

Registered Charity No: 1127531

UK FRIENDS OF UNIQUE HOME (PUNJAB)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.
The trustees have prepared the accounts on a Receipts & Payments basis.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name	UK Friends of Unique Home (Punjab)
Charity Registration Number	1127531
Principle Office	298 Welford Road Leicester LE2 6EG

Holding Trustees

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Structure, Governance & Management

Governing document

The charity was established in 2009 by trust deed dated 6th January 2009.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The original trustees are specified by the trust deed. Trustees are appointed for a five year term.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for the assets and the running of the charity. There are no persons external to the charity that are entitled to appoint trustees. The trustees are appointed for five years.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Objectives and aims

The objectives and aims of the Charity are:

1. To raise funds for the management, upkeep and promotion of an institution known as The Unique Home in India. The aim of that institution is to provide moral, social, cultural and economic uplift of unwanted, orphaned and abandoned female children without distinction of caste, creed or religion.
2. To raise awareness of the institution known as The Unique Home in India so that funding and aid are donated directly to that institution.

Each year the trustees review the activities of the charity in order to ensure that they continue to reflect the objectives set out in the trust deed. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, its supplementary guidance on the prevention or relief of poverty for the public benefit and the draft guidance on public benefit and moral or ethical belief systems.

It is the trustees' opinion that the operation of the Charity in its present form is for the public benefit under the principles set out in the Charity Commission guidance. The work of the trust gives rise to public benefit by providing support for The Unique Home in India which in turn provides free accommodation, sustenance, moral guidance and support for unwanted, orphaned and abandoned female children in India. The girls are also afforded the opportunity to attain high educational standards. Testament to this is the success of two of the older girls who have been in long term care at Unique Home. One of whom attained a Masters Degree at College in Jalandhar, whilst the other studied at Leeds Beckett University, Leeds UK, and was successful in obtaining a Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours Degree in July 2018. Both girls are now respectively employed in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in raising funds and running the charity. In previous years, volunteer's annual efforts amounted to approximately 500 hours in total. It has always proved difficult to attribute in an economic value, this contribution to the charity. However, because of circumstances beyond the control of the charity which curtailed fundraising campaigns, volunteer hours have reduced approximately by half. The trustees, themselves volunteers, ensure that best value is derived from the effects of all volunteers.

Achievement and performance

The charity has continued to raise its income through donations. It was good to reactivate the charity ball in Birmingham which raised a tremendous amount of income and awareness.

The direct debit contributions have remained steady and this has helped the reserves of the charity.

Dialogue with the Home remains ongoing and consistent via visits and emails by the Trustees. There have also been high profile visitors to the Home which has raised even more awareness.

The Charity has continued to be used in an advisory capacity by individuals and small groups of supporters from across the globe who are looking to plan or hold fundraising activities either for the Charity direct or the Home itself.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Achievement and performance (Continued)

Social Media platforms remain active and ongoing with individuals arranging ad-hoc events to support the Home from time to time on an ongoing basis.

The annual Cake and Candles Campaign remains strong and this year was supported very well by way of posts on social media and photographs being provided by a number of supporters of UK Friends of Unique Home (Punjab) This annual event brings joy to the children every 24th April. The Home treats this day, as the birthday of all their children. Support for the initiative was world-wide With groups from New Zealand participating.

Reserves Policy

Funds are collected through voluntary donations and it is this income that funds the work of the charity. The net incoming resources for the year amounted to £14,626, which lifted the general reserves at the end of the financial year to £189,326.

With regard to those general reserves, a policy has been established whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, the free reserves, held by the charity should be between 12 and 24 months of the resources expended annually. This equates to £15,000 to £30,000 in free reserves. It is felt that, at this level, it would be possible to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in donations. This would then give sufficient time to consider how the funding would be replaced or the activities changed.

Principal Funding Sources

The primary funding source is donations from the charity's supporters. The funds from this source are used to provide phased funding donations to the Unique Home in order to achieve the objectives of the charity.

Overall, the trustees are satisfied with these results and we will endeavour to maintain this level of income in future.

Future Developments

The Charity's website and social media sites continue to be reviewed with the intention of updating the format and content, when and if deemed appropriate.

With the main building of the complex, and the sickness/isolation suite completed, future plans are to purchase adjacent land which will have a development, incorporating a Digital Educational Hub for the older girls. This complex will replace previous plans to build an education centre beside the main building. This is an ongoing matter of discussion that the home is leading. The Charity will ensure that this development receives appropriate financial support when required.

Other plans include a strong possibility of long term UK friends upgrading or even developing a new website.

The Charity will also be hosting an Event in London in 2025.

The aim this year is to consolidate and work towards organising more live fundraising events

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements (Continued)

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to Charities in England requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board on 25 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee - Mr R Thaliwal

UK FRIENDS OF UNIQUE HOME (PUNJAB)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF UK FRIENDS OF UNIQUE HOME (PUNJAB)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

We report the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act")

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act: or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated : 25th January 2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
RECEIPTS					
Donations		15,117	-	15,117	13,311
Just Giving & Charitable Giving Donations		23,247	-	23,247	19,701
Gift Aid		3,932	-	3,932	2,215
Fundraising Activities delayed	3	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		42,296	-	42,296	35,227
PAYMENTS					
Just Giving Fees		1,340	-	1,340	1,210
Trustees Expenses		-	-	-	-
Accountancy and Bookkeeping		2,400	-	2,400	2,400
Event Costs		-	-	-	-
Events Income Refunded		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		10	-	10	400
Bank Charges		176	-	176	194
Grants to Institutions		10,700	-	10,700	8,000
Total Resources Expended		14,626	-	14,626	12,204
Net Receipts		27,670	-	27,670	23,023
Cash Funds last year end		161,656	-	161,656	138,633
Cash Funds this year end		189,326	-	189,326	161,656

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank and in hand	189,326	-	189,326	161,656
	<u>189,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,326</u>	<u>161,656</u>
 Other non-monetary assets	 -	 -	 -	 -
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Assets retained by charity for own use	 -	 -	 -	 -
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Liabilities				
Deferred Income from postponed event	-	-	-	-
Accountancy	660	-	660	660
	<u>660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Print Name

Date of Approval

Mr R Thaliwal

25.01.25

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b Accounting Treatment

The accounts, incorporating a Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes have been prepared in accordance with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission and their publication CC16a.

c Taxation

No provision has been made for taxation as the charity's charitable status renders it exempt from UK direct taxation.

2. Other costs

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent examiners fees	660	660
	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>