

FRIENDS OF KHRISTIYA SEVA NIKETAN HOSPITAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1193947

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-03-29

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF THE SICK, THE DESTITUTE, AND PEOPLE IN NEED IN WEST BENGAL, INDIA, WHERE KHRISTIYA SEVA NIKETAN HOSPITAL ('KSN') IS ENGAGED, EITHER THROUGH KSN ITSELF OR ONE OR MORE OF KSN'S COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE SUPPLY OF MONEY (OR OTHER MEANS DEEMED SUITABLE), MEDICAL AID AND OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THE RUNNING OF A HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH, ACCOMMODATION AND EDUCATION OF RURAL AND URBAN CHILDREN, AND TRAINING OF ADULTS IN BASIC SKILLS, ESPECIALLY DISADVANTAGED WOMEN.

Activities: Makes grants for the relief and assistance of the sick, the destitute, and people in need in West Bengal, India, where Khristiya Seva Niketan is engaged, either through KSN Hospital itself or through one or more of KSN's collaborative partners.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- India
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£22,837	£6,079	-	-
2023-12-31	£39,670	£36,545	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,188	£13,160	-	-
2021-12-31	£17,291	£16,295	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rosemary Joycelyn Elizabeth Milns	Chair	2021-03-22
Dr Nigel Bruguier		2021-03-22
IVOR JOHN MITCHELMORE		2022-03-11
Laura Marlow		2021-03-22
Linda June Berry		2021-03-22
Peter Skerratt		2021-03-22
Rev Melanie Jane Smith		2021-03-22

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Annual Report for the Financial Year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2024

Introduction

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During the Financial Year, its Trustees were:

Linda Berry
Nigel Bruguier
Laura Marlow
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Ivor Mitchelmore
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Melanie Smith (Treasurer)

Purpose and Main Activities of the Charity

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Financial Policies and Financial Review

KSN Hospital requires a certificate under the Indian Foreign Contribution Regulation Act in order to receive funds from outside India. The procedure is for KSN Hospital to send the Charity requests for the funds it needs, detailing the specific purposes for which they are required.

During 2024 money was donated for specific purposes, with funds to be spent over more than one year. Trustees resolved that monies would be held in reserve by the charity and released when expenditure was incurred, to honour the requests of the donors, in addition to our small Unrestricted Income Reserve, currently £100 (£392 2023). The new Community Ophthalmology Fund will be spent as eye camps resume at the hospital and the new Student Nurse Sponsorship Fund will be spent over the duration of sponsored students' studies. We are grateful for the generosity of McCormicks in providing the funds for the community ophthalmology work and the Davies family for the student nurse sponsorship.

The Trustees do not have an investment policy; as we undertake to transfer funds to KSN Hospital in a timely manner. Should funds be endowed, an investment policy will be considered.

An annual evaluation of all risks, including financial, in line with the Charity's Risk Management Strategy is undertaken by the Trustees. No additional risks have been identified.

Achievements

The main focus of fundraising for 2024 was to raise money to replace operating theatre equipment, which had been on generous loan from the resident surgeon, Dr Philip Mitta, who left during 2024.

The Trustees are grateful to all those who responded so generously meaning that, in 2024, gifts from individuals and through church appeals amounted to £22,837 (2023 £39,670), including through Charities Aid Foundation. Given that there was no special appeal in 2024 and the continued cost of living crisis, this was a fantastic achievement. We are humbled by people's generosity.

The charity transferred £5,900 (2023 £35,203) in 2024 to KSN Hospital. The bank balance as at the end of 2024 was £23,050 (£6,292 2023) and arrangements are made to transfer funds in early 2025:

- £11,000 towards Operating Theatre equipment (Unrestricted Income Fund)
- £1,200 annual support to the Marshall Duar Hostel (Unrestricted Income Fund)
- £2,695 student nurse sponsorship (Student Nurse Sponsorship Fund)

The trustees have due regard for their duty to comply with guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit in the exercise of their powers or duties.

