

FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)

England & Wales · Charity number 1123425

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2008-04-03

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION PRESERVE HEALTH RELIEVE POVERTY AND OTHERWISE MEET THE NEEDS OF STREET CHILDREN SUPPORTED BY ALALAY IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ BOLIVIA BY PROVIDING FUNDING AS DETERMINED BY THE TRUSTEES AND BY EDUCATING AND INFORMING PEOPLE (ESPECIALLY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND STUDENTS) ON THE PLIGHT, CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF THESE STREET CHILDREN

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Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE, OVERSEAS
- Bolivia
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,155	£48,289	-	-
2023-12-31	£53,000	£41,000	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,918	£20,270	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,414	£26,263	-	-
2020-12-31	£37,486	£25,226	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annie Syrett		2008-03-12
Graham Syrett		2008-03-12
Rosamund Syrett		2008-03-12

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3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS IN THE REPORT YEAR

Once more there was no need to hold a contingency fund to protect children and staff from Covid 19 and all funds went directly to the work.

Overall the following has been achieved:.

3.1 Projects and other supporting payments made

We continued to invest in:

- the production of panettone for sale at the end of 2024 by the children and staff, resulting in a 100% sale and significant profit.
- the vocational training of a further four students, in addition to those four outstanding and continuing from the previous year. All three students are attending cookery/catering courses, with one majoring also in Events Management.

Vocational training scholarships continue to be invaluable and no students dropped out of training in 2024.

We have also continued to pay the salary and on-costs of a house mother named Darleny and we receive annual updates.

Overall, our total funding for the Alalay Foundation since the formation of FoA in 2007 now exceeds £450,000, including over £10,000 from family funds.

3.2 Volunteers

No volunteers were sent by FoA to Alalay in Santa Cruz this year. Since this report is being written during the war in Ukraine, and other international unrest, we consider it unlikely that there will be any significant use of volunteers in the following year (ie 2025).

3.3 Presentations, events and publicity

FoA continue to send out a Quarterly newsletter. Our aim continues to be that this would not exceed a single sheet – which has always been much appreciated by our readers!

A concert featuring Michael Jones (‘cello) and John Bryden (piano) was held 13 November and in addition it is planned that we speak briefly at another Bristol musical event in early January 2025.

The November concert was joined by the Lord Mayor (Cllr Andrew Varney) and the High Sheriff (Richard Pendlebury) of Bristol and was very well-attended. At that concert Annie received the High Sheriff’s award for services to Bristol, including arranging for a number of Bristol young people to volunteer at Alalay and in setting up a medical facility in Bolivia for street-connected children and named Casa Bristol (or “The Bristol House”).

In addition we have maintained a presence via stalls selling Bolivian items and promoting FoA at local church festivals.

3.4 Website

Our website continues to attract new contacts and some new donors. We regard this and our Facebook and other social media outlets to be increasingly important to our work. We recognise a need to update our website but this has once more proved impossible in the current year. However, we are considering seeking an additional volunteer to assist in maintaining the website in the near future.

3.5 Communication with Bolivian staff

A replacement staff member was employed to replace Valeria, who had left the Alalay Foundation in 2023. His name is Eduardo Rodrigo and is our principal point of contact alongside the Founder and CEO, Claudia Gonzales

We noted in our last report that the departure of Valeria had been unexpected and had placed an enormous burden on other staff, including the founder of the Alalay Foundation, and correctly anticipated that that this was likely to slow down decision-making and communications.

First impressions of Eduardo are that he is excellent and very reliable and he makes a very positive contribution to the team,

4. POLICIES

We maintain the following written policies, and these were reviewed and confirmed in July. They are:

risk assessment and management, investment, safeguarding and child protection, conflicting interests, volunteer management, complaints handling, Gift Aid, privacy and data protection, and website data protection.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

We were able to transfer much needed funds of almost £48,000 to the Alalay Foundation in June 2024 and anticipate that by the end of that year we will have a balance in excess of £15,000 for further investment.

