



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date					Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
From		01	12	2021	To		30	11	2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Liberty Children's Home

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1136713**

Charity's principal address

123 High Road

Wilmington

Dartford, Kent

DA2 7DP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs Meryl O'Shea	Chairman		
2	Mr Douglas Hunter	Treasurer		
3	Mrs Jeanette Hunter	Secretary		
4	Mrs Susan Sebborn			
5	Miss Helen Case			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust. 30/05/2010

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- 1) To relieve poverty and advance the education of school age children and college age adults resident at the Liberty Children's Home and Student Hostel Located in Chintalapudi, Andhra Pradesh, India, (administered by the Indian charity Abundant Life Ministries, Indian registration number 390/2001), by providing funds to enable the provision of educational equipment, shelter, food, clothing and medical care.
- 2) To prevent or relieve poverty of adults and children in Andhra Pradesh, India by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need through Abundant Life Ministries (registered as charity number 390/2001 in India).

To avoid confusion in this summary, the term "the charity" refers to the English charity Liberty Children's Home and the term "the Home" refers to the actual Liberty Children's Home in Chintalapudi village, India. The trustees are aware of the importance of complying with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have considered this when awarding grants to Abundant Life Ministries in India. They also recognise the need to confirm the use of the funds, once transferred, by either periodic visits to the Liberty Children's Home in India or live video communication with the Home and proof of purchases.

Provides grants to Liberty Children's Home and Student Hostel

The charity funds the Home, which is a foster home for some children, with one or both parents alive, and an orphanage for others, who do not have parents, providing a secure place for the children and students to live in. The orphan children have usually been looked after by aged grandparents or close relatives. Some of the children have been rejected in re-marriage situations where the new step-parent does not want the child in the house. Others have parents who have long term illness or had an accident and cannot earn enough to look after their children. What they all have in common is that, without the Home, they would not grow healthily or regularly go to school to receive an education. The children, who this year were aged between 5 and 22, are provided for by the Home through to university education or completion of training in a trade. The funding from the charity enables the Home to provide food, clothing, medical care and meet the costs associated with the children attending the village schools and colleges. The children come from Chintalapudi and other villages in Andhra Pradesh and there is a much greater demand than can be met by the Home.

Education

The children are provided with all of their educational equipment such as notebooks and pens, etc and have any fees paid at the schools or colleges that they attend. The elementary and high school children are also provided with after-school tutors to help them understand their school work and homework. Other children in the village are invited to join with the Liberty children at the Home for extra tuition, at no cost to their parents. The Home, from our charity funding, provides some of the village children with notebooks, pens, etc and with clothing to enable them to attend school.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Self-supporting project

The Home is dependent upon the funds that are sent from the UK from our charity. Financial markets can be very unsettled, resulting in variations in the exchange rate, which can make the Home vulnerable when the exchange rates fall. Therefore, to give some security, the charity is working with the Home to locally develop a means of income. The Home has approximately 4 acres of farm land and we have previously worked with the Home to utilise this for their benefit. The land has been used for growing crops, housing a dairy farm, leasing to local farmers and raising chickens. Each use has presented its own problems and whilst we have gained valuable experience, none of the projects have been economically sustainable for a long term. The extreme climate conditions, crop and animal diseases and unreliable labour have played major parts in these results together with difficulties in obtaining rent from those who have leased the land. The current project is growing palm oil trees to produce cooking oil for sale.

Helping Chintalapudi village residents

Many people in the village are poor and when funds permit, we try to help both children and adults, close to the Home, with the greatest need. This has also included provision of items to the village schools that the Liberty children attend.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

To avoid confusion in the following summary, the term “the charity” refers to the English registered charity Liberty Children’s Home and the term “the Home” refers to the actual Liberty Children’s Home in India.

