

HOPE GARDENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1100868

Details

Other names	THE RHEMA PARTNERSHIP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2003-11-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	PO Box 404 Cobham Surrey KT11 9FJ
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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORKS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN INDIA WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE SICK AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL DEPRIVATION, AND IN THE TRAINING OF MINISTERS TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED.

Activities: To further the religious and other charitable works of Christian churches in India with particular reference to the spiritual and material needs of the poor, the sick and those suffering from other forms of social deprivation, and in the training of ministers to serve those in need. Please look at our website for further details www.hopegardensindia.org

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **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, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** INDIA
- India

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£148,107	£167,113	-	-
2024-03-31	£188,713	£116,278	-	-
2023-03-31	£121,850	£180,369	-	-
2022-03-31	£162,868	£167,223	-	-
2021-03-31	£163,404	£149,211	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD LLOYD	Chair	
ANTHONY SIMMONS		
Christine Elizabeth Liddle Steeds		2019-06-10
Craig Kennedy		2023-06-15
Pippa Satchwell-Smith		2016-07-06
Sarah Sellen		2020-02-12

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The Director and Financial Controller visited the Hope Gardens Programmes and inspected key capital projects in India in January 2025. They met the India board members and accountant and held meetings with key pastors and staff members to understand more about the communities that the projects serve.

Deputy Chairman Bob Glendening and Trustee Tanya Bray visited the projects in Cumbum, Tamil Nadu, in January & February 2025. They visited churches, attended medical camps and met with bible college students and pastors. UK Chairman visited with Trustee Pippa Satchwell-Smith in March 2025 to inspect progress of capital projects, conduct a full pastor meeting, meet with the staff team, attend our SEND school, medical centre and after school outreach projects. The next UK Board visit is scheduled for January 2026.

A supporter visit was carried out in January 2025 with 4 members of a key mission partner church Holy Trinity Claygate.

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We have continued our investment in Pastor welfare providing accommodation, educational support for their children, and transportation to enhance their ministry.

We continued to work on lifting families and individuals out of poverty and breaking the cycle of poverty by providing educational support for marginalised children through our free after-school clubs, staffed by employed tutors and teachers. We increased food parcels and free hot meals, raised staff salaries and provided support for staff children. Our successful Christmas Appeal, with match funding, enabled us to raise critical funds for these important projects.

Safeguarding is paramount to all that we do and in line with the recommendations of the Theni District Welfare Office and overseen by our lead trustee Pippa Satchwell-Smith who visited the gardens in March 2025.

We continue to enhance our facilities and services with the completion of our jubilee hall, which serves the pastor, community events, and key synod meetings. We have repaired our compound wall, upgraded toilet / shower facilities, and provided additional physiotherapy equipment for our SEND school. We have also improved accessibility by installing a new pathway connecting the SEND school to the dining hall and toilet block. We have supported the local community with food parcels including 5kg rice bags from our paddyfield.

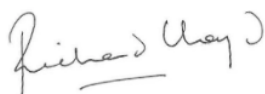
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Richard Lloyd, 12th January 2026

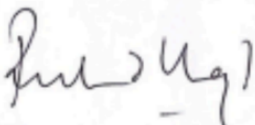

HOPE GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March 2025

2023/24	£	Restricted funds CAPITAL	Restricted funds REVENUE	Restricted funds TOTAL	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
RECEIPTS						
188,713	Donations & Fundraising	5,000	90,890	95,890	52,218	148,107
PAYMENTS						
90,280	Distributions to India	33,000	98,234	131,234	0	131,234
25,998	Administration & Support UK				35,879	35,879
116,278		33,000	98,234	131,234	35,879	167,113
72,435	SURPLUS/ -DEFICIT	-28,000	-7,344	-35,344	16,339	-19,005
21,163	CASH FUNDS brought forward	19,437	9,359	28,795	64,803	93,598
0	Transfer of Funds	13,563		13,563	-13,563	0
93,598	CASH FUNDS carried forward	5,000	2,014	7,014	67,579	74,593

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Rev Richard Lloyd, Chairman & Tony Simmons

<p><i>Rev Richard Lloyd</i></p>  <p>Chairman</p>	<p><i>Tony Simmons</i></p>  <p>Trustee</p>
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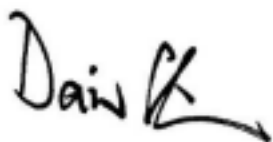
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7 November 2025

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Safeguarding is paramount to all that we do and in line with the recommendations of the Theni District Welfare Office we have enhanced our school with a new physio facility and employed a full time physiotherapist.