We are still fortunate in having a wide support base and a steady stream of supporters who give by standing order.

6. LOOKING FORWARD

We recognise that the workload for this small family charity is extensive and growing, and we anticipate that in the coming year we will need to institute changes that will make it more manageable – for example perhaps limiting the number of projects that we support and by seeking additional volunteer help, or perhaps working more closely with some other likeminded charity.

We anticipate that the anticipated world trade situation, with increased inflation, more expensive commodities and potentially reduced giving, coupled with considerable uncertainty, will make 2025 a particularly challenging year

7. CONCLUSIONS

We are pleased to report that we have ended 2024 with a healthy balance of almost £18,000, despite making record transfers to the Alalay Foundation during that year.

Our vocational training scholarships have been especially successful, with all students completing their courses. The house mother Darleny, who we have now supported financially for several years, has proved to be a role model for many others and a clear asset at the Aldea. Finally, the sale of panettone, (our one income-producing project), has continued to generate additional income.

Annie Syrett
Graham Syrett
Rosamund Syrett

11 March 2025

ALALAY INCOME/EXPENDITURE TRIAL BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR 2024

	TOTAL	CURRENT	SAVINGS	INTERNET
	68135955	68135963	68359403	
Balance carried forward from December 2023	40943.82	20.39	40903.43	20
INCOME/EXPENDITURE				
January				
Income	1747.63	1040.28	54.85	652.5
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	42673.45			
Statement balance check	42673.45	135.84	42452.61	85
February				
Income	1834.59	549.86	49.53	1235.2
Expenditure	31.6	18		13.6
Balance	44476.44			
Statement balance check	44476.44	127.56	43688.88	660
March				
Income	3384.69	2991.86	50.63	342.2
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	47843.13			
Statement balance check	47843.13	20.11	47803.02	20
April				
Income	2306.08	1001.98	63.97	1240.13
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	50131.21			
Statement balance check	50131.21	227.28	49818.93	85
May				
Income	731.34	526.82	62.02	142.5
Expenditure	26	18	8	
Balance	50836.55			
Statement balance check	50836.55	20.05	50796.5	20
June				
Income	3611.42	745.52	18.4	2847.5
Expenditure	47,971.36	47,971.36		
Balance	6476.61			
Statement balance check	6476.61	190.6	6201.01	85
July				
Income	1069.13	605.63	8.97	454.53
Expenditure	18	18		

Balance	7527.74			
Statement balance check	7527.74	135.84	7306.9	85
August				
Income	1140.35	488.17	9.68	642.5
Expenditure	115.5	45.5		70
Balance	8552.59			
Statement balance check	8552.59	47.36	8485.23	20
September				
Income	1946.82	793.69	11.78	1141.35
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	10481.41			
Statement balance check	10481.41	102	10359.41	20
October				
Income	1126.99	572.13	12.86	542
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	11590.4			
Statement balance check	11590.4	127.58	11377.82	85
November				
Income	2540.68	1993.94	13.38	533.36
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	14113.08			
Statement balance check	14113.08	20.04	14073.04	20
December				
Income	3715.26	793.5	19.26	2902.5
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	17810.34			
Statement balance check	17810.34	20.12	17770.22	20
Balance carried forward to 2025	17810.34			
Statement balance check	17810.34	18		20.12
Income	25154.98			
Expenditure	48288.46			



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Friends of Alalay (Santa Cruz)		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1123425
	Set out on pages 1 – 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: 19/5/2025

Name: Ieuan Ward

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3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS IN THE REPORT YEAR

Thankfully this year it was no longer necessary to hold some funds in reserve to protect our children and staff from Covid 19 and we were able to invest more funds directly into the work.

Overall the following has been achieved:.

3.1 Projects and other supporting payments made

This year saw a major initiative in the development of staff, thanks to a generous single donation of £20,000. This enabled around 50 staff to come off-site for five days and to explore ways of providing “respectful parenting” for the children. The course was considered by all participants as an outstanding success and follow-up sessions are planned for 2024.

