



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 31st MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. 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 19th 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 2021/2022 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 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.

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 £
A1 Receipts					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	34,265	31,879
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	34,265	31,879
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	43,431	31,041
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	43,431	31,041
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	9,166	838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	33,131	
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	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	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	23,965	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	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
	KATHLEEN MILLER	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)

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Set out on pages

**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:

4/10/22

Name:

ROBERT BRANCH

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

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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.