

# THE ABBOTSHOLME ARTS SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 501276

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1971-12-14

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARTISTIC TASTE AND KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT

**Activities:** THE SOCIETY'S PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES ARE THE STAGING OF PUBLIC RECITALS, DANCE SHOWS AND WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Derbyshire
- Staffordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£19,143	£17,099	-	-
2024-05-31	£23,386	£13,104	-	-
2023-05-31	£28,125	£29,140	-	-
2022-05-31	£21,634	£23,798	-	-
2021-05-31	£23	£510	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>NEIL MILLENSTED</b>	Chair	
Angela Parry		2015-11-23
Damian Mahmoud Thantrey		2023-01-19
Dellal McDonald		2022-11-17
Ivor David Parry		2023-01-19
Mark James Chichester-Clark		2023-01-19
Roger Brian Barnes		2016-11-11

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month Feb	Year 2022		Day 31st	Month Jan	Yea 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

EXTRA COVER

Other names charity is known by

EXTRA COVER - SRI LANKA

Registered charity number (if any)

1139792

Charity's principal address

17/18 South Street	
Chichester	
West Sussex	
<b>Postcode</b>	P019 1EJ

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Matthew Hansford	Trustee & Chair		
2	Robert Easton	Trustee		
3	Jill Hansford	Trustee		
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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)

Initially through appointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The objects of Extra Cover – Sri Lanka are to help some of Sri Lanka’s poorest schoolchildren and their families, as well as young adults and those with disabilities.

These are carried out through a) the provision of food – monthly and daily b) the provision of clean water c) the building of classrooms and playgrounds d) the provision of uniforms, shoes and stationery etc., e) the building and renovation of properties, f) the setting up of extra-curricular classes and g) the creation of tea and cinnamon co-operatives.

**Section D Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Pummelled by Coronavirus and then devastated by a fiscal and political meltdown, much of its own making, the country of Sri Lanka has never been more vulnerable, and Extra Cover’s work with the most marginalised, has never been more important.

Donations to the charity slowed down during the British Covid lockdowns and have yet to return to their earlier status.

We have put much energy this year into supporting families with growing their own vegetables, as inflation has increased dramatically.

**DRY RATIONS**

*Large packs*

We have discontinued supplying large packs, and instead are offering scholarships, in which the donations can be tailor-made to the needs of each child.

### *Small packs*

We supply some 42 monthly “small” packs, containing rice, sugar, red lentils, soya, regular soap, and soap for washing clothes.

20 packs go to pupils at Pathawelivitiya School, 3 go to especially poor families (one including Priyanganie, who has a badly deformed leg). Pupils at Gonalagoda school get a further 17 packs, and one exceptionally needy family who have a child at Wattahena school gets 1 pack. Another pack goes to young Oshada at Gonalagoda.

## DAILY MEALS

We supply some 1126 daily meals a day, usually in the form of a “breakfast meal”. While this differs from village to village, most meals include roti, string hoppers, milk rice or some other traditional foodstuff like halapa, wade, or dosa. Sometimes, especially at the very small schools, the meal will be a dish of rice and greens and dhal.

### *Chicken Day*

We have been supplying 212 chicken meals a month to:

Patha Welivitiya – 23 children  
Wattahena - 35 children  
Panangala West – 79 children  
Kurupanawa – 54 children and  
Gonalagoda – 21 children

This is usually in the form of chicken curry with vegetables and rice, costing Rs. 170 per child.

## SCHOOLS

Although there are 41 schools on our “books”, 15 are currently not receiving any direct assistance. Extra Cover therefore actively supports 26 schools.

*Kottegoda School (1)*

No action.

*Polwatta School (2)*

Rather than dry ration packs, we now provide the school with two scholarships, overseen by the Principal. This ensures child-specific needs are met. We also pay for the services of a part-time teacher.

*Nakanda School (3)*

Nakanda remains closed.

