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Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT)

Annual Report Message by the President

It gives me great pleasure to present this report/message to the SCOT Members as the President for the year 2024/25.

A Look Back at 2025

SCOT remains one of the UK's longest-standing Tamil organisations, dedicated to uplifting vulnerable Tamil-speaking communities in Sri Lanka—especially in the Northern, Eastern, and Central provinces—through sustainable initiatives in Education, Employment, and Empowerment.

In 2025, with your continued support, SCOT funded and delivered projects worth £30,000, bringing tangible benefits to communities across Sri Lanka.

Key Initiatives

- Poultry Farming – Mannar (£2,500): Created flexible jobs for over 20 families through small-scale farms.
- Children's Homes – Batticaloa (£6,800): Supported education and facility upgrades at three homes.
- Preschool Teacher Training (£4,000): Funded training for 50 teachers via Eastern University.
- Handloom Projects – Batticaloa (£8,000): Empowered women-headed households through sustainable livelihoods.
- Support for Vanni Hope (£2,800): Provided educational support for 30 visually impaired children.
- Academic Support – Eachilampattu & Mutur (£2,500): Continued assistance for underprivileged students.
- Drama Nights – Jaffna (£3,300): Created creative opportunities for youth and local artists.
- Cataract Surgeries (£4,000): Funded 110 surgeries in Kilinochchi and Batticaloa.

These milestones were made possible only through our collective effort. Further details of these projects can be found in the Project Officer's Report.



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Since the last AGM, we have held five General Council Meetings, with a further meeting planned for 15 November 2025.

We ran a SCOT Fundraising Campaign on the *JustGiving* platform during December 2024 – January 2025, raising £3,000.

We also held the 2025 SCOT New Year Lunch Lecture and Fundraising Event on Sunday, 27 April 2025, at *Chiswick Town Hall*. Our Guest Speaker was Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy, former Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (2016–2019), who spoke on “*Economic Stability and Transformative Growth (including opportunities in the North and East)*.” The lecture was well received, and the event generated a surplus of £2,762.

We will also be hosting the 2025 SCOT Dinner Dance and Fundraising Event on Saturday, 1 November 2025.

Looking Ahead

The need remains—and so does our resolve. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading awareness, your continued support matters. Together, we are building not just better lives, but a better future.

The Annual General Meeting for 2025 will be held on Sunday, 30 November 2025, at *Yako Sri Lankan Restaurant, 6 High Street, Pinner, HA5 5PW*, commencing at 10.00 a.m. I look forward to seeing you in person.

Please follow our charity activities on our website: <https://www.scot-uk.org.uk>. Membership forms can also be downloaded from the website.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

S T Sivakumaran
President, SCOT (2024/25)



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**Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (SCOT)
Project Officer's Report 2025**

Another Successful Year of Projects

This year, we continued our mission through focused and impactful initiatives. Our key project statistics demonstrate this commitment:

- **80% of all project applications were approved.**
- **75% projects focused on Education & Empowerment.**
- **25% projects focused on Employment & Empowerment.**

These mid-term and short-term projects are carefully selected through our diligent process and implemented in collaboration with local partners in remote, high-need areas.

Our Lasting Impact

For over 48 years, we have been supporting vulnerable Tamil-speaking people. In recent years, we have successfully delivered several projects that have created a long-lasting impact, including:

- **Enabling over 30 students** to enter various universities in Sri Lanka.
- **Creating several employment opportunities** for the community.
- **Empowering over 1,000 families.**

A Heartfelt Thank You

To our incredible community of members, donors, advertisers, and patrons: thank you. Because of you, we have stood by our Tamil-speaking brothers and sisters in the North and East of Sri Lanka during a time of significant economic and global pressure.

Your generosity powered our evening classes and employment projects, creating a tangible buffer against adversity. Even when times were tough, you helped us not only sustain our mission but also respond to emergencies.

The road ahead promises new tests, but our resolve is stronger than ever. We move forward with an unwavering focus on our vision for the community: **Education, Employment, and Empowerment (the 3E's).**

Below are the detailed project listings.

