

FRIENDS OF MAHALIR ARAN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1173012

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2017-05-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF THE INHABITANTS OF INDIA WHO BY REASON OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE BY THE PROVISION OF BUT NOT LIMITED TO FOOD, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, EDUCATION, COUNSELLING AND TRAINING FOR WORK BY AND PRINCIPALLY BY SUPPORTING THE WORK OF, AND RAISING FUNDS FOR , THE MAHALIR ARAN TRUST, A BODY FORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF INDIA, BASED AT DHARMAPURI IN TAMIL NADU.

Activities: The trust seeks to aid the inhabitants of India who by reason of their social and economic conditions are in need of assistance by the provision of food, health care, housing, education, counselling and training for work by and principally by supporting the work of the Mahalir Aran Trust, a body formed in accordance with and governed by the laws of India, based at Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£93,021	£122,950	-	-
2023-12-31	£56,582	£76,900	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,219	£40,637	-	-
2021-12-31	£44,853	£27,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£80,117	£24,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL BRENELLS	Chair	2015-09-18
David Charles Gallagher		2025-05-15
IAN WATTS		2015-09-18
RACHEL WESTCOTT		2015-09-18
Simon Andrew Rigden Green		2017-05-31

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity no 1173012

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Names of Charity trustees who manage the charity

Paul Brenells (chair)

David Gallagher (appointed 15 May 2025)

Simon Green

Ian Watts

Rachel Westcott

All trustees served for the full year.

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In 2024 the charity raised and used funding to continue the work in the community including additional provision of medical services by the recruitment of a medical doctor. Work continued on the building project which began in 2022 and which will extend into 2025.

The charity does not solicit funds from the general public. We are grateful for the continued contributions received from our supporters and from volunteers.

The charity is registered with HMRC for the purposes of recovery of Gift Aid on individual donations

Public Benefit

The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in all their activities and are satisfied that all activities and expenditure fulfil the criteria.

Financial Review and Reserves

In the year, the charity received income of £93,021 (2023 - £56,582). Grants totalling £122,950 (2023 £76,900) were paid to Mahalir Aran to support the projects in India.

All income was unrestricted for use by the charity within its overall objectives.

At the end of the year the charity was holding funds of £72,933 (2023 £102,862).

In 2025 the Trust propose to continue to use the funds at its disposal to continue to support the work of Mahalir Arun Trust including enhancing the community and medical provisions and additional building work.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Paul Brenells Chair of Trustees

Date 29 October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends of Mahalir Aran Trust
on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 as set out on page 4

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Independent examiner's statement

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Alison E Grieve

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229a Brixton Hill

London SW2 1NR

Dated : 17 October 2025

Friends of Mahalir Aran Trust
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Donations from Individuals & Churches	91,922	55,932
Interest	1,099	650
Total Receipts	<u>93,021</u>	<u>56,582</u>
Payments		
Grants to Mahalir Aran Trust	122,950	76,900
Total Payments	<u>122,950</u>	<u>76,900</u>
Net (Payments)/ Receipts	(29,929)	(20,318)
Cash Funds at last year end	102,862	123,180
Cash funds at this year end	<u>72,933</u>	<u>102,862</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	2024	2023
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	20,765	11,793
Deposit Account	52,168	91,069
Total Monetary Assets	<u>72,933</u>	<u>102,862</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Paul Brenells

date 29 October 2025

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Public Benefit

The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in all their activities and are satisfied that all activities and expenditure fulfil the criteria.

Financial Review and Reserves

In the year, the charity received income of £56,582 (2022 - £45,219). Grants totalling £76,900 (2022 £40,637) were paid to Mahalir Aran to support the projects in India.

All income was unrestricted for use by the charity within its overall objectives.

At the end of the year the charity was holding funds of £102,862 (2022 £123,180).

In 2024 the Trust propose to continue to use the funds at its disposal to continue to support the work of Mahalir Arun Trust including enhancing the community and medical provisions and additional building work.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Paul Brenells

Paul Brenells Chair of Trustees

Date 25 October 2024

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Alison Grieve

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Dated 27th October 2024

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The charity does not solicit funds from the general public. We are grateful for the continued contributions received from our supporters.

The charity is registered with HMRC for the purposes of recovery of Gift Aid on individual donations

Public Benefit

The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in all their activities and are satisfied that all activities and expenditure fulfil the criteria.