*Pathaweliwitiya School (4)*

We continue to provide daily buns, a chicken day meal, and monthly dry ration packs to all 23 children. This year we provided them with mock exam papers for Grade 4 and 5. We have paused helping families with their tea plantations.

*Mahalapitiya School (5)*

The school remains closed.

*Bemboda School (6)*

The 58 children receive daily meals, and we continue to support scholarships of Rs2500 a month for two children, which goes towards academic materials. The whole school has received a consignment of stationery.

*Nawala School (7)*

We continue to provide daily meals to the 117 children in the main school. We also sponsored five extremely needy children to the tune of R 1,000 (£5) a month. This money, its dissemination overseen by the School Principal, pays for their most basic needs.

The small-holding of cinnamon on the school premises behind the Pre-Prep has produced a good crop, with the profits being disseminated by the School Council. The school has a lovely new fence, which came from these coffers.

*Gonadeniya School (8)*

We continue to provide daily meals to the 142 children that do not receive government food, and also supplied them with a harmonium, which was received with great joy.

*Yatalamatha School (9)*

No action.

*Midigama School (10)*

No action.

*Lelwala School (11)*

We currently have no connection with this school.

*Nevungala School (12)*

We continue to provide daily meals to the 72 pupils as well as the 18 pupils in the SEN unit.

*Wathogala School (13)*

We currently have no connection with this school.

*Ella Ihala School (14)*

We currently have no connection with this school.

*Gonalagoda School (15)*

All 21 pupils receive free daily meals and eat a monthly "chicken day" meal, and we also provide dry ration packs for all pupils.

*Thalagaswala School (16)*

All 106 pupils in grades 6 to 11 who do not get government food, receive daily meals.

*Mahalapitiya Pre-School (17)*

We pay the salary of a teacher, and Lakhindu's mother continues to receive a monthly sum, to cover costs of life-saving heart medicine.

*Nevungala SEN Unit (18)*

For the SEN unit, we continue to pay the teaching assistant's allowance, the tuk-tuk driver's allowance and fuel / maintenance costs. The 18 pupils receive daily food. Daily life-saving medicine is supplied to Bishan Anushka, and we provide special food for Tharindu and Hashan, and a scholarship for Sasindu.

*Panangala SEN Unit (19)*

The 10 pupils receive daily food, and Extra Cover covers the costs of the teaching assistant and provides tuk-tuk transportation to and from school. The play school was repaired by Extra Cover.

*Mapalagama (20)*

No direct support has been given this year.

*Mapalagama SEN (21)*

The 12 children receive daily meals and are shuttled to and from school by tuk-tuk.

*Kaluwalagala (22)*

The 43 pupils receive daily meals. This is a model school, where the parents prepare the meals actually in the school. The parents and “multi-purpose workers” cook both the daily government and Extra Cover meals. Extra Cover provided materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

*Wattahena (23)*

We continue to provide daily meals as well as a monthly “Chicken Day” meal to the 27 pupils and one family gets a dry ration pack every month. Again, we have provided materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

*Uduella (24)*

No direct action this year.

*Kurupanawa (25)*

We provided daily meals and a special “Chicken Day” meal to the 46 children, an increase of 10 pupils from last year. Again, we have provided materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

*Dutugemanu (26)*

We currently have no connection with this school.

*Upper Homodola (27)*

We continue to supply daily meals to all 161 children – an increase of 9 pupils from last year.

*Pelessa (28)*

No Action

*Karagoda (29)*

No direct action this year.

*Kumburuhena (30)*

The school has closed

*Kumburuhena Pre-School (31)*

The 19 children receive daily meals and Extra Cover pays the allowance for the two teachers.

*Tellambura Vidyakanthi (32)*

We continue to supply daily meals to 76 pupils and 10 scholarships. Here, too, we have provided materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

*Gulugahakanda Kekulu Preschool (33)*

We pay for teachers' salaries and daily meals to the 18 children. Here, too, we have provided materials for the school to develop its own home garden.