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Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming Resources:		
Personal Donations	20,059	24,642
Gift Aid	-	5,276
Stewardship	-	3,173
CAF	670	3,060
Church Donations	1,608	2,518
Sales	-	-
Fundraisers	500	232
Other	-	769
	22,837	39,670
Resources Expended:		
KSN:		
Operating Microscope		2,000
Blood Blank	4,900	32,500
Isoflurane Vaporizer	-	703
Surgical Equipment	1,000	-
	5,900	35,203
Marsal Duar Hostel:		
Child Sponsorship	-	1,200
Total Charitable Giving	5,900	36,403
Foreign Transfer Fees	35	70
Website	144	72
Total Administrative Costs	179	142
Total Resources Expended:	6,079	36,545
Accumulated Fund brought forward	6,292	3,167
Total Funds	23,050	6,292

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	31/12/2024 £	31/12/2023 £
Assets			
Money at Co-operative Bank		23,050	6,292
Less Monies paid to KSN within 90 days		12,200	5,900
Net Assets		10,850	392
Funds	1		
Unrestricted Income Fund		100	392
Student Nurse Sponsorship Fund		5,750	-
Community Ophthalmology Fund		5,000	-
Total Charity Funds		10,850	392

Note 1

	Opening Balance £	Movement £	Closing Balance £
Reserves			
Student Nurse Sponsorship Fund	5,750	-	5,750
Community Ophthalmology Fund	5,000	-	5,000

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29 March 2025.


Chair
Rosemary Milns


Treasurer
Melanie Smith

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Financial Policies and Financial Review

The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain a minimum balance of £200 on the General Fund at any one time to meet expenses.

In previous years, we had stated our intention to remit any balance at year end above the minimum £200 in the General Fund to KSN Hospital within 90 days. However, KSN Hospital requires a certificate under the Indian Foreign Contribution Regulation Act in order to receive funds from outside India. The procedure is for KSN Hospital to send the Charity requests for the funds it needs, detailing the specific purposes for which they are required. At the end of 2023, the balance in the General Fund slightly exceeded the requests we had received from the hospital, resulting in a year end balance of £392 (2022 £200).

The Trustees do not have an investment policy; as we undertake to transfer funds to KSN Hospital in a timely manner. Should funds be endowed, an investment policy will be considered.

An annual evaluation of all risks, including financial, in line with the Charity's Risk Management Strategy is undertaken by the Trustees. No additional risks have been identified.

Achievements

The main focus of fundraising for 2023 was to raise money for a facility to house a blood bank for KSN, following confirmation of a large donation from Rotary International (via Rotary Durgapur) for the equipment required for its establishment.

The Trustees are grateful to all those who responded so generously meaning that, in 2023, gifts from individuals and through church appeals amounted to £39,670 (2022 £14,188), including Gift Aid claimed directly from HMRC and through online charitable giving platform, Stewardship as well as through Charities Aid Foundation. We are particularly grateful to the increased number of churches supporting us, including Harlington Methodist Church, Hurst Methodist Church, Newtown Methodist Church, Christ Church Enfield (URC), Solihull United Reformed Church, the West Midlands URC Synod, and Ashcroft Church. We are also grateful to the family of Joyce Hastings, who died in February 2023, who had served at KSN in the 1950's along with her husband and children who sent donations in her memory.

We transferred £36,403 (2022 £12,962) of which £32,500 was for the blood bank building. It was good that by the end of 2023 the building was able to be viewed by a visiting Trustee. The building had been constructed and fittings were being installed. The Trustees are grateful to the team at KSN who have made this possible.

The trustees have due regard for their duty to comply with guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit in the exercise of their powers or duties.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Friends of Khristiya Seva Niketan Hospital Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

Signed: 

Name: Christopher Gill

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ACMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (Retired)

Address: 16, Rugby Close, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 3JN

Date: 13th October 2024

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Ivor John Mitchelmore (from 18th March 2022)
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The Trustees do not have an investment policy; transferring funds to KSN Hospital in a timely manner. Should funds be endowed, an investment policy will be considered.

Achievements

2022 was a quieter year for the charity, partly because of the tail end of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we are pleased to have provided funds to reopen the Marsal Duar Girls' Hostel on the site which had been closed during the pandemic and needed some refurbishment, as well as providing funds for much needed equipment, such as an operating microscope and electrolyte analyser. Although mundane, funds to buy new files for patients is a key requirement to ensure patient records are kept appropriately. We transferred £12,962 (2021 £15,250).

In 2022, gifts from individuals and through church appeals amounted to £14,188 (2021 £17,291), including Gift Aid claimed directly from HMRC and through online charitable giving platform, Stewardship.

The Charity encourages people to buy consumables directly for KSN Hospital through an Amazon WishList ([amzn.in/60DmxyO](https://www.amazon.in/wishlist?ref=wl_share)). Although there is no central record of items purchased through this scheme, items such as PPE, stethoscopes, oximeters, syringe burners and other small items are purchased regularly and are of great assistance to the staff and patients at KSN Hospital.