In addition, we continued to invest in:

- the production of around 8,000 panettone for sale at the end of 2023 by the children and staff. The profitability of this project was in the region of £3,500
- the vocational training of eight students. Four completed their courses and graduated, two dropped out of their courses and two agreed to spread their studies over a longer period. The training scholarships that we have provided have proved invaluable.
- educational items (eg books, pens, pencils, exercise books and so on)

We have also continued to pay the salary and on-costs of a house mother named Darleny. This was necessary because of a shortfall of Alalay funds from other sources.

It had been intended that major renovation work on the Girls’ Welcome House would be undertaken starting May 2023 but because of the slowness by the Authorities in issuing a building permit, and as a result of unanticipated additional work, this was delayed. It is hoped to now commence work in May 2024.

Overall, our total funding for the Alalay Foundation since the formation of FoA now exceeds £400,000.

3.2 Volunteers

No volunteers were sent by FoA to Alalay in Santa Cruz this year. Since this report is being written during the war in Ukraine, and other international unrest, we consider it unlikely that there will be any significant use of volunteers in the following year (ie 2024).

3.3 Presentations, events and publicity

FoA continue to send out a Quarterly newsletter. Our aim continues to be that this would not exceed a single sheet – as previously this has always been much appreciated by our readers! There have been no major events during the year, though we have maintained a presence via a stall selling Bolivian items and promoting FoA at a local church festival.

3.4 Website

Our website continues to attract new contacts and some new donors. We regard this and our Facebook and other social media outlets to be increasingly important to our work. We recognise a need to update our website but this has once more proved impossible in the current year and is unlikely to be achieved in the near future.

3.5 Communication with Bolivian staff

A key member of staff named Valeria, who had been our principal point of contact, sadly left Alalay at the end of 2023. This was unexpected, it is likely to take time to replace her and this may put an almost intolerable burden on other staff, such as the Founder and CEO Claudia Gonzales.

In addition it is anticipated that this will have an adverse affect on communication, complicate and may slow down some of the important decision making

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5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

We were able to transfer much needed funds of £40,000 to Alalay in May 2023 and anticipate that by the end of that year we will have in excess of a further £30,000 for investment.

This is largely due to some major donors during the year (one of £20,000) and we recognise that this makes us especially financially vulnerable in the future. However, it is perhaps worth repeating a statement made in our previous three reports, namely:

“We are in the fortunate position of having a wide support base, with a large number of donors giving via standing orders, in addition to several consistent and reliable larger commercial donors”.

That this continues is something of a relief.

6. CONCLUSIONS

This has been our most successful year financially since FoA was first formed in 2007 and we end the year in a healthy financial state.

We have achieved all of our key goals with the exception of the work to renovate the Girls' Welcome House. This latter is disappointing as, when completed, it should result in an income stream exceeding £6,500 pa and further reduce costs.

Our need to hold contingency funds because of Covid 19 has now substantially reduced and consequently we can more fully invest in potentially profitable outcomes.

We remain cautiously optimistic for the future of Alalay but recognise the importance of increasing staffing at senior levels in the organisation and thereby to maintain efficiency.

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09 April 2024

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PROFIT/LOSS ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31 December 2023

INCOME

Donations	51,704.12	
Loan from Kingsdown Community Fund	408.01	
Administration payment by family	360.00	
Interest	335.13	
 Total Income		 <u>£52,807.26</u>

EXPENDITURE

JustGiving costs	216.00	
Bank charges for currency transfers	10.00	
Repaid loan Kingsdown Community Fund	408.01	
Funds transfer Santa Cruz (15/05/23)	40,435.82	
 Total expenditure		 <u>£41,069.83</u>

PROFIT RETAINED **£11,737.43**

05 April 2024



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Signed: WAW **Date:** 23/9/2024

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3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS IN THE REPORT YEAR

We have continued our scholarship programmes and eight children have been in vocational training, four having completed their courses and received qualifications.

