

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2024



GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

HOPE GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST: Registered charity number 1100868

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)
Pippa Satchwell-Smith
Sarah Sellen
Christine Steeds
Robert Glendenning (Deputy Chairman USA)
Tanya Bray (USA)
Craig Kennedy (Hon Treasurer)

How Trustees are appointed, inducted and trained.

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.

Two part time staff members in UK;

Director: Hilary Atherton (*from January 2020*)

Financial Controller: Tracey Hall (September 2022)

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.

Contribution made by volunteers

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

The Director and Financial Controller visited the Hope Gardens Programmes and inspected key capital projects in India in January 2024. They met the India board members and auditors and held meetings with key pastors and staff members to understand more about the communities that the projects serve.

Deputy Chairman Bob Glendening and Tanya Bray (Trustee) visited the projects in Cumbum, Tamil Nadu, in February 2023. They visited churches, saw medical camps and met with bible college students and pastors. The next UK Board visit is scheduled for January 2024

A supporter visit was carried out in January 2024 with 4 members of a key mission partner Dibden Purlieu church.

As well as in person visits, regular video conferences with the Director, Chairpersons and Trustees has enabled excellent communication and monitoring of projects during this period. Supporters have also been able to connect with our projects in India and the project leads through zoom meetings and videos. The next supporter visit will be in January 2024

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 regular visits by board members, weekly email and 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.

We have continued our investment in Pastor welfare providing accommodation and transportation to enhance their ministry. We have continued to focus on education supporting the after school clubs and actively fundraising for more hot meals and an increase in staff salaries. Our Christmas Appeal was successful and match funded enabling us to raise key funds for these projects.

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..

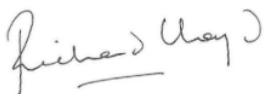
FINANCIAL REVIEW

The principal sources of funds for Hope Gardens are individual donations, contributions from grant-making trusts and 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. There are no substantial balances held in Restricted Reserves for any major Capital project in India.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Richard Lloyd, 8th October 2024

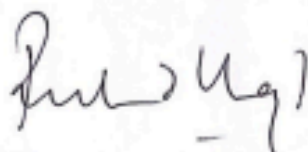
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March 2024

2022/23	£	Restricted funds CAPITAL	Restricted funds REVENUE	Restricted funds TOTAL	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
RECEIPTS						
121,850	Donations & Fundraising	5,000	96,663	101,663	87,051	188,713
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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
0	Transfer of Funds		28,000	28,000	-28,000	0
21,163	CASH FUNDS carried forward	19,437	9,359	28,795	64,803	93,598
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Rev Richard Lloyd



Chairman

Tony Simmons



Trustee

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 2023 to 31 March 2024, 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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13 November 2024