

# THE NEEM TREE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1099077

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2003-08-20

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE CARE OF THE HANDICAPPED, A BOYS' HOME LOCATED 30KMS FROM TIRUNELVELI, TAMIL NADU, SOUTH INDIA.2. TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ST LUKE'S LEPROSARIUM, PEIKULAM IN THE DISTRICT OF THOOTHUKUDI IN CARING FOR LEPROSY PATIENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.3. TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS IN THE TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA OF TAMIL NADU.

**Activities:** Raise funds and increase awareness of the charity by giving talks, visiting schools, selling Indian products at local community events.Kathy Miller makes an annual trip to visit the children at the two centres the Neem Tree Trust supports in India.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- India
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Somerset
- Wiltshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,607	£24,443	-	-
2024-03-31	£62,448	£22,444	-	-
2023-03-31	£94,510	£50,935	-	-
2022-03-31	£34,265	£43,431	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,879	£31,041	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
KATHY MILLER	Chair	
JOHN HOSKINS		
PATRICIA MARGARET KINZETT		

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# Accounts

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KATHLEEN MILLER

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## **HOW AND WHY THE NEEM TREE TRUST WAS FORMED**

The creation of The Neem Tree Trust was the result of Kathy Miller's first visit to India in September 1999 when she travelled with an organisation called Projects Abroad, which sent volunteers to various countries to teach conversational English in schools.

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## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees believe that the charity has achieved its objectives during the year and propose to continue to follow the same strategies in the future. We will continue to have a presence with stalls at local events but Kathy has decided, now that we have laid the foundations of our charity, to give fewer talks to groups unless they are particularly local.

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we support and to ensure that the objects of our charity continue to be carried out for the public benefit in the area of operation in Tamil Nadu, South India.

## **SCHT BOYS HOME**

During the financial year 2024/2025 the Trust provided a grant of £22455 to the SCHAT Boys' Home to pay for:

- Assistance with welfare and rehabilitation when the boys return to their villages after leaving the home.
- Assistance for boys who are studying further education at college.
- Improvements to the buildings and facilities on the campus, including the bathroom and toilet facilities

## **ST LUKE'S LEPROSY HOSPITAL**

Through the Trust, a number of supporters of St Luke's have made donations towards the feeding programme set up at the hospital for the benefit of the in-patients and children as well as sponsoring individual children and renovating the kitchens and staff quarters.

## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Kathy's Indian evening at The Old Stables raised £590.00

Christina and Richard Cornish once again opened their garden in Corsham in aid of the Neem Tree Trust raising £2646.00.

John Kendall held his usual Christmas stall at his home in Seend selling small antiques and collectables raising £1705.00.

Kathy and Pat's Xmas shops raised £935.00

Sales from Freda's Art and Slimming Clubs amounted to £426.00.

We claimed Gift Aid of £2697 from the Inland Revenue on donations from UK taxpayers.

In November 2024 we sent out our annual newsletter via email to supporters giving them an update on the children's progress and inviting them to make a donation to The Neem Tree Trust for the benefit of the children at the boys' home and the patients and children at the Leprosy Hospital. Donations from individuals for both the Boys' Home and St Luke's, including regular standing orders, amounted to £24556.

The Neem Tree Trust deposits funds as they are raised into a CAF Gold account. In the financial year 2024/2025 bank interest from this account plus The Charity Bank Account amounted to £3848.

## PAYMENTS

The following payments were made during the year:

Purchase of items for resale .....	£73.00
Maintenance of equipment and computer systems. ....	£884.00
Printing, stationery and postage. ....	£43.00
Annual Public Liability Insurance .....	£319.00
Vehicle expenses and travel.....	£287.00
Bank Charges .....	£382.00

## GRANTS

The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) is India's law regulating the flow of foreign funding into the country. Indian non-profit organisations must have a valid FCRA Registration to be able to legally receive charitable funds from donors outside of India.

The charity made grant payments to SCHAT Boys' Home of £22455.

The Neem Tree Trust annually transfers donations for St Luke's to the Thoothukudi Nazareth Diocesan Trust Association (FCRA Registration No 076160015). A Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up, signed and dated on 2nd February 2011 between The Neem Tree Trust, St Luke's Leprosarium and the Thoothukudi Nazareth Trust stipulating that once funds are received by Diocesan Trust Association from The Neem Tree Trust they should be credited within fifteen days into the account of St Luke's Leprosarium.