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No.	Project Name	Location	Focus Area	Key Activities & Impact
1	Vanni Association for Visually Handicapped	Kilinochchi	Education	Supporting 25 children from visually impaired families. 100% GCE (O/L) pass rate. 3 students entered university in 2024/25.
2	Pre-School Teachers Training	Vavuniya & East	Education, Employment	Diploma in Pre-School Teaching with employment certainty. 50+ students completed (Vavuniya), 50 current scholars (Eastern University).
3	HUDEC Student Support	Jaffna	Education, Employment	Undergraduate funding & skill training for 14 students from remote areas (Malayagam to Vanni).
4	HOPE	Trincomalee	Education	Free daily transport for over 10 disabled children to access specialized schools.
5	Mannar Poultry Farming	Mannar	Employment, Entrepreneurship	Creating a cooperative for direct employment (20 individuals) and family-level entrepreneurship (20 families).
6	Handloom Centers	Arayampathy & Kaluwachikudi	Employment	Providing flexible employment for 12 women (6 in each center) through handloom weaving.
7	Centre for Extra Classes	Eachilampattu, Muthur	Education	Supplementary classes for 100+ students for Year 5 & O/L exams. Results are currently

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8	Thilakavathiyar Illam	Vakarai	Education, Empowerment	Permanent home and comprehensive support for 34 girls (aged 10-18).
9	Vivekananda Illam	Valaichchenai	Education	Educational support for 31 resident girls. 3 out of 14 eligible girls secured university admission.
10	Hari Illam	Batticaloa	Education	Residential home for 40 boys. Recognized as "Best Home in Eastern Sri Lanka." 25% of eligible boys enter university annually.
11	Active Theatre Movement	Nallur, Jaffna	Empowerment	Weekly extracurricular activities (speech, drama, art) for 100+ children to develop life skills.

Mr Derrick Nirmalan
Project Officer

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 274499

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 August 2025

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Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2025

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Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

Year ended 31 August 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs N Thiruvassagam ACMA

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Date: 23rd October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2025

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies	4	74,590	15,223
Other trading activities	5	13,577	13,920
Investment income	6	867	829
Other income	7	2,300	2,570
Total income		<u>91,334</u>	<u>32,542</u>
Expenditure			
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Costs of other trading activities	8	8,176	7,881
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>37,180</u>	<u>23,547</u>
Total expenditure		<u>45,356</u>	<u>31,428</u>
Net income		<u>45,978</u>	<u>1,114</u>
Net movement in funds		45,978	1,114
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward as previously reported		60,780	59,666
Prior year adjustment		—	—
Total funds brought forward as restated		<u>60,780</u>	<u>59,666</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>106,758</u>	<u>60,780</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities


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Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2025

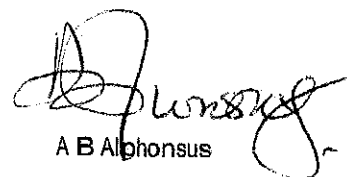
		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	17	14,456	11,416
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>92,501</u>	<u>49,735</u>
		106,957	61,151
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>199</u>	<u>371</u>
Net current assets		106,758	60,780
Total assets less current liabilities		106,758	60,780
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds:			
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>106,758</u>	<u>60,780</u>
Total unrestricted funds		106,758	60,780
Total charity funds	16	106,758	60,780

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd October 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



S Sivakumaran.

Trustee



A B Alphonsus

Treasurer

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People

The notes on pages 5 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 69 Lincoln Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7RH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising and staging of special fundraising events.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Total Funds		Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2025	Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations				
Earmarked donations	3,107	3,107	2,782	2,282
General donations	2,420	2,420	3,115	3,115
Legacy receipt / Miscellaneous	59,684	59,684	60	60
Membership				
Subscriptions	9,379	9,379	9,266	9,266
	<u>74,590</u>	<u>74,590</u>	<u>15,223</u>	<u>15,223</u>

