

**NEW HOPE RURAL COMMUNITY TRUST**

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**Principal office:**

C/o Jill Ghanouni  
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Tel 07905425237

**Patron:** Vinod Desai, MBE

**Trustees:**

Jill F. Ghanouni (Secretary)

Elizabeth Toon (Treasurer)

Eileen Thorp

Mrs Amber Derrick

Mr. Mitrajeet Ratha

Mrs. Joan Forde

**THE CHARITY**

**Charity Registration and Governing Document**

The charity, New Hope Rural Community Trust (hereinafter referred to as NHRCT), was registered with the Charity Commission on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1991, being established by a deed of charitable trust.

The terms of the Declaration of Trust were accepted at a meeting of the trustees on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1990.

**Objects of Charity**

The objects of the Trust are to relieve poverty and sickness overseas, and in particular to support the work of the registered Indian trust 'New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust' in Orissa, India (hereinafter referred to as 'New Hope India' or 'NHI'), by assisting with the provision of equipment and facilities required for that trust to function.

**Organisational structure, decision-making**

Trustees may number between five and seven at any one time. Four trustees constitute a quorum, and decisions are by simple majority vote (except for a decision to remove a trustee from office for repeated non-attendance at meetings, which requires a unanimous vote of the other trustees). The trustees elect one of their number as Chairman, and appoint an honorary secretary and an honorary

treasurer, who may be (but need not be) trustees. A new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the trustees.

### **Powers**

- a. To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any persons whatsoever by way of loan, subscription, donation and otherwise, provided that the trustees shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for NHRCT's charitable objects.
- b. To co-operate and collaborate with voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in similar charitable fields and to exchange information and advice.
- c. To engage in various actions in pursuance of NHRCT's aims, including employing staff, operating bank accounts and investing NHRCT monies, acquiring and disposing of property, holding exhibitions, lectures and training courses, making regulations for holding meetings and for custody of NHRCT monies, documents, etc., and amending the trust deed within specified limits.

### **Policies**

**Grants:** NHRCT provides financial and material support to its Indian partner charity for projects and ongoing work in the various fields in which the latter is active, directed towards improving the health, quality of life and standard of living of extremely poor, marginalised tribal people in remote rural areas of India, principally in the state of Odisha (for details, see below, section on 'Activities of Indian partner charity during the year'). This work comprises both activities directed towards service delivery and those of a rights-based/empowerment character, in a manner involving beneficiaries in the identification, management and monitoring and assessment processes.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have decided that holding reserves is unnecessary because the charity is run by volunteers and has minimal costs.

**Public Benefit:** We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives.

### **Risks**

All of NHRCT's assets are in the form of funds kept either in a bank account or a building society account. NHRCT thus has no investments that are subject to fluctuations in value. Furthermore, NHRCT has no liabilities, and so is subject to no significant risks.

### **Relevant organisations**

#### **Bankers:**

Co-operative Bank  
PO Box 101  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester M60 4EP

#### **Building society:**

Ecology Building Society  
7 Belton Road

Silsden  
Keighley  
West Yorkshire BD20 0EE

**Accountants:**

MHA Monahans  
38-42 Newport Street  
Swindon SN1 3DR

**Partner charity's:**

New Hope Rural Leprosy Trust  
Muniguda – 765 020  
Rayagada District  
Odisha  
India

Hoina Leprosy Research Trust  
Muniguda - 765020  
Rayagada District  
Odisha  
India

## **ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR**

### **Summary of receipts and payments, assets and liabilities**

**Receipts - £34,499**

**Payments - £30,635**

**Assets on 1 April :2020**

**Assets on 31 March : 2021**

**Cash funds: £1,380**

**Cash funds: £5,244**

**Debtors: £**

**Debtors: £0**

**Fixed assets: £0**

**Fixed assets: £0**

**Liabilities on 1 April 2020 £750**

**Liabilities on 31 March 2021 £837**

**At 31 March 2021 the unrestricted funds were £5,244**

### **Funds raised and disbursed:**

Funds donated and raised by individuals and community and other bodies amounted to £28,609 compared with £23,218 last year. Interest on the Trust's deposits with financial institutions came to £ 1.

A total of £29,798 was remitted to NHI. The principal purposes for which the funds were used are detailed below under 'Fundraising activities' and 'Projects and activities by NHI that were financed by NHRCT'. The Trust's own governance expenses during the year amounted to £835. No costs were accrued due to no newsletters sent this year, and no travel costs due to the pandemic. Cash funds at the start of the year were £1,380 and £5,244 at the end of the year. £5,889 Gift Aid was claimed this year compared with £3,983 last year.

NHI has expressed the view that the type of giving NHRCT supporters practise highlights perfectly that people feel able to give to NHRCT on any level. NHRCT doesn't lose potentially interested supporters who may shy away from charities that advise minimum donations such as £20. NHI feels that it is an important aspect of New Hope's ethos that any amount given is equally appreciated and important and that each donor feels their contribution is worthwhile and makes a difference to stakeholders. We see this by the number of supporters who make online PayPal payments to give a 'small' item of need as shown in the Virtual Gift catalogue on the website [www.newhopeuk.org](http://www.newhopeuk.org)

### **Fundraising activities:**

NHRCT received donations from its regular supporters in both single and direct debit payments. Other ways of facilitating donations were, Hope Eternal Catalogue virtual gift purchases, e-cards, and 'Easy Fundraising' via online shopping. In addition, some fundraising efforts are deserving of special mention.