Our church ministry continues with the completion of Rev Robin's compound wall, and a refurbishment in Theni raising the floor for flood prevention. Bishop Prakash received a contribution towards a car for his expanded ministry, 4 other pastors received scooters for their ministry and an additional scooter for bible college students to attend their placements.

We have supported the humanitarian crisis in Manipur with fundraising efforts and teamed up with a partner charity to provide support..

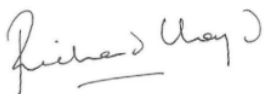
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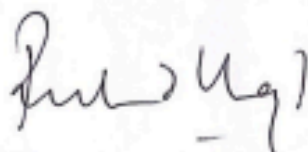
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PAYMENTS						
161,959	Distributions to India	9,400	80,880	90,280	0	90,280
18,410	Administration & Support UK				25,998	25,998
180,369		9,400	80,880	90,280	25,998	116,278
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-58,519	SURPLUS/ -DEFICIT	-4,400	15,783	11,383	61,053	72,435
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79,682	CASH FUNDS brought forward	23,837	-34,424	-10,587	31,750	21,163
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Chairman

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Trustee

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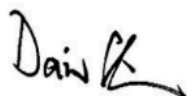
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Bob continues to manage the American entity which raises funds in the US, most of which is sent via this UK Charity to projects that Hope Gardens supports in South India. This team both witnessed and participated in the work of the RMS and RRC Trusts.

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Post Covid there has been a need to increase our investment in education and the after school clubs. As a result we have proactively fundraised for our existing clubs to ensure that we were able to provide additional resources and hot meals and increase the salaries of our tutors.

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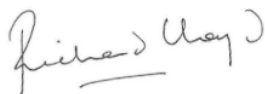
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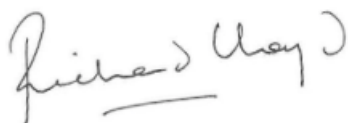
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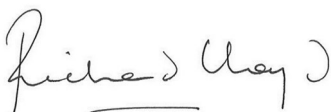
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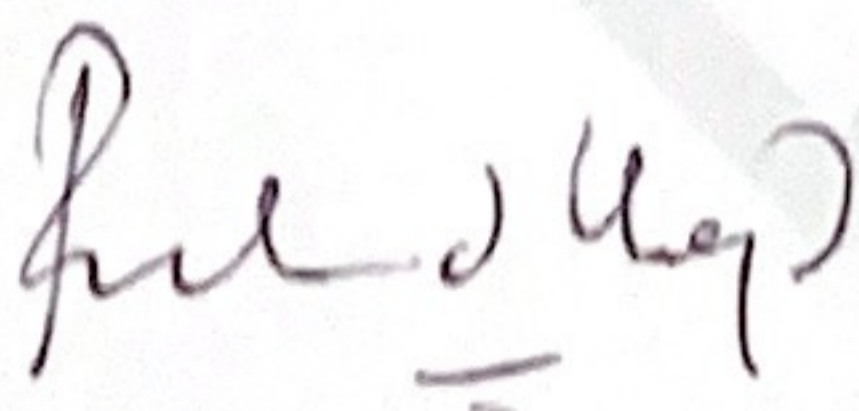
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Independent examiner's statement

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David Steeds MA FCA
1 Littleworth Avenue,
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21 November 2022

HOPE GARDENS

England & Wales - Charity number 1100868

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2021

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Declaration of Trust: 5 October 2003

Deed of Amendment: 4 December 2017 (to change the Name)

List of Trustees-

Richard Lloyd (Chairman)
Anthony Simmons (Deputy Chairman)
Alan Ritchie (Hon Treasurer)
Pippa Satchwell-Smith
Christine Steeds
Sarah Sellen
Robert Glendenning (Deputy Chairman USA)

How Trustees are appointed, inducted and trained etc

Trustees are appointed by the decision of the board. All Trustees have been appointed because they have an on-going relationship with, and take an active interest in, the projects Hope Garden supports.

Director: Hilary Atherton

Bankers: HSBC, 17 The Marsh, Hythe, Southampton, SO45 6ZB

Independent Examiner: David Steeds, FCA

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Aims & Objects as per Trust Deed:

“To further the religious and other charitable works of the Christian Churches in India with particular reference to the spiritual and material needs of the poor, the sick and those suffering from forms of social deprivation and in the training of ministers to serve those in need”.

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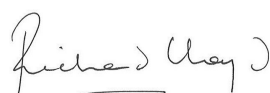
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