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Total Funds		Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2025	Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Dinner dance	7,407	7,407	6,900	6,900
New Year event	6,170	6,170	7,020	7,020
	<u>13,577</u>	<u>13,577</u>	<u>13,920</u>	<u>13,920</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Total Funds		Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2025	Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	867	867	698	698
Other interest receivable	-	-	131	131
	<u>867</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>829</u>

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Total Funds		Unrestricted	Total Funds
	Funds	2025	Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid tax rebate	2,300	2,300	2,570	2,570

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Dinner Dance Expenses	4,225	4,225	4,672	4,289
New year event	<u>3,314</u>	<u>3,314</u>	<u>3,209</u>	<u>3,209</u>
	<u>7,539</u>	<u>7,539</u>	<u>7,881</u>	<u>7,881</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Projects funding (note 11)	29,680	29,680	18,700	18,700
Emergency relief	7,500	7,500	3,750	3,750
Support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,097</u>
	<u>37,180</u>	<u>31,817</u>	<u>22,450</u>	<u>23,547</u>

10.

Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities Undertaken directly £	Support Cost £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Projects funding (note 11).	31,380	-	31,380	18,700
Emergency famine relief (note 12)	5,800	-	5,800	3,750
Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>1,097</u>
	<u>37,180</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>31,817</u>	<u>23,547</u>

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11.

Analysis of project funding

	2025 £	2024 £	
Hari Children's' Home	1,000	1,500	
Thilagawathiyar Mahalir Illam	1,000	1,000	
Vivekananda Girls Home	1,000	1,000	
Rehabilitation - Mannar (Poultry Farming Project)	2,500	-	1,1
Pre School Teacher Training -Vavuniya and Batticaloa	8,000		
Water Security Research -Jaffna University	2,500		
Ooutru Valaiyulaga Kalaingar Mantram	2,650	1,450	
Humedica International Lanka – Medicinal plant	-	3,350	
Handloom project – Batticaloa -via LIFT	5,150	3,000	
Cataract Surgery- Kilinochi and Mullaitheavu via Rotary Club	-	4,000	
School for Differently abled Children- Valaicheni	-	750	
Visually Impaired Peoples Education Development	2,870	1,400	
Green House Project-Vocational Training-Kumbrumoolai	-	1,250	
Naloor Jaffna- Arts and Drama	1,660	-	
Trinco HOPE – Auto Rickshaw to transportr Visually impaired	2,950	-	
Thrundal Middku	100	-	
Total Funding	<u>31,380</u>	<u>18,700</u>	

12. Emergency / Hardship Relief include the following:

Flood relief—Batticaloa Districts- via LIFT	2,500	1,500
Flood relief -Mannar & the Hill Country Via Sivan Arul Illam	2,000	750
Flood relief-Ooutru Valaiyulaga Kalaigergal Mantram	1,300	750
Flood relief -Olirum Vaalvu Mallavi	-	750
	<u>5,800</u>	<u>3,750</u>

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13. Independent examination fee

The independent examination is an honorary work as such no fee is payable.

14. Staff costs

There were no employees in the charity as it is run by its trustees, as such no cost.

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

16 Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Prior year adjustment	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	48,291	31,650	(39,536)	2,489	-	42,894
Designated Funds						
Mrs Rasamma Ragunathan Memorial Fund		59,684	(5,820)	-	-	53,864
Kathiresan memorial Scholarship Fund	10,000					10,000
English Teachers Training Project	2,489	-	-	(2,489)	-	-
	<u>60,780</u>	<u>91,334</u>	<u>(45,356)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>106,758</u>

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Year ended 31 August 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
17 Debtors		
Other Debtors & Prepayments	1,140	400
Income tax recoverable	<u>13,316</u>	<u>11,016</u>
	<u>14,456</u>	<u>11,416</u>

Subsequent to the year-end tax refund of £5,615 has been received from HMRC.

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Other creditors	<u>199</u>	<u>371</u>
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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Current assets	106,957	106,957	61,151
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(199)</u>	<u>(199)</u>	<u>(371)</u>
Net assets	<u>106,758</u>	<u>106,758</u>	<u>60,780</u>