	£1,850
Sick, Poor & Needy	Notes 7	£3,748
Water Supply	Notes 8	£889
Widows and Children	Notes 9	£9,548
Bank Interest		£182
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£26,499
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		(£520)

Summary of Achievements

🏠 Caring for Orphans

In 2024, we contributed over **£1,800** to support two dedicated orphanages in Sri Lanka:

- Happy Home, Kotagala
- Anpusahotharar Illam (ASI), Mannar

These homes provide shelter, care, and hope to children in need. Mr. Veeman Masillamany coordinates the work at ASI, while Mrs. Jeeva Algendran oversees operations at Happy Home. Their tireless commitment ensures that each child receives the love and support they deserve.

👨👩 Supporting Widows and Children

In 2024, we allocated over **£9,500** to uplift widows and vulnerable families across Sri Lanka and India. These projects provided essential financial support, dignity, and hope to women living in remote and underserved communities.

📍 Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka Coordinated by Sis. Malini

- Widows in Theravil
- Widows in Valluvarpuram
- Widows in Kallapadu

📍 Jaffna District, Sri Lanka Coordinated by Sis. Jayaseeli Raviraj

- Widows in Periyavillan

📍 Batticaloa District, Sri Lanka Coordinated by Rev. Karunanithi

- Widows in Kopaveli
- Widows in Rajapuram
- Widows in Tumpalancholai
- Widows in Viyajapuram, Mamangam, Navakeni, and surrounding areas

📍 Dehiwala & Pita Kotte Slums, Sri Lanka Coordinated by Rev. Kathireson

- Widows in Dehiwala
- Widows in Pita Kotte

📍 Nuwara Eliya District, Sri Lanka Coordinated by Rev. Ranjit

- Widows in Oliphant Estate

📍 Tirunelveli, India Supported by Mr. Sutharshan Gopalan

- Ongoing financial assistance to a widow and her children

These efforts reflect our deep commitment to restoring stability and hope for women and children facing hardship.

🎓 Empowering Deprived Children through Education

Bridge of Love continued its mission to break the cycle of poverty by investing in the education of deprived children across Sri Lanka and India. In 2024, Bridge of Love directed over **£6,900** towards educational programmes across Batticaloa, Mullaitivu, Pita Kotte, and Cheyyar — uplifting students in underserved communities through targeted support. These initiatives were made possible through the dedicated coordination of Rev. Karunanithi, Sis. Malini, Rev. Kathireson, and Rev. Samraj, whose local leadership ensured effective implementation.

In Kallaru, Killinochchi, Bro. Jesuthasan continues to sponsor and manage a long-standing educational programme. His generous contribution of £3,650 in 2024 played a vital role in sustaining and expanding this impactful effort.

🚲 In the remote villages of Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu, where the nearest government school is 4 km away, many children face a long daily walk to access education. To ease this burden, we donated 6 bicycles in July 2024, valued at £325 — bringing our total to over 20 bicycles donated to date. In addition, we contributed £150 towards essential educational resources for underprivileged students in the same area. This initiative was generously sponsored and coordinated by Mr. Robert Arokisamy, with on-the-ground support from Rev. Samraj.

Altogether, these efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to educational equity and opportunity — empowering children with the tools they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

Income Generation for Poor and Marginalised Women

In 2024, Bridge of Love supported several initiatives aimed at empowering women through sustainable income generation — helping them build resilience and independence through practical support.

- In Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, we provided financial assistance to a widow to help her start a small business. This project was coordinated by Rev. Karunanithi.
- In Vivamadu, Mullaitivu, we ran a sewing training programme for disadvantaged women, equipping them with valuable skills to earn a livelihood. This initiative was coordinated by Sis. Malini.
- In Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu, South India, we supported poor widows in launching small businesses to improve their financial stability. This project was coordinated by Rev. Samraj.

In total, over **£400** was directed towards these income generation efforts — fostering dignity, self-reliance, and long-term impact for women in need.

Housing Repairs & Dignity for Vulnerable Communities

In 2024, Bridge of Love allocated over £200 to improve housing conditions for vulnerable families in Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu, South India. This included installing front doors on homes that previously lacked proper entryways, as well as conducting essential repairs. Coordinated by Rev. Samraj, these efforts helped restore safety, privacy, and dignity to families living in inadequate shelter.

Additionally, Rev. G. I. Ebenezer, Chairman of Bridge of Love, fundraised and contributed over £1,100 towards the Pita Kotte Church building fund in Sri Lanka. The majority of this congregation lives in slum areas and faces significant economic hardship, making this support especially meaningful and timely.

Together, these initiatives reflect our deep commitment to improving living conditions and uplifting communities through practical, compassionate action.