*Yakkalamulla Vocational Training Centre (34)*

In addition to the provision of daily meals to the 16 children and raw materials for their work, we continue to pay for the building's rent, the allowances of the two part-time instructors, one administration assistant, and a tuk tuk driver, who shuttles some of the young men and women to and from home. This centre was moved from Yakkalamulla to Kottawa and then to Wanduramba by end of the year and now the number of pupils has increased to 20.

*Panangala West (35)*

This school, near one of "our" SEN units, currently has 78 pupils. Two years ago it was 26. All pupils receive a daily meal and a monthly "Chicken Day" meal. We have also paid for gardening material, including cinnamon saplings.

*Weihena SEN (36)*

No action

*Bemboda Pre-School (37)*

We have paid for the services of the two teachers, and have supplied the 20 pupils with uniforms, daily meals and monthly special chicken meals.

*Nawala Pre-School (38)*

We continue to provide daily meals to the 10 children and pay the salaries of the two teachers. We have also provided some stationery.

*Natthewela Amarasinghe Pre-School (39)*

The 22 children of this charming little school now receive daily meals, and we have started to pay the monthly allowance to the two teachers.

*Suhada Vocational Training Centre (40)*

Extra Cover pays for the monthly allowances of the two teachers and the

administrative assistant and covers the cost of a tuk-tuk and its driver to transport the 15 students to and from home. We also pay for the raw materials (cloth, coconut, incense etc.) as well as tools.

#### *Ganegama North (41)*

This school has 34 pupils and no arrangement were made to provide government meal by the former principal. A new principal has been appointed and he has organised meals to be prepared in the school itself, with the help of “multi-purpose workers” recently appointed by the government. Extra Cover covers the costs for the sponsor for the food.

## SUHADA

Newton Perera has now retired, and we have arranged for a caretaker to live in the building and oversee the cultivation of tea, cinnamon, and pepper. The governments ban on non-organic fertiliser has led to a significant decrease on all three crops. The Vocational Training Centre (see School No. 39) is now back up and running after the Coronavirus epidemic.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- 1) Lakhindu now requires further medicine to strengthen his heart, and we have increased our payment to his family to Rs. 10,000 a month.
- 2) Bishan Anushka, a little boy at Neungala SEN, requires an assistance for medication. Extra Cover pays Rs. 7,500 a month.
- 3) We are very sad to report the death of young Heshan in December 2022. His older brother Hashan receives Rs. 5,000 a month for special food.
- 4) Tharindu's parents are very disabled and Extra Cover pays Rs. 5,000 a month for their various medical needs.

## EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE

- 1) Extra Cover continues to pay Rs. 5,000 a month for the educational expenses of Oshada, following his dreadful bus accident. He and his family also receive monthly dry ration pack.
- 2) Shanthi is a single mother and has 3 very bright children. Extra Cover pays Rs. 5,000 a month to cover educational expenses. They also

received a special grant for school materials for the whole year.

3) Sasindu receives Rs. 4,000 a month scholarship to enable him to further his studies.

## TEA AND CINNAMON PLANTATIONS

The plantations on the hillside of the school premises behind the Pre-Prep of Nawala and behind Bemboda schools continue to be harvested, with the profits going into the coffers of the School Development Society and then used for the necessary school expenses.

Extra Cover has provided cinnamon saplings and fertiliser to Panangala West School (see no. 34) to fill up the back yard.

## HOME GARDENS

Extra Cover provides gardening materials to some schools to develop their home gardens. These comprise of "Grow bags", seeds and seedlings, and organic fertilizer is supplied. Some of the schools were provided with used fishing net to overcome the damage caused by peacocks and monkeys.

## SUZUKI HUSTLER

We continue to pay for the running costs of the Suzuki Hustler. Thishantha (our Chief Executive in Sri Lanka after Newton Perera's retirement) uses this to visit all the schools and to ferry dry ration packs and plant material etc. (and people) as necessary.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Extra Cover supports Sandakelum, a very bright student from Nawala village, who has been selected to attend university. It looks likely that next year, his sister Sandarenu will join him. We have supported them both with monthly fees to pay for books and (where appropriate) their accommodation.

