

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”.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Hope Gardens only supports two Indian charities that run projects consistent with our objects and which benefit the public. The Rachel Mercy Sugantha Trust (RMS) oversees social projects supporting orphans, the disabled and providing access to free primary health care. The Rhema Religious and Charitable Trust (RRCT) trains ministers to serve the poor and establish new churches.

Policy on grant making / distributions

Hope Gardens only makes grants to these two Indian Charities known intimately by all trustees. A lot of income we receive is restricted to one of the projects run by one of these charities. Unrestricted income is distributed to projects run by these charities as discerned by the trustees and our UK operational team.

Contributions made by volunteers

Hope Gardens receives support from volunteers. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer are entirely voluntary. Some people travel from the UK to the projects in India and volunteer to work.

Due to Covid restrictions the last visit from The Chairman & Vice Chairman was in January 2020. A team from the United States, led by Deputy Chairman Bob Glendening also visited the projects in Cumbum, Tamil Nadu, in February 2020. Bob continues to manage the American entity which raises funds in the US, 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

How we achieved our Aims & Objectives

We attain our aims and objectives in two ways. First, we continue to forge very close relationships with our partners in India with visits by board members, weekly email and VOIP call updates. These close relationships enable the board to have great confidence in the projects we support together with strong financial accountability. Secondly, we have raised substantial sums of money from supporters in the UK and USA to enable these projects in India to flourish and benefit many poor people. Some projects were halted in line with state and national government Covid regulations; however, our focus shifted to emergency aid and fundraising specifically for this. Practically we have been running food banks, and serving the vulnerable and marginalized with food parcels.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The principal sources of funds for Hope Gardens are individual donations, contributions from grant-making trusts, fundraising events and appeals.

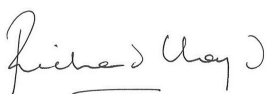
All expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity. Administrative costs are for direct charitable purposes. Governance is provided by Trustees and the Independent Examiner on a pro bono basis.

Hope Gardens' operating costs in the UK don't require us to hold large reserves. We try to ensure that there is a level of Unrestricted Reserves to cover ongoing costs. The substantial balance held in Restricted Reserves is for a major Capital project in India.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Rev Richard Lloyd

15 June 2021



Chairman

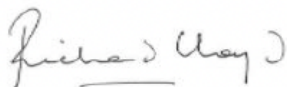
HOPE GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2021

2019/20		£	Restricted funds CAPITAL	Restricted funds REVENUE	Restricted funds TOTAL	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	RECEIPTS						
145,450	Donations & Fundraising		44,948	99,471	144,419	18,985	163,404
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	PAYMENTS						
135,478	Distributions to India		42,439	93,338	135,777	0	135,777
26,274	Administration & Support UK					13,434	13,434
0	Transfer of Funds		-800	800			0
161,752			41,639	94,138	135,777	13,434	149,211
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-16,302	SURPLUS/ -DEFICIT		3,309	5,333	8,642	5,551	14,193
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86,147	CASH FUNDS brought forward		48,643	21,114	69,757	87	69,844
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69,844	CASH FUNDS carried forward		51,952	26,447	78,399	5,638	84,037
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Rev Richard Lloyd



Chairman

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Hope Gardens Charitable Trust (the "Trust")

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021, which are set out on page 1.

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have 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.



David Steeds MA FCA
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25 November 2021