The trustees have due regard for their duty to comply with guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit in the exercise of their powers or duties.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 December 2022

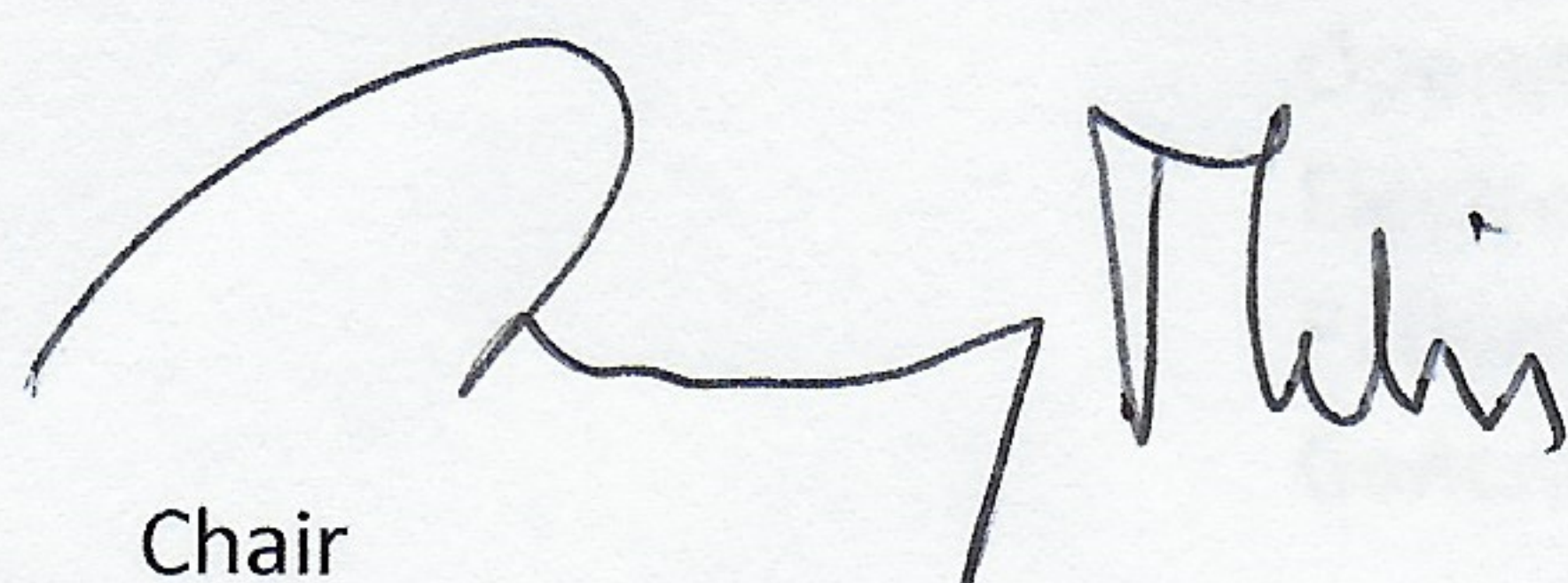
		2022	2021
Incoming Resources:			
Personal Donations		8,844	6,651
Gift Aid		1,219	813
Stewardship		984	8,939
CAF		25	-
Church Donations		3,056	250
Sales		60	310
Fundraisers		-	329
		14,188	17,291
Resources Expended:			
KSN:	X-Ray Appeal	-	7,000
	Bathsheba Fund	500	500
	2020 Vision	2,000	2,400
	ICU Appeal	2,500	2,500
	Operating Microscope	3,600	-
	Electrolyte Analyser	1,600	
	Patient Files	1,000	
	General	562	1,000
		11,762	13,400
Marsal Duar Hostel:	Child Sponsorship	1,200	850
	Maintenance	-	1,000
		1,200	1,850
Cathedral Relief Service:	General	-	1,000
Foreign Transfer Fees		140	45
Website		58	
		13,160	16,295
Accumulated Fund brought forward		2,139	1,143
Total Funds		3,167	2,139