## HIRUNI'S FAMILY

Extra Cover has supported Hiruni's family from Mahalapitiya village for some 18 years. Hiruni is now past school age, and in 2018 she eloped and was married. Later her elder sister also ran away, leaving their mother, Priyanthi alone with her youngest daughter and elderly mother. Extra Cover supports this family with a monthly dry ration pack.

## LAKSHMAN

Lakshman's house, which we built some years ago, needed repair, and we have provided new door frames and window.

## SMILE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Extra Cover now covers the costs of Smile Vocational Training Centre in Unawatuna, including the monthly allowances of teachers and the administrative staff, the caretaker and cook, the raw materials and utility bills, and the food for some 30 students.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees aim to maintain the charity's cash funds at a level that equates to approximately one year of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this will provide sufficient funds for it to respond to operational difficulties and to safeguard the charity's provision of its services and support. This policy is reviewed annually by the

trustees and the trustees have taken into account the level of funds needed by the charity to fulfil its plans for the future.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

There are no charitable funds in deficit.

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Matthew Hansford	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

3 November 2023
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**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

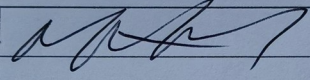
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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Matthew Hansford	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	3 November 2023	

ABBOTSHOLME ARTS SOCIETY  
Registered Charity Number 501276

Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2023

		2023	2022
<b>Members' Accumulated Fund</b>			
Balance at 31st May	Note (1)	30,944	18,108
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>(2,164)</u>
		29,929	15,944
Edward Saunders legacy		0	4,000
<b>Balance at 31st May 2023</b>		<u><u>£29,929</u></u>	<u><u>19,944</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Steinway Pianos at cost (Schedule D & Upright)		22,772	22,772
Depreciation to 30th April 1994		<u>(10,477)</u>	<u>(10,477)</u>
		12,295	12,295
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		2,659	5,788
Investments		15,539	15,127
Debtors and Bar Stocks		<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,907</u>
		19,939	22,823
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		<u>2,304</u>	<u>174</u>
		2,304	174
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>17,634</u>	<u>22,649</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		29,929	34,944
<b>Deferred Loan from ABS 2018 Ltd</b>			(15,000)
		<u><u>£29,929</u></u>	<u><u>£19,944</u></u>

Note 1: ABS 2018 Ltd was dissolved on 03/02/2020, there is no entity to whom repayment can be made in the event of cessation of Society. Members Accumulated Fund increased by £15K.

Signed:

Neil Millensted  
(Chairman)

*N. C. Millensted*

Roger B. Barnes  
(Treasurer)

*Roger B. Barnes*

Date: 19/10/2023

**ABBOTSHOLME ARTS SOCIETY**  
**Registered Charity Number 501276**

**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31st May 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Members' subscriptions	5,805	4860
Ticket sales	6,500	4415
Grants (Recurring)	0	0
Self-help	10,340	7902
Programme sales	745	430
Profit on refreshments	323	4
Interest received	412	24
Released from Edward Saunders legacy	4,000	4000
	<u>£28,125</u>	<u>£21,634</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Artists' fees and expenses	23,964	15858
Printing	703	823
Stationery and postage	129	263
Advertising	462	768
Piano tuning & harpsichord hire	600	350
Programme notes	100	0
Flowers	52	28
Honoraria	1,750	5100
Artistic Director's expenses	0	0
NFMS subscription, insurance & PRS royalties	474	216
Web site management	174	192
Piano refurbishment	540	0
Sundry Purchases	193	200
	<u>29,140</u>	<u>23,798</u>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(1,015)</b>	<b>(2,164)</b>
	<u>£28,125</u>	<u>£21,634</u>

**Independent examiner's report  
to the Trustees of Abbotsholme Arts Society**

I report on the accounts of the Trust (Charity no. 501276) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the account and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

J.R. Harding ACMA

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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023