This arrangement has worked perfectly well for many years. However, when we last undertook to transfer donations for the benefit of St Luke's we encountered a problem in that the FCRA Account in India had been frozen and the money was returned to our account. I have read that a number of UK charities supporting NGOs in India have also had bank accounts frozen. Dr Haebus, the Medical Superintendent of St Luke's, is doing his utmost to resolve this problem but in the meantime all donations for St Luke's have been safely deposited into our Gold CAF Savings account where they are accruing interest.

I have recently had an email from Dr Haebus who says "It is indeed sad that our FCRA problem is not yet rectified. We really hope that Neem Tree Trust continues to support us in all our endeavours. Till the FCRA problem is rectified, or till we find an alternative way, we humbly request the Neem Tree Trust to hold on to our funds. We can receive the cumulated funds later. Thank you for all your care and concern for our cause."

The dedicated work at St Luke's Leprosarium, which began in 1954, continues in treating and rehabilitating leprosy patients. Last year the total number of out-patients was 11,604 and in-patients numbered 335. In spite of the temporary hurdles in transferring funds we must not abandon them and we will try to seek ways to overcome these difficulties.

The trustees considered the above grants to conform to the Objects of the charity.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature.....

**FULL NAME:** KATHLEEN MILLER      **POSITION:** TRUSTEE AND FOUNDER

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
DONATIONS	-	-	-	24,556	45,923
SALE OF GOODS	-	-	-	220	842
TALKS TO GROUPS	-	-	-		65
EVENTS	-	-	-	6,286	7,891
GIFT AID REFUNDS	-	-	-	2,697	4,899
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	3,848	2,828
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	-	-	-	37,607	62,448
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	37,607	62,448
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	37,607	62,448
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
PURCHASES OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE	-	-	-	73	516
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS	-	-	-	884	456
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND POSTAGE	-	-	-	43	364
INSURANCE	-	-	-	319	240
VEHICLE EXPENSES AND TRAVEL	-	-	-	287	114
SCHT GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	22,455	20,642
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	382	112
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	24,443	22,444
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	24,443	22,444
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-	-	-	13,164	40,004
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	107,544	67,540
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	-	-	120,708	107,544

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK BALANCE CAF CASH	759		
	BANK BALANCE CAF GOLD	60,569		
	BANK BALANCE CHARITY BANK	59,380		
	<i>Total cash funds</i> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	120,708		
	OK			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	<u>Details</u>			

**B2 Other monetary assets**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KATHLEEN MILLER	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

**THE NEEM TREE TRUST**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31/03/25**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1099077**

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

**Signed:**

*Robt Bl*

**Date:**

*16/6/25*

**Name:**

ROBERT BRANCH

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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**Address:**

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## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Kathy Miller's daughter, Alex Allberry, ran the Half Marathon in Paris raising £720.84.

Christina and Richard Cornish once again opened their garden in Corsham in aid of the Neem Tree Trust raising £2291.00.

We held a Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon in memory of Ken Miller and to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of The Neem Tree Trust. We raised £2147.00.

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## **PAYMENTS**

The following payments were made during the year:

Purchase of items for resale .....	£516.00
Maintenance of equipment and computer systems. ....	£456.00
Printing, stationery and postage. ....	£364.00
Annual Public Liability Insurance .....	£240.00
Vehicle expenses and travel.....	£114.00
Bank Charges .....	£112.00

## **GRANTS**

The charity made grant payments to SCHAT Boys' Home of £20642.

In January 2024 we made a grant of £20,000 to St Luke's Leprosy Hospital but unfortunately this money was returned as the bank account in India had been frozen. We are trying to resolve this matter in order that we can send the grant to St Luke's again.

The trustees considered the above grants to conform to the Objects of the charity.

