



## **FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)**

### **Annual Report to Year End 31 December 2024**

#### **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, primarily 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 remain:**

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/currency 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**

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
<b>INCOME/EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>January</b>				
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
<b>February</b>				
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
<b>March</b>				
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
<b>April</b>				
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
<b>May</b>				
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
<b>June</b>				
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
<b>July</b>				
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
<b>August</b>				
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
<b>September</b>				
Income	1946.82	793.69	11.78	1141.35
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	10481.41			
Statement balance check	10481.41	102	10359.41	20
<b>October</b>				
Income	1126.99	572.13	12.86	542
Expenditure	18	18		
Balance	11590.4			
Statement balance check	11590.4	127.58	11377.82	85
<b>November</b>				
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
<b>December</b>				
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

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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