

## **Friends of Mahalir Aran Trust**

**Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Charity no 1173012**

**Charitie's principal address 50 Allerton Road London N16 5UF**

### **Names of Charity trustees who manage the charity**

Paul Brenells (chair)

Simon Green

Ian Watts

Rachel Westcott

All trustees served for the full year.

The charity was created under a trust deed dated 28 August 2012 and is an unincorporated association.

### **Objectives and 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 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.

The charity's activities in this year as in earlier years are the remitting of funds raised in Europe and the USA to India to support the work of Mahalir Aran Trust in providing physical, emotional, spiritual, and practical support principally to women and children.

In 2023 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 2024.

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 £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

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends of Mahalir Aran Trust**

on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on page 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

### **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 Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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 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.
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

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.



Alison Grieve

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Dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024