## **DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature.....

**FULL NAME:** KATHLEEN MILLER      **POSITION:** TRUSTEE AND FOUNDER

Date:



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
DONATIONS	-	-	-	45,923	82,853
SALE OF GOODS	-	-	-	842	344
TALKS TO GROUPS	-	-	-	65	380
EVENTS	-	-	-	7,891	6,327
GIFT AID REFUNDS	-	-	-	4,899	4,268
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	2,828	338
	-	-	-		
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	-	-	-	62,448	94,510
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	62,448	94,510
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	62,448	94,510
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
PURCHASES OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE	-	-	-	516	200
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS	-	-	-	456	354
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND POSTAGE	-	-	-	364	38
INSURANCE	-	-	-	240	220
VEHICLE EXPENSES AND TRAVEL	-	-	-	114	
SCHT GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	20,642	20,000
ST LUKE'S GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-		30,000
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	112	123
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	22,444	50,935
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	22,444	50,935
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-	-	-	40,004	43,575
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	67,540	
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	-	-	107,544	67,540

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK BALANCE CAF CASH	935		
	BANK BALANCE CAF GOLD	49,791		
	BANK BALANCE CHARITY BANK	56,818		
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	107,544		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK		
				#REF!

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<b>KATHLEEN MILLER</b>	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

**THE NEEM TREE TRUST**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31/03/24**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1099077**

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **DD / MM / YYYY**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

**Signed:**

*Robert Branch*

**Date:**

**19/7/24**

**Name:**

**ROBERT BRANCH**

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**FCA**

**Address:**

**30 GAY STREET**

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**BA1 2PA**

**THE NEEM TREE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1099077

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# Accounts

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THE NEEM TREE TRUST  
The Old Stables  
Avoncliff  
Bradford-on-Avon  
Wiltshire  
BA15 2HA

Registered UK Charity No 1099077

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The financial statements comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

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Relieve poverty and sickness in the Tirunelveli district and its surrounding area of Tamil Nadu

The trustees who have served during the year are:

JOHN HOSKINS  
PATRICIA MARGARET KINZETT  
KATHLEEN MILLER

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees and serve from 1-3 years after which period they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. Trustees are appointed for their ability to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects of the charity.

No Trustee has received any expenses or remuneration for their services.

## **HOW AND WHY THE NEEM TREE TRUST WAS FORMED**

The creation of The Neem Tree Trust was the result of Kathy Miller's first visit to India in September 1999 when she travelled with an organisation called Projects Abroad, which sent volunteers to various countries to teach conversational English in schools.

After a month teaching at a village school near Madurai she was given the opportunity to spend time at the Society for the Care of the Handicapped Tirunelveli (SCHT), a Disabled Boys' Home in Tamil Nadu, South India.

Dr Karuna Chelliah, a Medical Practitioner with a thriving practice in Tirunelveli, had a serious motorcycle accident in 1976, which injured his spinal cord and confined him to a wheelchair. Slowly his stamina returned and ten years later, encouraged by Mr Vedasiromani, his former Principal at St John's College, and his brother-in-law Mr Edward Jonathan, he set himself new goals for the future and established the SCHT Disabled Boys' Home, which is a Society Registered by the Indian Government. Dr Karuna Chelliah sadly died in March 2012 but his work is continued by his wife, Princess, and his Board of Directors.

The aim of the home is to provide disabled boys with a safe, caring environment in which they can learn to become independent and self-sufficient. Around 50 boys live at the home, some of whom have suffered from polio and all come from very poor family backgrounds. As it will be difficult for the boys when they leave the home and return to their villages, provision is made for them to continue their education in college or they are taught life skills in order that they can earn a living.

Kathy also visited St Luke's Leprosy Hospital, which is situated at Peikulam, in the Thoothukudi District of Tamil Nadu. St Luke's is a referral centre for leprosy patients suffering from complications, which cannot be managed by general practitioners, private clinics and Government hospitals. Dr. Haebus Solomon Vethabothagam, grandson of the founder of the hospital, is the Medical Superintendent.

Leprosy is still shrouded in mystery and superstition; with many people not realising that leprosy can be cured. By visiting villages and schools with films and audio-visual aids, the St Luke's Health Education Team is able to spread the good news that leprosy is curable and that help can be given to those in need.