3.1 Projects and other supporting payments made

In addition to continue to hold some funds in reserve to protect our children and staff from Covid 19, and especially Omicron (in the event this was not needed), we continued to invest in:

- the production of around 7,000 panettone for sale at the end of 2022 by the children and staff. The profitability of this project was in the region of £9,000
- completing the vocational training of remaining children. The training scholarships that we are able to provide are proving invaluable
- the vocational training for four further students

In October our girls' football team travelled to Doha and took part in the "Street Child Football World Cup 2022" and finished fourth in the world – a great achievement

Once more, a continuing financial shortfall of Alalay funds from other sources meant that we also continued to pay the salary of one house parent.

3.2 Volunteers

No volunteers were sent by FoA to Alalay in Santa Cruz this year. Since this report is being written during the war in Ukraine, and other international unrest, we consider it unlikely that there will be any significant use of volunteers in the following year (ie 2023).

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3.4 Concert

In November a charity concert was held in St Matthew's Church, which was well-attended and a great success, raising over £800 and publicising our work.

3.5 Website

Our website continues to attract new contacts and some new donors. We regard this and our Facebook and other social media outlets to be increasingly important to our work. We recognise a need to update our website but this has proved impossible in the current year and is unlikely to be achieved in the near future.

3.6 Communication with Bolivian staff

During this year we introduced Zoom meetings on important issues with staff in Bolivia and this has proved enormously beneficial.

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5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

In our previous Trustee Report for the year to 31 December 2021 we rather gloomily reported that in the current difficult economic climate our income for that year was reduced by around 20% compared to the previous year. We are pleased to report that this situation has improved considerably (with an increase of just over 15%) and that with prudent planning and action we have rebuilt our contingency fund to more than £10,000.

It is perhaps worth repeating a statement made in our previous two reports, namely:

“We are in the fortunate position of having a wide support base, with a large number of donors giving via standing orders, and several consistent and reliable larger commercial donors”.

Long may this continue, and with careful attention to detail and good financial control we have every reason to believe that next year will see even more improvement.

6. CONCLUSIONS

It seems that our optimism has been repaid and we have been able to continue to protect our children and staff from the Covid 19 virus, whilst still achieving our other priority objectives.

In our last report we stressed the importance of rebuilding our contingency fund. This has been achieved and we have ambitious plans for the coming year.

It is good to end on this positive and optimistic note!

Annie Syrett
Graham Syrett
Rosamund Syrett

15 March 2023

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PROFIT/LOSS ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31 December 2022

INCOME

Donations	30,466.69	
Reimbursement from Bank (01/04/22)	43.54	
Administration payment by family	360.00	
Interest	47.43	
Total Income		<u>£30,917.66</u>

EXPENDITURE

JustGiving costs	216.00	
Bank charges for currency transfers	10.00	
Funds transfer Santa Cruz (15/03/21)	20,000.00	
Fraudulent withdrawal (31/03/22)	43.54	
Total expenditure		<u>£20,269.54</u>

PROFIT RETAINED **£10,648.12**

02 May 2023

FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)

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Accounts

ALALAY INCOME/EXPENDITURE TRIAL BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR 2021

	TOTAL	CURRENT 68135955
Balance carried forward from December 2021	19407.16	20
INCOME/EXPENDITURE		
January		
Income	2911	1170.23
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	22300.16	
Statement balance check	22300.16	20
February		
Income	5468.28	692.22
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	27750.44	
Statement balance check	27750.44	20
March		
Income	2506.07	2213.5
Expenditure	26018	18
Balance	4238.51	
Statement balance check	4238.51	20
April		
Income	1480.93	731.76
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	5701.44	
Statement balance check	5701.44	20
May		
Income	1968.54	893.28
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	7651.98	
Statement balance check	7651.98	110.41
June		
Income	779.15	556.58
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	8413.13	
Statement balance check	8413.13	20
July		
Income	1709.9	1160.77
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	10105.03	
Statement balance check	10105.03	20

August

Income	2423.58	1075.98
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	12510.61	
Statement balance check	12510.61	20

September

Income	752.04	554.43
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	13244.65	
Statement balance check	13244.65	20

