

Bethany Village  
Leprosy Society  
27 Murray Avenue  
Bromley  
Kent BR1 3DG

A charity registered  
under the Charities Act

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

For Bethany Village Leprosy Society (BVLS), the 2024-2025 reporting year was a decisive one in our move to wind down our fundraising operations without jeopardizing ongoing social and development programmes in Bethany Leprosy Colony in India.

Our decision to begin winding down the charity now was taken for several reasons. Firstly, fewer than 150 of Bethany's 1,000+ residents are now people directly affected by leprosy, and although they still have multiple needs, the success of our vocational training programme for younger people in the village – which has led in most cases to gainful employment – means that very few families are without support from their offspring. The core objective of our charity, to enable Bethany to become self-reliant, has been achieved.

Secondly, new sources of funds have been found within India from, for example, The Leprosy Mission Mizoram, which will cover basic medical care needs in Bethany.

Thirdly, and more pragmatically, UK banks have made it increasingly difficult for small British charities to have bank accounts, with regular reviews to safeguard against money laundering making for an increased administrative burden on the charity's officers. At the same time, the Indian

Government has been revoking the legal right (under the Foreign Contributions Act) for many Indian NGOs to receive overseas funding, meaning that Bethany's capacity to receive UK funding could be revoked at any time. With our own membership ageing, and our key objectives well on the way to being achieved, we decided to stop active fundraising.

In the last reporting year we also inherited a gift of £35,000 from one of BVLS's late members, which enables us to cease fundraising whilst sending – subject to trustees approving an annual budget request and satisfying themselves that the previous year's funds have been spent appropriately – a proportionate sum every year for the next five years, allowing Bethany to adjust gradually to a cessation of funding.

Our committee of Trustees – re-elected for another year at our AGM in 2024 – remained the same as for the previous year: Graeme Griffiths (Chair), Ashley King (Treasurer), James Staples (Secretary), Anne King, Gillian Griffiths and Rachel Lea. In subsequent years it is envisaged that the committee will need to meet only once annually, to scrutinise Bethany's expenditure in line with its previous year's budget request, and to agree a budget request for the subsequent year.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024-2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations	£95.00	To Bethany	£6,000
E E Estate	£35,000.00	Administration	£132.60
Tax recovery	£296.32		
Covenants	£1,133.00		
TOTAL INCOME	£36,542.32	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£6,132.60

**BETHANY VILLAGE LEPROSY SOCIETY**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY – 291107**  
**ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

I have prepared the annexed accounts for the year ended the 5th April 2025 from the books and records of the BETHANY VILLAGE LEPROSY SOCIETY and from the information and explanations supplied to me certify that they are in accordance therewith.



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## BETHANY VILLAGE LEPROSY SOCIETY

### Balance Sheet at the 5th April 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank Charitable Account	1311.10	4952.83
Bank Money Manager Account	36377.15	2343.70
	<u>37688.25</u>	<u>7296.53</u>
Represented by:		
Funds held as of 6th April 2024	7296.53	9728.49
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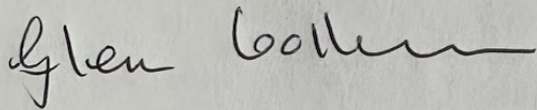
### Income and Expenditure Report for the Year Ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Fundraising Events	0.00	0.00
Covenants	1133.00	2495.00
Other Donations	95.00	957.00
E E Estate	35000.00	0.00
Membership Fees	0.00	0.00
Christmas Appeal	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest Received	0.00	53.51
Inland Revenue - Tax Refund	296.32	2680.73
Total Income	36524.32	6186.24
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Contributions to Bethany Village	6000.00	8500.00
Administrative Expenses	132.60	118.20
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	6132.60	8618.20
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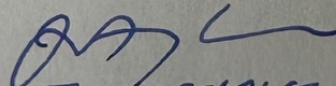
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