The charity “Liberty Children’s Home” was started on 1st December 2009 and attained registered status at the Charity Commission of England in July 2010. The charity was started to provide financial support for an Indian registered charity having the name of Abundant Life Ministries, run by a Pastor Hezekiah, in a village called Chintalapudi. Abundant Life Ministries runs a children’s home, called Liberty Children’s Home and also provides help to residents in the village. The Indian charity submits requests to the English charity, for funds to maintain the Home and carry on its work. The English charity considers the requests and issues grants where it is deemed suitable.

This report refers to all the young people supported by the Home as “children”. This does not necessarily mean that they are immature, as some are late teens or early twenties, but relates to the Home being a “family home” and not an “institutional home”, they being treated as sons and daughters.

There were no visits to the Home during 2022. However, daily contact with Pastor Hezekiah was maintained. This was by phone, WhatsApp and Skype. We have therefore managed to keep up-to-date with all of the needs of the children. We have continued to hold a minimum of weekly and monthly Skype meeting with Pastor Hezekiah, for him to inform us of the Home’s expenses and give him the opportunity to justify them. Funds have only been transferred once we were fully satisfied. We are confident that the funds are being used for their designated purpose.

The Home - children

For some children, with one or both parents living, the Home is a foster home and for those children without either parent it is an orphanage. Nevertheless, no matter what their situation, the Home provides a secure place to live in a healthy environment. Usually through each year, some of the children will leave for various reasons, including an improvement in family circumstances, their nearest relatives have moved away or they may have to care for a sick parent or grandparent. We have to make the decision as to how many children we can support at the Home, in June. The reason for this month, is that, for a child to move from their village, they require a school transfer certificate which normally can only be obtained at the start of the academic year in June. The Home has dormitories large enough to accept up to 60 children, depending upon the number of boys and girls. The demand for places at the Home is great, but the number is restricted by the funds available for their daily needs – sufficient food, decent clothing and provision of school books and medical care. Each summer in May and June the Government insist that the children are given the opportunity to return to their villages for a short break. Sometimes this results in the children not returning to the Home. This is for various reasons, including having to look after sick parents and break up of marriages. Although, happily, sometimes the child’s parent or relative has managed to sort their lives out and find that they can now look after the child.

By the end of June, the Home new which children were not returning and their places were taken by new children and we were able to increase the number from 51 the previous year to 58 this year. This number comprised of 19 girls and 39 boys.

Once again this year, the Home has been a place of safety, providing care and protection for the children. All of the children, of all ages, have been supplied with all their clothes, food and medical care. Two resident cooks are employed to provide the children with 2 or 3 meals each day, depending upon whether it is a school day, as they receive a midday meal at school. The general health of the children is good although they have suffered with normal seasonal colds and fevers. We have continued to fund the hygiene regime that was introduced for Covid, which includes the provision of hand sanitizer and liquid soap, together with regular disinfectant of the washing and toilet areas.

As mentioned last year, some of the children arrive at the Home with no previous schooling and cannot read, write or use numbers. These can be of any age up to 10 years old but they would have to enter the Elementary school in Year 1. This can be embarrassing for them, which has a negative effect on the education of these children. The teacher that was employed last year at the Home, had her employment continued through the year, to raise the new children to an academic level which enabled them to enter a class year, at the school, closer to their age.

Last year the Home started celebrating each child's birthday with a new set of clothes and a cake. The children really look forward to this and we have continued to finance this throughout this year.

As stated in our "summary of main activities", the Home will commit to supporting a child through to at least obtaining their first job. Although for various reasons, as previously mentioned, very few of the of the children stay to achieve this. However, this year there are 5 boys who are now in further education, training to obtain qualifications which should eventually help them obtain a good job:

- 1) Two boys (A Raj Kumar & B Raj Kumar) have almost completed their final year in college, training to be medical technicians.
- 2) One boy (Venu) has completed his second year in college, training to be a medical technician
- 3) One boy (Visampali) has almost completed his first year in college, training to be a nurse.
- 4) One boy (Vijay) has completed his first year at college, on a 4 year course in computer engineering.

These children are living away in college hostels and the Charity pays for all their course, exam and lodging fees, as well as clothing, books, other personal items and travel between the Home and the college.