October

Income	1446.2	860.05
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	14672.85	
Statement balance check	14672.85	298.3

November

Income	1492.06	699.43
Expenditure	64.89	64.89
Balance	16100.02	
Statement balance check	16100.02	20

December

Income	2476.25	549.25
Expenditure	18	18
Balance	18558.27	
Statement balance check	18558.27	20

Balance carried forward to 2022	18558.27	
Statement balance check	18558.27	

Income	25414	
Expenditure	26262.89	

SAVINGS	INTERNET
68135963	68359403
19367.16	20
0.16	1740.61
22260.16	20
0.18	4775.88
27710.44	20
0.15	292.42
26000	
4198.51	20
0.04	749.13
5461.44	220
0.05	1075.21
7521.57	20
0.07	222.5
8373.13	20
0.08	549.05
10065.03	20

0.1	1347.5
12470.61	20
0.11	197.5
13204.65	20
0.11	586.04
14354.55	20
0.13	792.5
16060.02	20
0.15	1926.85
18518.27	20

FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)

England & Wales - Charity number 1123425

Accounts



FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)

Annual Report to Year End 31 December 2020

1. BASIC DETAILS AND STRUCTURE

Friends of Alalay (Santa Cruz) – in this Report now referred to as FoA

Registration number 1123425

Registered address
13 Fremantle Road
Cotham
Bristol
BS6 5SY

The FoA Trust comprises three family trustees:

Annie Syrett (Chair)
Graham Syrett (Treasurer)
Rosamund Syrett

All decisions of consequence are taken jointly and appropriately minuted.

Trustees are currently chosen by appointment of the other Trustees.

The Trust supports and works with the Alalay Foundation, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

2. ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

These have remained the same since the initial registration of the charity.

2.1 The principal activities are:

To advance education, preserve health, relieve poverty and otherwise meet the needs of street children supported by Alalay in the city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, by providing funding as determined by the Trustees and by educating and informing people (especially school children and students) on the plight, circumstances and needs of these street children.

2.2 Our philosophy and principal objectives are:

That funds raised will be used in either educating, training or developing the children

and

establishing projects that will become self-financing within six months and invariably aid in the development of the skills of the children.

That no funds raised will be used to meet administrative costs of FoA in the UK or elsewhere (eg travel, stationery, telephone, publicity, bank charges and so on). These will be met directly from family funds and there are no conflicts of interest.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS IN THE REPORT YEAR

Our plans for 2020 were substantially changed in February 2020 when it began to be clear that COVID 19 might have serious repercussions throughout the developed World and almost certainly disastrous consequences for the less developed regions.

These fears were compounded at the start of the year by the death from the virus of “Richi” (Richard Krust) the husband of Claudia Gonzales, the Founder and CEO of the Alalay Foundation.

The Trustees decided that the children and staff at Alalay in Santa Cruz must be protected from any initial infections by the virus, in so far as it was possible, since it was likely to spread quickly amongst the 100+ children in our care. Isolation procedures were put in place, appropriate protection equipment purchased and considerable effort put into educating both staff and children in the basic precautions that must be taken.

To this end it was decided to release the bulk of our funds at this time (including our normal contingency and reserve funding - normally held at 50% of funds).

We clearly explained the situation to our regular donors – including that we no longer held contingency funds. And they responded magnificently!

In hindsight these were wise moves, as Bolivia has been hard hit by the virus with high levels of infection and death.

3.1 COVID 19

In the event we were very successful in protecting our children from the virus, with no resultant serious illness. Some staff (who were needing to also be working or tending their own families in the outside world) did contract the virus but there have been no direct fatalities at Alalay in Santa Cruz.

At a later stage in the year we were able to release unused funds to support other aspects of our programme.

3.2 Projects and other supporting payments made

As already indicated, some of our initial funding went towards protective equipment and so on, but we also invested heavily in supporting the training and distance-schooling of our children so that they would not fall behind other more advantaged children.