👐 Support for the Sick, Poor & Needy

In 2024, Bridge of Love contributed over **£3,740** to support underprivileged individuals across Sri Lanka and South India — continuing our long-standing commitment to compassion, dignity, and care for the most vulnerable.

- For over sixteen years, we've provided ongoing financial support to 10 underprivileged pastors in Batticaloa, donating more than £795 in 2024 alone. Rev. Karunanithi served as the local project coordinator.
- We donated over £1,000 to assist the poor, sick, and needy in Batticaloa, with Rev. Karunanithi overseeing the distribution of aid.
- In Mullaitivu, we contributed more than £510 to support the poor, sick, and needy, coordinated by Sis. Malini.
- We provided over £195 in Mullaitivu to support disabled and handicapped women, also coordinated by Sis. Malini.
- In Batticaloa, we allocated more than £575 to assist disabled and handicapped individuals, with Rev. Karunanithi leading the local efforts.
- In Trincomalee, we donated over £340 to support the disabled and handicapped, coordinated by Sis. Malini.
- In Trichy, Tamil Nadu, Br. Srinivasan coordinated and distributed over £400 worth of bedsheets to the poor and abandoned living on the streets — offering warmth and dignity to those with no shelter.
- We contributed more than £260 to support abandoned individuals and victims of domestic abuse in Mullaitivu, with Sis. Malini coordinating the outreach.
- In Batticaloa, we provided over £150 to assist victims of domestic abuse, coordinated by Rev. Karunanithi.

These efforts reached individuals who are often overlooked — the elderly, the disabled, the abandoned, and those recovering from trauma. Through practical support and compassionate outreach, we continue to stand with those in greatest need, offering not just aid, but hope and human connection.

Water Supply for Underserved Communities

In 2024, Bridge of Love supported the construction of a tube well worth £880 in the Killinochchi District, Sri Lanka — delivering clean and reliable water access to poor and underserved families. This vital effort was generously sponsored and managed by Bro. Jesuthasan, directly benefiting remote communities.

Christmas Gifts for Deprived Children

In December 2024, Bridge of Love distributed study materials worth over **£1,000** as Christmas presents to underprivileged children in Batticaloa and Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka — offering both joy and educational support during the festive season. These projects were coordinated by Rev. Karunanithi in Batticaloa and Sis. Malini in Mullaitivu.

This heartwarming initiative was made possible through the generous support of Mrs. Evangeline Sathyendran, Mr. King, and the Barkingside Tamil Friends Fellowship, whose kindness created a meaningful difference in the lives of these children.

Contact Information

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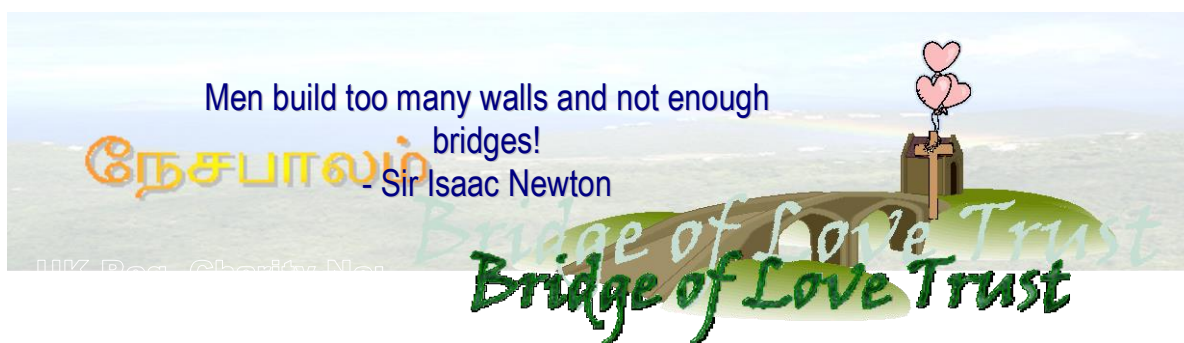
The trustees hereby declare they approve the trustees' report given above

Rev G I Ebenezer

Chairman, Bridge Of Love

Varnan Goodwin

Secretary, Bridge Of Love



BRIDGE OF LOVE TRUST (Registered Charity No: 1096302) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2024		
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DEC 2024					
ASSETS:					
	SL Tsunami Account	IND Tsunami Account	Sri Lankan Account	Indian Account	TOTAL
Bank Current Accounts	£872.33	£0.00	£42.03	£40.68	£954.04
Other Assets					-
TOTAL ASSETS					£954.04
LIABILITIES:					
TOTAL LIABILITIES					-