The Home – building, grounds and facilities

The Home, which was constructed in 2007, has no major building problems. This year, the Home has added pipework to the boy's toilets and washrooms, to provide water for each cubicle, so that they do not have carry buckets of water from an outside tap. This was to help the smaller boys, who struggled to carry the buckets and relied on the older ones to help them. Also, for the small children, an extra concrete table was constructed in the dining hall, large enough to accommodate up to 20 children. This had a lower table height, so that the smaller children could sit to eat their meals, rather than having to stand.

Self-supporting project - Farm

As mentioned last year, the farm is now planted with palm oil trees. These have been growing well but do require some expenditure on fertilisers and labour to periodically clear the ground of weeds. The palms are starting to form their first fruits and so we are expecting the first harvest in the first half of next year. We do not expect this to be large, because of palms age, but it will be a step forward.

Helping Chintalapudi village residents

The Home is close to the centre of Chintalapudi and through the efforts of Pastor Hezekiah, representing Abundant Life Ministries, adults and children in the village are being helped. Not only does this benefit the villagers but it creates a supportive community for the Home and satisfies Indian government inspectors that Abundant Life Ministries is a "Social" charity. Once again, we have managed to provide the following support:

- 1) Two tutors are provided for the children at the Home, after school each day, to help them with any problems they may have in understanding their day's lessons. The children, in the part of the village close to the Home, can come and benefit from this free of charge.
- 2) This year we again funded notebooks, which were given to some of the poorest children in the village to enable them to complete their primary school lessons
- 3) The Charity's main objective is to support the Home, but we also have a concern for the people of the village. This year we have again helped over 30 of the neglected old women and men in the village, buying the women saris or fleeces and provided the men with a lungi.

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Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The primary concern of the charity is to raise sufficient funds to provide the children of the Home with their basic daily needs. The charity does not have a policy regarding the amount of reserves that it keeps but budgets to have sufficient available for transfer, when it is required by the Home, usually in the first week of each month. With a number of children on college courses, we do ring-fence some of reserves to ensure that we have sufficient funds to always be able to pay all their fees, books and living expenses. We would normally decide, in the period June to August each year, how many children we can support, based on our projected income and our reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.



The Charity continues to operate on the basis that all administration costs of the Charity in the UK are paid for by the Trustees, so that all donations that are received, are used to fulfil its "Objects" laid out in Section C.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Douglas Hunter	Meryl O'Shea
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	14/07/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Liberty Children's Home

No (if any)

1136713

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/12/2021

To

Period end date
30/11/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Direct donations	31,909	-	-	31,909	30,796
Donations for items	5,936	-	-	5,936	4,296
HMRC Gift Aid Reclaim	4,580	-	-	4,580	4,370
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,425	-	-	42,425	39,462
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,425	-	-	42,425	39,462
A3 Payments					
Currency transfers to India	41,791	-	-	41,791	30,868
Bank transfer/commission charges	276	-	-	276	216
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	42,067	-	-	42,067	31,084
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,067	-	-	42,067	31,084
Net of receipts/(payments)	358	-	-	358	8,378
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,156	-	-	30,156	21,778
Cash funds this year end	30,514	-	-	30,514	30,156

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account 90188654	9,357	-	-
	Current Account 50000795	20,896	-	-
	Cash	259	-	-
	Total cash funds		30,512	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Unclaimed Gift Aid 06/04/22 - 30/11/22	2,511	-	-
	Unclaimed GASDS 06/04/22 - 30/11/22	175	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		m	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
CHAIRMAN	X Meryl O'Shea	X Meryl O'Shea	X 14-07-2023	
TREASURER	D. Hunter	DOUGLAS HUNTER	14/07/23	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Liberty Children's Home

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30/11/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1136713

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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 **DD / MM / YYYY**.

**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:

Date:

11 / 7 / 2023

Name:

Mr J R Nunns

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

Address:

21 Tile Kiln Lane

Bexley, Kent

DA5 2JF

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.

Nothing to Report