In addition during the year our support included:

- Once more the production of around 10,000 panettone for sale at the end of 2020 by the children and staff. We do not have current information regarding the profitability of this project but we anticipate it to be in the region of £8,000
- Funds were provided to complete the vocational training of three boys
- In addition, funds were transferred for vocational training for three further students

The planned rebuilding of a children's playground and also capital equipment, including a dehydration machine, cutter and vacuum packing equipment is still delayed until a future date.

Once more, although not strictly meeting our original stated objectives, a continuing serious financial shortfall of Alalay funds from other sources meant that we also continued to pay the salary of one house parent.

3.3 Volunteers

No volunteers were sent by FoA to Alalay in Santa Cruz this year.

3.4 Presentations, events and publicity

FoA continue to send out a Quarterly newsletter. Our aim had always been that this would not exceed a single sheet - which has always been much appreciated by our target readers! This has been increased to 1½ pages in the current year because of the need for more extensive explanations of our Covid 19 actions.

We have been unable to speak at public meetings, nor hold other presentations, because of Government requirements for lockdowns.

However, Michael Jones, a world-renowned cellist, undertook a sponsored cycle ride on our behalf and raised significant funds.

3.5 Website

Our previous report contained a typographic error – the number of annual hits on our Website was around 100,000 and not a million as stated. The current level is around 120,000 and we now have increased activity on our Facebook pages.

It is gratifying that several people, previously unknown to us, have made significant donations resulting from their contact via our webpage.

4. Policies

We maintain the following written policies, which are normally reviewed annually. They are:

risk assessment and management, investment, safeguarding and child protection, conflicting interests, volunteer management, complaints handling, Gift Aid, privacy and data protection, and website data protection.

5. ATTEMPTED FRAUD

There were no known attempts at fraud during the current year. One way in which we have achieved this outcome is that only our Business Reserve Account details are publicised – and this does not accept Direct Debit arrangements (which had been the main route to past fraud).

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

One result of our clearly explaining our urgent need to protect and support our children was an increase in giving of almost 20% in the year – with our most financially successful year to date and income of over £30,000.

We are in the fortunate position of having a wide support base, with a large number of donors giving via standing orders, and several consistent and reliable larger commercial donors.

However, it seems likely that the next year will be no less challenging than the last, and we continue to manage our resources prudently!

We have moved our currency conversions from the NatWest Bank and now arrange exchanges from sterling into dollars, and onwards transmission, through American Express, with a consequent 50% reduction in fees and excellent service.

7. CONCLUSIONS

This was another difficult year but one in which we met our primary goal of protecting our children and staff from the Covid 19 virus and achieving our other important secondary goals, viz educating and training the agreed numbers of children, paying a house-mother and creating income through the production and sale of panettone.

In addition we were able to provide further contingency funding to help maintain good health amongst our children and staff.

We remain vigilant for the coming year – Bolivia is greatly disadvantaged regarding the potential spread and continuing damage resulting from the pandemic because of a low availability of bulk vaccine supplies, poor infrastructure and a lack of awareness and sensible precautions on the part of the general population.

Protecting our children, whilst still providing high levels of care and continued education and training, will remain our priorities over much of 2021. However, our current experiences encourage us to remain optimistic for the short-term future.

Annie Syrett
Graham Syrett
Rosamund Syrett

04 February 2021

FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)
Registered number 1123425

PROFIT/LOSS ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31 December 2020

INCOME

Donations	36,109.54	
Administration payment by family	1,362.40	
Interest	14.04	
Total Income		<u>£37,485.98</u>

EXPENDITURE

JustGiving costs	216.00	
Bank charges for currency transfers	10.00	
Funds transfer Santa Cruz (29/05/20)	25,000.00	
Total expenditure		<u>£25,226.00</u>

PROFIT/LOSS RETAINED **£12,259.98**

28 February 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Friends of Alalay (Santa Cruz)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.12.20

**Charity no
(if any)**

1123425

Set out on pages

1 - 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31.12.20**.

**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:

Seuan Ward

Date:

12.08.21

Name:

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

Chartered Tax Adviser
Chartered Institute of Taxation

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None.