Kathy Miller and her husband, Ken, founded The Neem Tree Trust in 2003 principally to help support children at the boys' home and patients and children at St Luke's Leprosy Hospital with both friendship and grants.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees believe that the charity has achieved its objectives during the year and propose to continue to follow the same strategies in the future. We will continue to have a presence with stalls at local events but Kathy has decided, now that we have laid the foundations of our charity, to give fewer talks to groups unless they are particularly local.

Each year our Trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Kathy Miller's annual trip to India to visit the children we support is an essential part of our strategy as it enables her to report to the Trustees and supporters on progress at the centres and to evaluate, through consultation with Mrs Princess Karuna Chelliah and Dr Haebus Solomon Vethabothagam, their future needs. An important aspect of her visit is to offer the hand of friendship from all Neem Tree Trust supporters to the children

we support and to ensure that the objects of our charity continue to be carried out for the public benefit in the area of operation in Tamil Nadu, South India.

## **SCHT BOYS HOME**

During the financial year 2022/2023 the Trust provided a grant of £20,000 to the SCHT Boys' Home to pay for:

- Assistance with welfare and rehabilitation when the boys return to their villages after leaving the home.
- Assistance for boys who are studying further education at college.
- Improvements to the buildings and facilities on the campus, including the bathroom and toilet facilities

## **ST LUKE'S LEPROSY HOSPITAL**

Through the Trust, a number of supporters of St Luke's have made donations towards the feeding programme set up at the hospital for the benefit of the in-patients and children as well as sponsoring individual children and renovating the kitchens and staff quarters. During the financial year 2022/2023 the Trust provided a grant of £30,000 to St Luke's Leprosy Hospital.

## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Christina and Richard Cornish once again opened their garden in Corsham in aid of the Neem Tree Trust.

Kathy had a pop-up Christmas shop at Avoncliff

John Kendall held his usual Christmas stall at his home in Seend selling small antiques and collectables.

The above events generated £6327.00 and £344.00 came from other miscellaneous sales.

We received a generous donation to The Neem Tree Trust from Ashton Mill Services, Melksham of £220.00.

Donation of £1,000 for the benefit of St Luke's from St Lazarus Trust.

Donation of £1,000 from The Medlock Trust.

Kathy gave talks on The Neem Tree Trust to:

Longwell Green Ladies Group

Winsley WI

Donations from the groups plus sales from our table amounted to £380.00

We claimed Gift Aid of £4268.00 from the Inland Revenue on donations from UK taxpayers.

In November 2023 we sent out our annual newsletter via email to supporters giving them an update on the children's progress and inviting them to make a donation to The Neem Tree Trust for the benefit of the children at the boys' home and the patients and children at the Leprosy Hospital. Donations from individuals and organisations for both the Boys' Home and St Luke's, including regular standing orders, amounted to £26,853. We were very privileged to receive a legacy of £56,000, bringing the total for donations to £82,853.

The trustees of the Neem Tree Trust agreed that we should open a higher interest account for the legacy of £56,000 and we deposited £55,000 into The Charity Bank in March 2023.

The Neem Tree Trust deposits funds as they are raised into a CAF Gold account. In the financial year 2022/2023 bank interest amounted to £338.00.

## **PAYMENTS**

The following payments were made during the year:

Purchase of items for resale .....	£200.00
Maintenance of equipment and computer systems.....	£354.00
Printing, stationery and postage.....	£38.00
Annual Public Liability Insurance.....	£220.00
Bank Charges.....	£123.00

## **GRANTS**

The charity made grant payments to SCHT Boys' Home and St Luke's totaling £50,000.

The trustees considered the above grants to conform to the Objects of the charity.

## **DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature.....

**FULL NAME:** KATHLEEN MILLER      **POSITION:** TRUSTEE AND FOUNDER

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
DONATIONS	-	-	-	82,853	25,651
SALE OF GOODS	-	-	-	344	39
TALKS TO GROUPS	-	-	-	380	
EVENTS	-	-	-	6,327	4,416
GIFT AID REFUNDS	-	-	-	4,268	4,100
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-		3
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	338	56
	-	-	-		-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	-	-	-	94,510	34,265
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	94,510	34,265
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
PURCHASES OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE	-	-	-	200	446
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS	-	-	-	354	337
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND POSTAGE	-	-	-	38	93
INSURANCE	-	-	-	220	209
VEHICLE EXPENSES AND TRAVEL	-	-	-		
SCHT GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
ST LUKE'S GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	30,000	22,000
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	123	198
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-		148
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	50,935	43,431
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	50,935	43,431
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-	-	-	43,575	9,166
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-		33,131
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	-	-	67,540	23,965