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DEC 2024				
OPENING BANK BALANCE :				
	SL Tsunami Account Bal	£329.46		
	IND Tsunami Account Bal	£0.00		
	Sri Lankan Account Bal	£74.82		
	Indian Account Bal	£30.68		
			£434	
Movements for the year			(£520)	
Closing Balance as at 31 Dec 2024			£954	
REPRESENTED BY :				
	SL Tsunami Account Bal	£872.33		
	IND Tsunami Account Bal	£0.00		
	Sri Lankan Account Bal	£42.03		
	Indian Account Bal	£40.68		
Total Bank Balance as at 31st Dec 2024			£954	

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report

Rev G I Ebenezer
Chairman, Bridge Of Love

Varnan Goodwin
Secretary, Bridge Of Love

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PROJECT PAYMENT DETAILS					
Project Type	Project Name	District	Pounds Value	SLAmount	INAmount
Abused / Abandoned					
	Domestic Abuse victims - Batticaloa	Batticaloa	£158.26	60,000.00	
	Domestic Abuse victims - Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	£261.23	100,775.00	
Abused / Abandoned Total			£419.50	160,775.00	
Christmas presents					
	Christmas presents - Batticaloa underprivileged children	Batticaloa	£1,022.32	374,592.00	
	Christmas presents - Mullaitivu underprivileged children	Mullaitivu	£163.65	59,810.00	
Christmas presents Total			£1,185.97	434,402.00	
Educational / Extracurricular Activities					
	Education for underprivileged - Batticaloa	Batticaloa	£633.06	240,000.00	
	Education for underprivileged - Cheyyar	Cheyyar	£587.48		62,998.37
	Education for underprivileged children - Beddagana, Pita Kotte	Colombo	£617.18	240,000.00	
	Education for underprivileged - Jaffna	Jaffna	£680.89	260,000.00	
	Education poor children, Kallaru	Killinochchi	£3,651.72	1,389,328.00	
	Education for underprivileged children - Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	£749.77	290,245.00	
Educational / Extracurricular Activities Total			£6,920.11	2,419,573.00	62,998.37
Housing					
	Front doors for door-less houses - Cheyyar	Cheyyar	£95.62		10,000.73
	Housing, repair - Cheyyar	Cheyyar	£132.29		13,836.00
	Bedgama / Pita Kotte Slum Building Fund	Colombo	£1,125.00	458,625.00	
Housing Total			£1,352.90	458,625.00	23,836.73
Income Generating					
	Income Generating Projects - Batticaloa	Batticaloa	£137.57	50,408.00	
	Income Genating projects - Cheyyar	Cheyyar	£215.01		23,018.00
	Sewing training for widows -Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	£50.94	20,000.00	
Income Generating Total			£403.51	70,408.00	23,018.00

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Orphanage / Residential School

	Happy Home - Kotagala	Kotagala	£600.00	241,988.50
	Anpu Sahocharar Illam (ASI)	Mannar	£1,250.00	507,337.50
Orphanage / Residential School Total			£1,850.00	749,326.00

Sick, Poor & Needy

	Disabled/ Handicapped - Batticaloa	Batticaloa	£580.30	220,000.00	
	Sick, Poor & Needy - Batticaloa	Batticaloa	£1,813.61	£687,500.00	
	Sick, Poor and Needy - Cheyyar	Cheyyar	£95.61	10,000.00	
	Disabled/ Handicapped - Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	£340.91	130,000.00	
	Sick, Poor & Needy - Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	£511.15	196,730.00	
	Sick, Poor & Needy - Trichy	Trichy	£406.00	42,950.25	
Sick, Poor & Needy Total			£3,747.58	1,234,230.00	52,950.25

Water Supply

	Water Supply - Kilinochchi	Killinochchi	£889.28	345,000.00
Water Supply Total			£889.28	345,000.00

Widows and Children

	Widows & Children - Batticaloa	Batticaloa	£2,362.11	895,500.00	
	Widows & Children - Dehiwela	Colombo	£1,304.03	500,250.00	
	Widows & Children - Pita Kotte	Colombo	£1,916.70	734,750.00	
	Widows & Children - Jaffna	Jaffna	£1,676.04	640,000.00	
	Widows & Children - Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu	£898.76	342,440.00	
	Widows & Children - Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya	£790.13	300,000.00	
	Widows & Children - Thenkasi	Tirunelveli	£600.00	63,708.12	
Widows and Children Total			£9,547.76	3,412,940.00	63,708.12

Grand Total			£26,316.60	9,352,297.00	226,511.47
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES/ MEMBERS OF
BRIDGE OF LOVE TRUST**

We report on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

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").

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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 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.

We 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.


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