



UPDATE

AUTUMN 2021

Editorial:

Once again, it's time to bring you up to date on Hope and Covid19 in Kerala. While numbers of cases remain very high and the rollout of vaccines is slower than expected, life is beginning to return to some semblance of normality for the children and staff at Hope. The older children have returned to colleges and vocational training and a gradual return to schools began to roll out on November 1st. Shops and other services will also begin to open up as life slowly begins to return to normal. This comes as a great relief to the children, most of whom have not left the village since March 2020, and also to the staff and mothers who all need a break!

Proceed with caution is the motto!

At the risk of repeating ourselves, we again wish to record our admiration and gratitude to the staff, particularly the mothers, who, without exception, have gone above and beyond to provide a safe, stimulating and meaningful environment for the children over a very tough 19 months. On returning to school, the children can be confident that they have fully kept up with their schooling, while maintaining their health and wellbeing.

We have included, in this edition, a link to a lovely, informative and interesting account of the full year at Hope.

Please take the time to have a look!

Best wishes to you all and see you again in 2022.

Great North Run Update:

The GNR took place on September 12th with a more confined location than normal to minimize risk. Four of our five runners managed to complete the course and all reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and the atmosphere on the day. A fifth was unable to participate due to a training injury but sent a sizeable donation to make up, for which we are very grateful. Between them all, they managed to raise a whopping £4,075 for Hope funds and we send them our congratulations and gratitude.



We will be allocating our customary 5 places for 2022 very shortly.

Is this the challenge you have been waiting for?

If interested, please email steveredmond205@hotmail.com for details or to reserve a place.



Social Events:

After nearly two years of enforced inactivity, we have at last been able to recommence our social calendar of fundraising events with a marvellous lunch at the award-winning Keralan restaurant, **Tharavadu**, in Leeds on Sunday 16th October. Over 100 supporters enjoyed a sumptuous meal of the best Keralan food and it felt really good to be back. We raised an amazing £3,700 on the day. Thanks to the proprietor and Hope supporter **Sibi Jose** and his staff who generously gave food, drinks and their time to make the day so successful. Thank you, Team Tharavadu!



Pictures Worth a Thousand Words – 2021 at Hope Month by Month - in their Annual Pictorial Report:

Copy this link to read – and see – a colourful summary of the children's exploits over the last year. It really brings home the efforts made to provide a full and varied programme. Well worth a read!
www.hopeindia.org/news/yearly-newsletter



Fundraising.

We have unavoidably fallen behind with fundraising over the last 20 months. While we have been buoyed up by the thoughtful and generous spontaneous efforts of loyal supporters and the steady and regular income from standing order payments, it seems like a good time to remind everyone of the various ways you can help us to get back on our feet, with apologies to those of you who do many or all of these things already. Thanks for your forbearance.

75 Club:

You will all have had information from our organizer Barry Lewis about an upgrade to our old 50 club which has now become the 75 Club due to increased membership – drumroll for Barrie and for all the new people who have signed up. Our thanks to them and to all our “old” ones for renewing their subscriptions. Good luck, everyone!!

Regular Giving: Either through child sponsorship, becoming a Friend of Hope or a general monthly sum. This regular income is so helpful as we can count on it. If it's Gift-Aided, so much the better.

Events: If you are local, come along to one of our local events – we advertise such events to local supporters. If not local, could you organize a small event in your own area for friends and family?

Collection Box: Could you place a collection box in your home, place of work or business? Contact Norma Veitch on normaveitch1@gmail.com

Easyfundraising: At no cost to yourself you can add to Hope funds every time you shop online. Just sign in to Easyfundraising, choose Hope Community Village as your nominated charity, find your retailer on there and they make a small donation to Hope. Every little helps! See feature article below.

If you order online purchases through Amazon, you will need to use **AmazonSmile** instead.

Recycle4Charity: A marvellous way to recycle your printer ink cartridges easily while helping Hope. Visit their website, sign up to support Hope (ID number C72548) and request a box or envelopes. Collect from friends, family and workplace too. Collection is free and easy.



Great North Run Kerala Style:

In support of our home runners, the children and mothers at Hope ran their own GNR, on the same day and at the same time. The event was meticulously organised in relays and very accurately measured. You can see the relay station in action, complete with refreshments. Congratulations all round on a lovely event!



Easyfundraising – a marvellously easy way to contribute to Hope, at no cost to you, every time you buy online:

Hope Community Village - India has been paid by #easyfundraising! Thank you to everyone who's raised a donation through #easyfundraising, for us #ThisMeansMore funds for Hope. So, if you haven't already, please sign up to do your Christmas shopping - we'll even get a **£15 bonus donation** if you sign up during November. Sign up here:
easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hopeindia/

Thanks to our supporters!

Hope Community Village - India

Has been paid

£98.57

£4,285.36

Total raised to date
by

105

supporters

Artwork at Hope:

The staff at Hope have consistently used artwork with the children, both as a learning and reinforcement tool and as an absorbing and highly enjoyable activity, in lockdown. Some of the results have been amazing and inspiring and have made regular appearances on FaceBook.

Here is one lovely piece for you to enjoy!



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