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK BALANCE CAF CASH		753	4,510
	BANK BALANCE CAF GOLD		11,787	19,455
	BANK BALANCE CHARITY BANK		55,000	-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>		67,540	23,965

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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<b>KATHLEEN MILLER</b>	

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

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Signed:

Date:

Name:

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Address:

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### **ST LUKE'S LEPROSY HOSPITAL**

Through the Trust, a number of supporters of St Luke's have made donations towards the feeding programme set up at the hospital for the benefit of the in-patients and children as well as sponsoring individual children. During the financial year 2021/2022 the Trust provided a grant of £22,000 to St Luke's Leprosy Hospital.

### **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Because of the Covid pandemic sadly all our fundraising activities were cancelled but we are glad to say that, adhering to government guidelines, we were able to open the following shops selling items made and designed by the boys in India.

Pat Kinzett's Christmas shop at Dilton Marsh  
Kathy's Christmas shop at Avoncliff

John Kendall held his usual Christmas stall at his home in Seend selling small antiques and collectables.

The above generated £4416.00 and £39.00 came from other miscellaneous sales.

The following organisations generously made donations to The Neem Tree Trust amounting to £275.00

Winsley PCC  
Ashton Mill Services, Melksham

We claimed Gift Aid of £4100.00 from the Inland Revenue on donations from UK taxpayers.

In October 2022 we sent out our annual newsletter to supporters giving them an update on the children's progress and inviting them to make a donation to The Neem Tree Trust for the benefit of the children at the boys' home and the patients and children at the Leprosy Hospital. Due to Covid restrictions this newsletter was sent out by email. Donations from individuals and organisations for both the Boys' Home and St Luke's, including regular standing orders, amounted to £25,651.

The Neem Tree Trust deposits funds as they are raised into a CAF Gold account. In the financial year 2021/2022 bank interest amounted to £3.00.

## **PAYMENTS**

The following payments were made during the year:

Purchase of items for resale .....	£446.00
Maintenance of equipment and computer systems.....	£337.00
Printing, stationery and postage.....	£93.00
Annual Public Liability Insurance.....	£209.00
Bank Charges.....	£198.00

## **GRANTS**

The charity made grant payments to SCHAT Boys' Home and St Luke's totaling £42,000.

The trustees considered the above grants to conform to the Objects of the charity.

## **DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature.....

**FULL NAME:** KATHLEEN MILLER  
AND FOUNDER

**POSITION:** TRUSTEE

Date:

Some of the children who are cared for at  
St Luke's Hospital.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	04/01/2021	To	03/31/2022
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
DONATIONS	-	-	-	25,651	25,406
SALE OF GOODS	-	-	-	39	94
TALKS TO GROUPS	-	-	-	-	-
EVENTS	-	-	-	4,416	3,467
GIFT AID REFUNDS	-	-	-	4,100	2,897
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	3	15
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	56	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	-	-	-	34,265	31,879
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	34,265	31,879
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
PURCHASES OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE	-	-	-	446	392
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS	-	-	-	337	280
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND POSTAGE	-	-	-	93	46
INSURANCE	-	-	-	209	191
VEHICLE EXPENSES AND TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	-
SCHT GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
ST LUKE'S GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	22,000	10,000
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	198	132
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	148	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	43,431	31,041
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	43,431	31,041
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	9,166	838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	33,131	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	-	-	23,965	838

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK BALANCE CAF CASH		4,510	-
	BANK BALANCE CAF GOLD		19,455	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	23,965	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

**B3 Investment assets**

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<b>KATHLEEN MILLER</b>	07/11/2022



**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

**THE NEEM TREE TRUST**

**On accounts for the year ended**

**31/03/22**

**Charity no (if any)**

**109907  
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**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

In connection with 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 requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

4/10/22

**Name:**

ROBERT BRANCH

**Relevant  
professional  
qualification(s) or  
body (if any):**

FCA

**Address:**

30 GAY STREET

BATH

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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Registered UK Charity No 1099077

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The financial statements comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Neem Tree Trust is constituted under a trust deed dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003 and is a UK Registered Charity No 1099077.