Financial Review and Reserves

In the year, the charity received income of £45,219 (2021 - £44,853). Grants of £40,637 (2021 £27,000) were paid in grants to Mahalir Aran to support the projects in India.

All income was unrestricted for use by the charity within its overall objectives.

At the end of the year the charity was holding funds of £123,180 (2021 £118,598).

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In 2023 the Trust propose to continue to use the funds at its disposal to continue to support the work of Mahalir Arun Trust.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Paul Brenells

Paul Brenells Chair of Trustees

Date *15 October 2023*

from 2023-10-15

Friends of Mahalir Aran Trust
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Receipts		
Donations from Individuals & Churches	45,208	39,359
Legacy received		5,475
Interest	11	19
Total Receipts	<u>45,219</u>	<u>44,853</u>
Payments		
Grants to Mahalir Aran Trust	40,637	27,000
Total Payments	<u>40,637</u>	<u>27,000</u>
Net Receipts	4,582	17,853
Cash Funds at last year end	118,598	100,745
Cash funds at this year end	<u>123,180</u>	<u>118,598</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	2022	2021
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	92,760	88,189
Deposit Account	30,420	30,409
Total Monetary Assets	<u>123,180</u>	<u>118,598</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Paul Brenells
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date *15 October 2023*

Charity number 1173012

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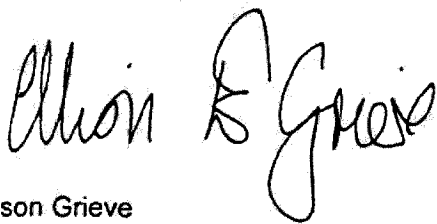
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Dated :

13/10/23

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Public Benefit

The trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in all their activities and are satisfied that all activities and expenditure fulfil the criteria.

Financial Review and Reserves

In the year, the charity received less income (£44,853 down from £80,117 in 2020) as a result of the legacy received in 2020. £27,000 was paid in grants to Mahalir Aran to support the projects in India, (2020 £18,000 to Mahalir Aran and £6,000 to Flowering Desert). All income was unrestricted for use by the charity within its overall objectives.

At the end of the year the charity was holding funds of £118,598 (2020 £100,745).

In 2022 the charity has resolved to use part of its reserves for the construction of houses for widows in the area in which Mahalir Aran operates. Plans are also under consideration for the development of a community centre and to enhance the wellbeing projects.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Paul Brenells Chair of Trustees

Date 23 October 2022

Friends of Mahalir Aran Trust Charity number 1173012

Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Receipts		
Donations from Individuals & Churches	39,359	23,789
Legacy received	5,475	56,250
Interest	19	
		78
Total Receipts	<u>44,853</u>	<u>80,117</u>
Payments		
Grants to Mahalir Aran Trust	27,000	18,000
Grants to Flowering Desert	-	6,000
Total Payments	<u>27,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
Net Receipts	17,853	56,117
Cash Funds at last year end	100,745	44,628
Cash funds at this year end	<u>118,598</u>	<u>100,745</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	2021	2020
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	88,189	70,356
Deposit Account	30,409	30,389
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Total Monetary Assets

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Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Paul Brenells

date 23 October 2022

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	2020	2019
Receipts		
Donations from Individuals & Churches	23,789	20,022
Legacy received	56,250	-
Interest	78	81
Total Receipts	<u>80,117</u>	<u>20,103</u>
Payments		
Grants to Mahalir Aran Trust	18,000	20,500
Grants to Flowering Desert	6,000	-
Total Payments	<u>24,000</u>	<u>20,500</u>
Net of Receipts / (payments)	56,117	(397)
Cash Funds at last year end	44,628	45,025
Cash funds at this year end	<u>100,745</u>	<u>44,628</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	2020	2019
Cash at Bank		
Current Account	70,356	14,318
Deposit Account	30,389	30,310
Total Monetary Assets	<u>110,745</u>	<u>44,628</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Paul Brendts 30/10/21.
 Charities Number 473012.

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Public Benefit

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Financial Review and Reserves

In the year, the charity received a legacy of £56,250 which increased the income to £80,117 from £20,103 in 2019. £24,000 was paid in grants to Mahalir Aran and to

Flowering Desert to support the projects in India, (2019 £20,500 to Mahalir Aran only). All income was unrestricted for use by the charity within its overall objectives.

At the end of the year the charity was holding funds of £110,745 (2029 £ 44,628).

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Paul Brenells Chair of Trustees

Paul Brenells

Date *30/10/2021*

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