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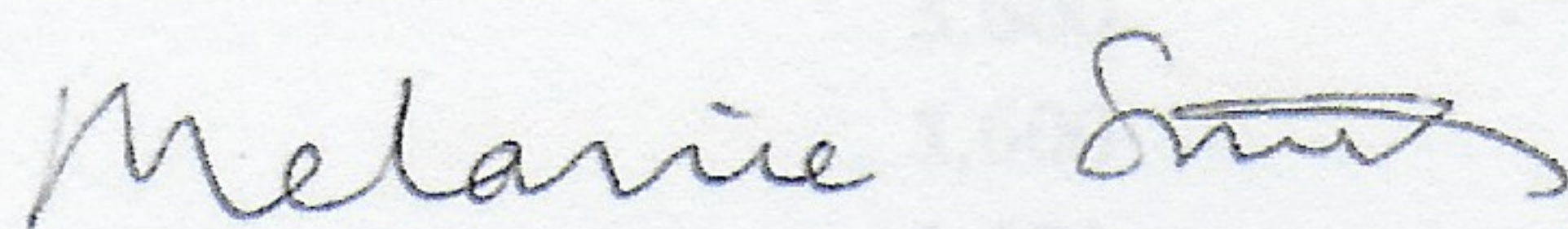
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
Assets		
Money at Co-operative Bank	3,167	2,139
Less Monies to be paid to KSN within 90 days	2,967	1,939
Net Assets	200	200
Funds		
Unrestricted Income Fund	200	200
Total Charity Funds	200	200

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17 March 2023



Chair
Rosemary Milns



Treasurer
Melanie Smith

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The trustees meet twice a year to transact the business of the Charity. There is also frequent contact between trustees by email. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the coronavirus pandemic, there are regular visits by Trustees and Friends to KSN Hospital which enables due diligence to be carried out on how funds sent to KSN Hospital by the Charity are spent. There is also regular contact by means of email and Zoom.

Financial Policies and Financial Review

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KSN Hospital requires a certificate under the Indian Foreign Contribution Regulation Act in order to receive funds from outside India. The usual procedure is for KSN Hospital to send the Charity requests for the funds it needs, detailing the specific purposes for which they are required. Transfers totalling £15,250 were made during the financial year.

Also transferred was the sum of £1,000 to Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service ((CRS) Charity Number 266302), our informal sister charity in West Bengal, which provided medical supplies to KSN Hospital at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. It is hoped that CRS will provide some placement opportunities at the hospital for groups visiting India from the UK.

The Trustees do not have an investment policy, as the aim is to transfer funds to KSN Hospital in a timely manner. Should funds be endowed, an investment policy will be considered.

Achievements

With the Charity being established in 2021, figures for 2020 are not like-for-like comparators, however, they do provide an indication of the generosity of our donors. In 2021, gifts from individuals and through church appeals amounted to £16,653, including Gift Aid claimed directly from HMRC and through online charitable giving platform, Stewardship. In 2020, £9,652 was given by individuals and through church appeals.

The Charity encourages people to buy consumables directly for KSN Hospital through an Amazon WishList ([amzn.in/60DmxyO](https://www.amazon.co.uk/wishlist/amzn.in/60DmxyO)). Although there is no central record of items purchased through this scheme, items such as PPE, stethoscopes, oximeters, syringe burners and other small items are purchased regularly and are of great assistance to the staff and patients at KSN Hospital.

A first Newsletter was produced in September 2021, in advance of our first full Friends Network meeting on 29th September on Zoom, which was attended by 18 individuals from the UK, the USA and the Hospital Director, Pradip Baux.

The trustees have due regard for their duty to comply with guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit in the exercise of their powers or duties.

Accounts for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Incoming Resources:		
Personal Donations	6,651	4,015
Gift Aid	813	-
Stewardship	8,939	-
Church Donations	250	5,637
Sales	310	440
Fundraisers	329	666
	17,291	10,758
Resources Expended:		
KSN:		
LED Phototherapy Unit	-	300
Fire Safety	-	1,500
X-Ray Appeal	7,000	-
Bathsheba Fund	500	500
2020 Vision	2,400	2,000
ICU Appeal	2,500	-
Amazon India	-	1,440
General	1,000	841
	13,400	6,581
Marshal Duar Hostel:		
Child Sponsorship	850	680
Maintenance	1,000	-
	1,850	680
Cathedral Relief Service:		
General	1,000	2,354
Foreign Transfer Fees	45	-
	16,295	9,614
Accumulated Fund brought forward	1,143	-
Total Funds	2,139	1,143

Accounts for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
Assets		
Money at Co-operative Bank	2,139	1,143
Less Monies to be paid to KSN within 90 days	1,939	1,143
Net Assets	200	-
Funds		
Unrestricted Income Fund	200	-
Total Charity Funds	200	-