### **OBJECTS**

The objects of the charity are:

To advance the education and vocational training of the residents of the Society for the Care of the Handicapped, a boys' home located 30 kms from Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, South India.

To support the work of St Luke's Leprosarium, Peikulam in the District of Thoothukudi in caring for leprosy patients and their children.

Relieve poverty and sickness in the Tirunelveli district and its surrounding area of Tamil Nadu

The trustees who have served during the year are:

JOHN HOSKINS  
PATRICIA MARGARET KINZETT  
KATHLEEN MILLER

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees and serve from 1-3 years after which period they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. Trustees are appointed for their ability to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects of the charity.

No Trustee has received any expenses or remuneration for their services.

## **HOW AND WHY THE NEEM TREE TRUST WAS FORMED**

The creation of The Neem Tree Trust was the result of Kathy Miller's first visit to India in September 1999 when she travelled with an organisation called Projects Abroad, which sent volunteers to various countries to teach conversational English in schools.

After a month teaching at a village school near Madurai she was given the opportunity to spend time at the Society for the Care of the Handicapped Tirunelveli (SCHT), a Disabled Boys' Home in Tamil Nadu, South India.

Dr Karuna Chelliah, a Medical Practitioner with a thriving practice in Tirunelveli, had a serious motorcycle accident in 1976, which injured his spinal cord and confined him to a wheelchair. Slowly his stamina returned and ten years later, encouraged by Mr Vedasiromani, his former Principal at St John's College, and his brother-in-law Mr Edward Jonathan, he set himself new goals for the future and established the SCHT Disabled Boys' Home, which is a Society Registered by the Indian Government. Dr Karuna Chelliah sadly died in March 2012 but his work is continued by his wife, Princess, and his Board of Directors.

The aim of the home is to provide disabled boys with a safe, caring environment in which they can learn to become independent and self-sufficient. Around 50 boys live at the home, some of whom have suffered from polio and all come from very poor family backgrounds. As it will be difficult for the boys when they leave the home and return to their villages, provision is made for them to continue their education in college or they are taught life skills in order that they can earn a living.

Kathy also visited St Luke's Leprosy Hospital, which is situated at Peikulam, in the Thoothukudi District of Tamil Nadu. St Luke's is a referral centre for leprosy patients suffering from complications, which cannot be managed by general practitioners, private clinics and Government hospitals. Dr. Haebus Solomon Vethabothagam, grandson of the founder of the hospital, is the Medical Superintendent.

Leprosy is still shrouded in mystery and superstition; with many people not realising that leprosy can be cured. By visiting villages and schools with films and audio-visual aids, the St Luke's Health Education Team is able to spread the good news that leprosy is curable and that help can be given to those in need.

Kathy Miller and her husband, Ken, founded The Neem Tree Trust in 2003 principally to help support children at the boys' home and patients and children at St Luke's Leprosy Hospital with both friendship and grants.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees believe that the charity has achieved its objectives during the year and propose to continue to follow the same strategies in the future. We will continue to have a presence with stalls at local events but

Kathy has decided, now that we have laid the foundations of our charity, to give fewer talks to groups unless they are particularly local.

Each year our Trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Kathy Miller's annual trip to India to visit the children we support is an essential part of our strategy as it enables her to report to the Trustees and supporters on progress at the centres and to evaluate, through consultation with Mrs Princess Karuna Chelliah and Dr Haebus Solomon Vethabothagam, their future needs. An important aspect of her visit is to offer the hand of friendship from all Neem Tree Trust supporters to the children we support and to ensure that the objects of our charity continue to be carried out for the public benefit in the area of operation in Tamil Nadu, South India.

### **SCHT BOYS HOME**

During the financial year 2020/2021 the Trust provided a grant of £20,000 to the SCHAT Boys' Home to pay for:

- Assistance with welfare and rehabilitation when the boys return to their villages after leaving the home.
- Assistance for boys who are studying further education at college.
- Improvements to the buildings and facilities on the campus, including the bathroom and toilet facilities

### **ST LUKE'S LEPROSY HOSPITAL**

Through the Trust, a number of supporters of St Luke's have made donations towards the feeding programme set up at the hospital for the benefit of the in-patients and children as well as sponsoring individual children. During the financial year 2020/2021 the Trust provided a grant of £10,000 to St Luke's Leprosy Hospital.

