

Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service



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Friends of Calcutta

Cathedral Relief Service

Annual Report for the Financial Year 1st April 2022 to 30th March 2023

Introduction

The Friends of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service is a registered charity (number 266302). It has no offices.

During the financial year, the trustees were:

The Right Reverend Michael Harrison (Chairman)

Mr Clive Brown (General Secretary)

The Reverend David Walker

The Reverend Anita Matthews

Mr Ade Miller (Treasurer)

Ms Gemma Pask

Ms Elizabeth Stanley-Wainwright

Dr Alison Brown

Mr John Forster

Ms Karen Laister (appointed 1st December 2022)

Ms Ruth Mallard (appointed 8th January 2023)

Purpose and Main Activities of the Charity

The purpose of the Charity is to further the work undertaken by the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service (CRS) among the destitute and needy in the slums of Kolkata, and a number of villages in West Bengal. The main activities of the Charity are to raise funds for CRS, to publicise the work of CRS, and to support CRS with advice and expertise where possible.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Charity is a Constitution which was last amended on the 28th August 2019. A copy of the Constitution can be found on the UK Friends section of the CRS website at

<http://www.cathedralreliefservice.net/supporters/ukfriends>

As a small charity, there has hitherto been no need for a formal structure, although certain trustees do take on specific roles. The trustees meet twice or

three times a year to transact the business of the Charity. There is also frequent contact between trustees by e mail.

Regular visits by trustees to Kolkata, which enable due diligence to be carried out on how funds sent to CRS by the Charity are spent, ceased with the advent of Covid 19. They have, however, now resumed, with further visits planned by trustees and other supporters in the latter part of 2023 and early 2024. There is regular contact with CRS by e mail and video calls, and the Bishop of Calcutta, the Right Reverend Paritosh Canning, and the Director of CRS, Mr Rig David attend the meetings of trustees (which are held online) when they are able to do so.

Financial Policies and Financial Review

The trustees have adopted a policy to maintain a minimum balance of £1000 on the General Fund at any one time to meet expenses.

During the financial year under review, the Charity has not held any funds as custodian trustee for others. On occasion, however, the Charity does receive funds from other entities for onward transmission to CRS provided the funds are intended to further the work of CRS. This is because it is more expeditious for funds intended for CRS to be transmitted together rather than separately.

CRS requires a certificate under the Indian Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in order to receive funds from outside India. The usual procedure is for CRS to send the Charity requisitions for the funds it needs, detailing the specific purposes for which they are required. Payment is made into CRS's account with the State Bank of India in Delhi. This is in accordance with the Indian Government FCRA Regulations

During the financial year, transfers totalling £33,519 were made against requisitions received (£42,369 in 2021/22), of which £24,700 was from general funds, and £8,819 restricted funds.

Income during the financial year was £25,766 of which £22,542 was general funds, and £3,224 was restricted funds. Income in 2021/2022 was £50,000.

The bequest from the estate of the late Patricia Payne remains invested through Rathbones Investment Management on a discretionary basis. This produced investment income of £4,872 during the financial year. The market value of the investment at the end of the financial year was £138,240 which was below the original cost which was £142,788. The investment is shown in the accounts at the lower of cost or market value, and so an adjustment was made to reflect the reduction in value.

The trustees have an investment policy which is kept under review.

Achievement and Performance

A highlight of the year was a visit to the UK by RR Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, accompanied by Mr Rig David, the Director of CRS, and four other members of the CRS Executive Committee in August 2023, during the course of which they visited Derby, Cambridge and Oxford, where they met supporters and were able to talk about the work of CRS.

During the course of the financial year, activities were able to be fully resumed in the project areas. The Gabbi Basra bursary proceeded satisfactorily, with 11 students benefitting from the fund, and the Nutrition Programme was fully instituted benefitting 600 children. Projects have been started in a number of new areas.

In January 2023, there was a highly successful visit to CRS by a group of students from Derby University, which has established a link which will continue with a further visit planned in 2024.

A newsletters were sent out to supporters in November 2022.

The trustees continue to 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 Account

Income	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds (Note 1) £	Endowment £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Individual Donations		11,001	398	0	11,399	11,553
Supporting Churches, Charities, Schools	2	3,705	2,826	0	6,531	15,872
Donations through Just Giving		610	0	0	610	22,941
Other Restricted Fund Income		0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income		4,872	0	0	4,872	3,588
Bank Interest		67	0	0	67	4
Tax Recovered		2,287	0	0	2,287	2,171
Totals		22,542	3,224	0	25,766	56,129
Expenditure						
Transfer of funds to CRS		24,700	8,819	0	33,519	42,369
Communications and Publicity	3	509	0	0	509	228
Gift for retiring trustee		0	0	0	0	84
Insurance		0	0	0	0	206
Bank Charges	4	127	0	0	127	179
Totals		25,336	8,819	0	34,155	43,066
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(2,794)	(5,595)	0	(8,389)	13,063
Adjusted Value Of Rathbones Portfolio	5	0	0	(4,548)	(4,548)	0
Accumulated Reserves Brought Forward		7,730	12,838	142,788	163,356	150,293
Accumulated Reserves Carried Forward		4,936	7,243	138,240	150,419	163,356

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Balance Sheet	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
CAF Cash Account		888	1,279
CAF Gold Account		9,542	17,454
Barclays Community Account		354	429
Barclays Premium Account		1,395	1,406
Rathbones Investment Management Portfolio	5	138,240	142,788
Totals		150,419	163,356

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8th November 2023

A Miller (Treasurer)

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Notes To The Accounts

1 Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds For CRS Projects	B/F	Received	Paid To CRS	C/F
Arunima Hospice	0	139		139
Childrens Fund	0	500		500
Womens Empowerment	0	50		50
Hastings School	465		(465)	0
Pally Mangal Building	0			0
Nutrition Project	0	1,220	(67)	1,153
Awami School	1,187	1,216	(1,187)	1,216
Brace Bridge	0	100	(100)	0
Gabbi Basra Memorial	11,185		(7,000)	4,185
Total	12,837	3,225	(8,819)	7,243

2 List Of Supporting Churches, Charities, Schools

Ashgate School
 St Weburgh's Church
 St John's C of E School
 Tadworth & Walton Overseas Trust
 St Laurence School
 Melbourn PCC
 Baslow St Anne's C of E Primary School
 Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge
 Winchmore Hill URC
 St Peter's. Derby
 St John's Church, Walton
 Belper PCC
 Palmers Green URC

3 The amount of £509 under Communications and Publicity represents the expenses of maintaining the website and printing and posting newsletters

4 Bank Charges are comprised of a monthly account fee charged by CAF Bank and the cost of transfers of funds to CRS in India.

5 Rathbones Investment Management Portfolio

The value of the portfolio is taken as the lower of cost or the value at the year end. The portfolio value was £138,240 at the 31st March 2023 which was an decrease of £4,548 compared to the valuation at 31st March 2022.As the valuation is lower than the original cost of £142,788 there is a requirement for an adjustment to the valuation in the 2022/23 accounts.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, set out on pages 1 and 2 and accompanying notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee and the Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Startin', with a large circular flourish at the end.

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8th November 2023