



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	12	2022		30	11	2023

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 or 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 their child.

By the end of June, the Home knew which children were not returning and the decision was made to provide for 55 children. This number comprised of 16 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.

We have managed to provide finance to the Home so that they can continue to celebrate each child's birthday, with a new set of clothes and a cake. The children really look forward to this and it also means that the cost of purchasing one set of new clothes is spread through the year.

They all receive their second set of clothes at Christmas. Joining with New Year, this is the largest event of the year. We provided a relatives evening before Christmas Day, when the children's parents or nearest relative, are invited to the Home. The children put on a concert in the evening and they all shared a meal together. On Christmas Day and New Years Day they had special meals with evenings of fireworks.

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, at the start of this year there were 5 boys in college, training to obtain qualifications which should eventually help them obtain a good job:

- 1) Two boys (A Raj Kumar & B Raj Kumar) completed their final year in college, training to be medical technicians and took up jobs in hospitals..
- 2) One boy (Venu) entered his final year in college, training to be a medical technician
- 3) One boy (Visampali) entered his second year in college, training to be a nurse.
- 4) One boy (Vijay) entered his second year in 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. However, the buildings and services have required maintenance and some equipment replacement, producing a bill for the year of just under £7000. This included repairs and clearing up after a major storm, with high winds, hit the Home.

**Self-supporting project - Farm**

The farm, which is planted with palm oil trees' did produce some fruit this year, which was sold, but it was only a small amount. These have been growing well but do require some expenditure on fertilisers and labour to periodically clear the ground of weeds, trim the palms and spray them. The palms will still take a number of years to produce significant quantities.

**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 25 of the neglected old women and men in the village, buying the women saris or fleeces and provided the men with a towel and 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's policy regarding the amount of reserves that it keeps is to have a minimum of one month's grant available for transfer, when it is required by the Home, usually at the beginning of each month, plus one further 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 for the coming year, 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. This includes an amount equal to the bank charges for International Transfers is donated by the Trustees at the end of each accounts year.

## Section F

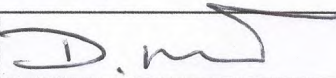
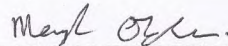
## Other optional information

## 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 FREDERICK CHARLES HUNTER	MERYL O'SHEA
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	CHAIR
Date	22/08/2024	





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	To	Period end date
	01/12/2022		30/11/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Direct donations	24,982	-	-	24,982	31,909
Donations for items	9,144	-	-	9,144	5,936
HMRC Gift Aid Reclaim	-	-	-	-	4,580
Half marathon sponsorship	1,180	-	-	1,180	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	35,306	-	-	35,306	42,425
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	35,306	-	-	35,306	42,425
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Currency transfers to India	39,230	-	-	39,230	41,791
Bank transfer/commission charges	319	-	-	319	276
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	39,549	-	-	39,549	42,067
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	39,549	-	-	39,549	42,067
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 4,243	-	-	- 4,243	358
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	30,514	-	-	30,514	30,156
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	26,271	-	-	26,271	30,514



## 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 50000795	26,022	-	-
	Cash	248	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>26,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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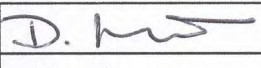
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Unclaimed Gift Aid 06/04/22 - 05/04/23	4,673	-	-
	Unclaimed GASDS 06/04/22 - 05/04/23	230	-	-
	Unclaimed Gift Aid 06/04/23 - 30/11/23	2,226	-	-
	Unclaimed GASDS 06/04/23 - 30/11/23	122	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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
	DOUGLAS HUNTER	30/08/24
Meryl O'Shea	MERYL O'SHEA	30/08/24





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Liberty Children's Home

On accounts for the year  
ended

30/11/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1136713

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 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:

30/8/24

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

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30/8/24