



Trustees Annual Report and Accounts 2021

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Activities

In support of these objectives we have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have made grants to the TRUST Children's Homes. Through the generous support of Trusts and individuals we have been able to help one major capital project to completion this year (see below) and we have also been able to make a contribution to the costs of education as well as to help with the regular costs of food and of staff during financially challenging covid lockdown periods. We have helped to ensure that the children in TRUST's care are able to look forward to a secure future.

Education is vital to enable the children to look forward to a safe and independent life. The children from the Children's Homes attend local schools. Basic Primary and Secondary education is provided free by the State, but there are costs for uniform, books and for other incidentals. After leaving school the provision of further academic, technical or vocational education, according to ability and interests, is vital to enable the children to lead independent adult lives. Lockdowns to try to control the covid pandemic have disrupted school and college courses for a second year – schools have been closed periodically and exams have been cancelled. Nevertheless, the expenses associated with the new academic year did happen and we were able to help with the extra costs.

The older children who have left school and are away at college, often staying in hostels during term time, have usually returned to the Children's Homes to stay with their 'extended family' during holiday periods. A major project to build two simple small Hostels close to the Children's Homes, one for boys and one for girls, has continued. We have appealed for funds to support this capital project and generous Trusts and individuals have made vital contributions. The Girls 18+ Hostel was completed before the pandemic and has provided a safe space for older girls. Building work on the Hostel for 18+ Boys was continued during this year and the hostel will be ready to be opened early in 2022.

The regular and reliable support from our monthly donors has helped to pay for regular school expenses, staff salaries, medical costs and day-to-day grocery bills. The cost of food has increased significantly during the pandemic. In normal times there would be around 200 occasions in a year when a local family or group would come to the Homes and provide and share a meal with the children. This has not been possible during lockdowns, which has further increased the need for our support to help feed the children. Our regular donors have enabled us to make regular transfers to support TRUST in providing a future for around eighty destitute children who are predominantly from a poor, rural background in the far south of India.

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Our charity is always looking for ways to provide support for projects that will help to make the Children's Homes more sustainable. The provision of a secure water supply in their very dry area of south India is an on-going issue. There are wells and bore holes at both Homes; but the wells need to be dug deeper and further bore holes are needed. When there is water it is also possible to grow vegetables and reduce food costs. Both homes now also have solar panels, charging batteries to provide light in the evenings, reducing the cost of electricity. The boys have also been looking after a number of cows – providing milk for the boys and girls in the homes, fertilizer for crops, and a useful understanding and lockdown activity.

Financial Review

The trustees have covered their expenses from their own resources so that all the money donated has directly benefitted the objectives of our charity. The charity's income has all been transferred to TRUST in support of the children in its care. The main expenses (around 2%) are the costs of transferring the money to India and fees charged by card processing organisations when they collect donations on our behalf. There is no intention to maintain a reserve fund and regular transfers are normally made each month. The item 'other transfers' includes support for further education fees and, this year, a payment to cover significant debts to grocery suppliers etc accumulated during lockdowns. An Independent Examiner, as required by the Charity Commission, has examined our accounts. We are in regular and direct contact with the TRUST Children's Homes and they report to us on their needs and the progress of capital projects.

Governing Document

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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Brought forward	1055	714	919	Regular transfers to TRUST	12056	13891	11750
Regular donations			9658	Transfers for Capital Projects	5209	5225	24470
Regular donations via bank	7746	7616		Other transfers	6000	1250	3811
Regular donations online (incl GiftAid)	5837	2725		Cost of transfers	210	180	237
One-off donations			21397	Charity Checkout sub	240	240	173
One-off donations via bank	7556	4883					
One-off donations online (incl GiftAid)	1049	493		Carried forward	2769	1055	714
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

TRUSTchildren Support Group UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1139559

Set out on pages

PROVIDED FOR 2021 ACCOUNTS .

(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 / 2021.

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:

17th Nov 2022 .

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