### **Fundraising by groups:**

As well as individuals, a variety of faith and other groups have raised funds for NHRCT by collections, sales, etc. Among these are:

- R & S B C Trust
- Fullers plant sale
- The smallest Change in a jar fundraisers
- Nichols Charitable Trust
- Easy fundraising

Funds raised by these groups went for leprosy relief, cataract surgery and senior citizen care, among other purposes (see below).

### **Activities of Indian Partner Charity during the year**

During 2020-2021 New Hope India continued to work vigorously and successfully in all the fields in which it is active. The list is not exhaustive but includes;-

#### **Covid 19 impact on young people in NHRLT's care**

The Indian Government has placed restrictions on some of the young people in NHRLT's care, insisting that those not from the areas in which our community centres are based have to return home. This has created extreme pressures on the young people, several of whom are on anti retroviral drugs to manage HIV and have had to return to a parent or family member in incredibly impoverished conditions. As well as the pressures on their family, it has meant they have had to leave behind the safe hygiene conditions, nutritious food and schooling at New Hope. The Director, Eliazar Tumati Rose, and his wife Ruth, are extremely concerned as the duration of lockdown is unknown and continuing restrictions will impact on the health and well being of the young people.

#### **Food support**

New Hope has continued to ensure Leprosy affected senior citizens are receiving food parcels and supplies of medicines and clothing, and children of below poverty line families living in the villages around New Hope's community centres are also receiving a daily meal. The local street homeless, supported by New Hope, are continuing to receive rations whenever possible – the main difficulty being that lockdown in India's streets is very stringent and it has been almost impossible for workers to leave their homes to get supplies out to people.

#### **Tribal communities**

Covid 19 restrictions have also been extremely difficult for the Tribal people in the nearby hills, who are no longer able to come down into the market place to sell and to buy. New Hope has distributed food and medical supplies to three of the worst affected villages, several days walk from the market area.

#### **Namaste House, home and school for young people with multiple and profound needs**

Namaste House is being well looked after. Boredom for the young people has probably been one of the worst factors of lockdown as they are rather isolated in their remote rural location with few people allowed in or out of the centre.

#### **New Hope School**

As in many other parts of the world, all levels of education are being impacted by the pandemic with a loss of education for the children and income currently frozen for New Hope's school and teaching staff.

#### **Cataract Operations**

Cataract surgery has had to be put on hold with hospitals only being able to undertake urgent procedures at this time.

#### **Bee Keeping Project**

New Hope's bee keeping project is continuing to grow with thirty hives now in place and nutritious honey being supplied to those in and around the community centre.

### **LED Light Bulb Production**

New Hope's LED light bulb 'cottage industry' remains open and working with a total of four young men employed.. It is jointly managed by its founder, P.Sai, a young man who has grown up with New Hope,

### **New Hope Windmill**

The head of the windmill was damaged during recent storms, and trying to bring in repair workers has not been possible due to no public transport and lockdown restrictions across India. It will be a huge help to New Hope's electricity supply and costs once the windmill is up and running again, providing a significant proportion of New Hope's electricity needs.

### **Grant applications:**

There were no grant applications this year.

**Other income:** NHRCT continues, as before, to receive funds in the form of donations and small grants from individuals and a variety of organisations and small groups. (NHRCT encourages all its supporters to feel that no donation or fund-raising initiative is too small to make a difference.)

### **DECLARATION**

As Trustees of New Hope Rural Community Trust we approve the above report:

Jill F. Ghanouni (Secretary)

Elizabeth Toon (Treasurer)

Eileen Thorp

Mrs Amber Derrick

Mr. Mitrajeet Ratha

Mrs. Joan Forde



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name New Hope Rural Community Trust	No (if any) 1002694
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	28,609	-	-	28,609	23,218
Gift aid claims	5,889	-	-	5,889	3,983
Interest	1	-	-	1	1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>34,499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,499</b>	<b>27,202</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>34,499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,499</b>	<b>27,202</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable payments to New Hope India	29,798	-	-	29,798	27,045
Postage, printing, newsletter and stationery	-	-	-	-	960
Travel	-	-	-	-	224
Accountancy and independent examination	837	-	-	837	743
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,635</b>	<b>28,972</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30,635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,635</b>	<b>28,972</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>- 1,770</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>3,150</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>1,380</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Co-Op	5,160	-	-
	Ecology	84	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	<b>5,244</b>	-	-


Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Accountancy and independent examination		750	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ELIZABETH TOWN	06/05/21

**B5 Liabilities**

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

**B3 Investment assets**

**B2 Other monetary assets**

**B1 Cash funds**

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Hope Rural Community Trust

1 report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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MHA Monahans  
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Date 10th May 2021