### **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Because of the Covid pandemic sadly all our fundraising activities were cancelled but we are glad to say that, adhering to government guidelines, we were able to open the following shops selling items made and designed by the boys in India.

Pat Kinzett's Christmas shop at Dilton Marsh  
Kathy's Christmas shop at Avoncliff

John Kendall held his usual Christmas stall at his home in Seend selling small antiques and collectables.

The above generated £3467.00 and £94.00 came from other miscellaneous sales.

The following organisations generously made donations to The Neem Tree Trust amounting to £500.00

Winsley PCC  
Ashton Mill Services, Melksham

We claimed Gift Aid of £2897.00 from the Inland Revenue on donations from UK taxpayers.

In November 2020 we sent out our annual newsletter to supporters giving them an update on the children's progress and inviting them to make a donation to The Neem Tree Trust for the benefit of the children at the boys' home and the patients and children at the Leprosy Hospital. Due to Covid restrictions this newsletter was sent out for the first time by email. Donations from individuals and organisations for both the Boys' Home and St Luke's, including regular standing orders, amounted to £25,406.00.

The Neem Tree Trust deposits funds as they are raised into a CAF Gold account. In the financial year 2020/2021 bank interest amounted to £15.00.

## **PAYMENTS**

The following payments were made during the year:

Purchase of items for resale .....	£392.00
Maintenance of equipment and computer systems.	£280.00
Printing, stationery and postage.....	£46.00
Annual Public Liability Insurance.....	£191.00
Bank Charges.....	£132.00

## **GRANTS**

The charity made grant payments to SCHAT Boys' Home and St Luke's totaling £30,000.

The trustees considered the above grants to conform to the Objects of the charity.

## **DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature.....

**FULL NAME:** KATHLEEN MILLER      **POSITION:** TRUSTEE  
AND FOUNDER

Date:

Some of the children who are cared for at  
St Luke's Hospital.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE NEEM TREE TRUST

1099077

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2020	To	3/31/2021
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
DONATIONS	-	-	-	25,406
SALE OF GOODS	-	-	-	94
TALKS TO GROUPS	-	-	-	-
EVENTS	-	-	-	3,467
GIFT AID REFUNDS	-	-	-	2,897
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	15
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i> (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	31,879
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	31,879
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
PURCHASES OF MATERIAL FOR RESALE	-	-	-	392
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS	-	-	-	280
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND POSTAGE	-	-	-	46
INSURANCE	-	-	-	191
VEHICLE EXPENSES AND TRAVEL	-	-	-	-
SCHT GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	20,000
ST LUKE'S GRANTS AND SUPPORT	-	-	-	10,000
BANK CHARGES	-	-	-	132
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	31,041
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	31,041
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-	-	-	838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	32,293
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	-	-	33,131

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	<b>BANK BALANCE CAF CASH</b>	1,178	-
	<b>BANK BALANCE CAF GOLD</b>	31,953	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>33,131</b>	<b>-</b>
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
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			-
			-
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			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	<b>KATHLEEN MILLER</b>

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**Last year  
to the nearest  
£**

<b>19,715</b>
<b>70</b>
<b>286</b>
<b>7,007</b>
<b>2,746</b>
<b>59</b>
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<b>29,883</b>

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<b>29,883</b>
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<b>333</b>
<b>1,150</b>
<b>41</b>
<b>191</b>
<b>672</b>
<b>21,916</b>
<b>15,000</b>
<b>111</b>
-
<b>39,414</b>

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<b>39,414</b>
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<b>- 9,531</b>
-
<b>41,824</b>
<b>32,293</b>



**Endowment funds  
to nearest £**

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**Endowment funds  
to nearest £**

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**Current value  
(optional)**

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**Current value  
(optional)**

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**When due  
(optional)**


Date of approval




**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

**THE NEEM TREE TRUST**

**On accounts for the year ended**

**31/03/21**

**Charity no (if any)**

**109907  
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**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

In connection with 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 requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

**Address:**

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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