

# Nainativu and Nainai Manimekalai Welfare Association (NMWA)-UK



**Nainai Manimekalai Welfare Association-UK**

# Nainativu - A Brief Background

- ▶ Nainativu is a historic beautiful small island in the north of Sri Lanka
- ▶ It is approximately 4 square kilometres (4.1L x 1.2W)
- ▶ The total population of the island is around 2,500
- ▶ There are three Grama Niladhari divisions and one local government sub office
- ▶ There are three government schools on the island
  - ▶ Nainativu Maha Vidyalayam (Secondary School up to GSC A/L)
  - ▶ Nainativu Sri Ganesha Kanista Mahavidyalayam (Secondary School up to GCE O/L)
  - ▶ Nainativu Nagapooshani Vidyalayam (Primary School)
- ▶ There is a Divisional Hospital and a Ayurvedic Hospital
- ▶ There is a second class Post Office
- ▶ There are a number of Saiva Temples including the world famous Nagapooshani Amman Temple
- ▶ There is a Buddhist Temple, a Islamic Mosque and a St Antony's church
- ▶ The main focus for Nainativu citizens is to educate their children
- ▶ Main contributors to the economy are farming, retail and fishing
- ▶ Transport from the mainland to Nainativu is by boat or ferry
- ▶ Local modes of transport are by bicycles, motorbikes and three wheelers  
(10 -15 years ago, carts were the main mode of transport)



# Nainativu : A Beautiful Island in the North of Sri Lanka





# Why Nainativu is popular in Sri Lanka and other parts of the world

Nainativu Nagapooshani Amman Temple is one of the 64 Sakthi Peedams (the only one in Sri Lanka) and has links with both India's and Sri Lanka's history

The Buddhist temple has links with the second visit of Buddha to Sri Lanka

Although Nainativu may have a small population, of those that had the privilege of education almost one in every family are educated to a high standard

# History of NMWA



- ▶ NMWA was established in 1995 in New Malden
- ▶ Members involved in the establishment of NMWA were;
  - ▶ Mr Subramaniam Varathan
  - ▶ Mr Ambalavanar Panchandarajah
  - ▶ Mr Somasundaram Satkunanathan
  - ▶ Mr Kanthappu Puvaneswara
  - ▶ Mr Kanthasami Kugarasa
  - ▶ Mr Manikkam Surendran

# History of NMWA

- ▶ NMWA Registered as a Charity at Charity Commission UK on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1998
- ▶ NMWA Registered with the HMRC on 02<sup>nd</sup> of April 2019
- ▶ We have 56 Life Members, 18 Yearly Members and 13 Senior Members

This is to confirm that

NAINAI MANIMEKALAI WELFARE ASSOCIATION

was entered on the Register of Charities on

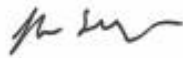
10 March 1998

Registered charity number:

1068522



Rt Hon Baroness Stowell of Beeston MBE  
Chair



Dr Helen Stephenson CBE  
Chief Executive Officer

# Executive Committee of the NMWA - 2019/21

- ▶ President - Mr S Varathanathan
- ▶ Secretary - Mr T Jeevendran
- ▶ Treasurer - Mr Y Jayakanth
- ▶ Vice-President - Mr K Ganesapathy
- ▶ Asst-Secretary - Mrs S Sharmini
- ▶ Asst-Treasurer - Mr A Sachithanantharajah
- ▶ Public Relegation Officers
  - ▶ Mr N Krishna
  - ▶ Mr A Yasothararajah
  - ▶ Mr S Amirthalingam
  - ▶ Mr K Mathibalan
  - ▶ Dr K Manoranjan
  - ▶ Mr K Sotheeswara
- ▶ Editor - Mr S Nishanthan

## Other Committee Members

Mr R Kulanathan  
Mr K Muraleetharan  
Mr G Edwin  
Mr G Ketheeswaran  
Mr K Puvaneswara  
Mr K Rameshwaran  
Mr S Vitheyaruban  
Mr S Kugendran

# Objectives of NMWA

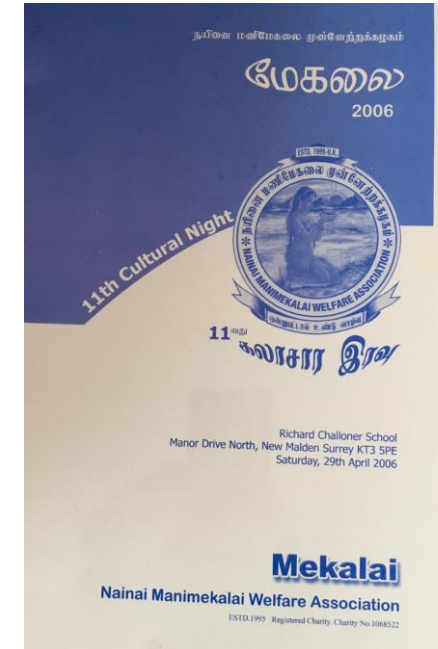
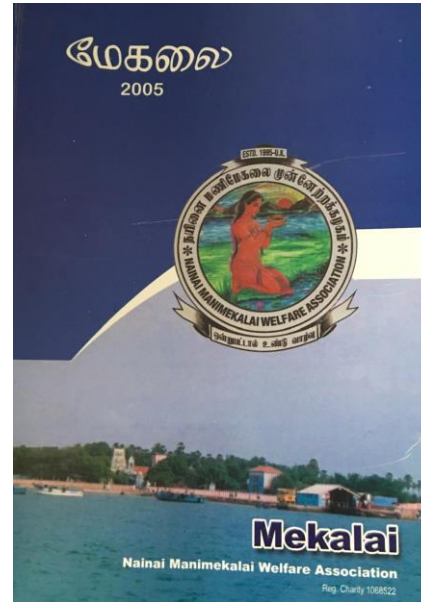
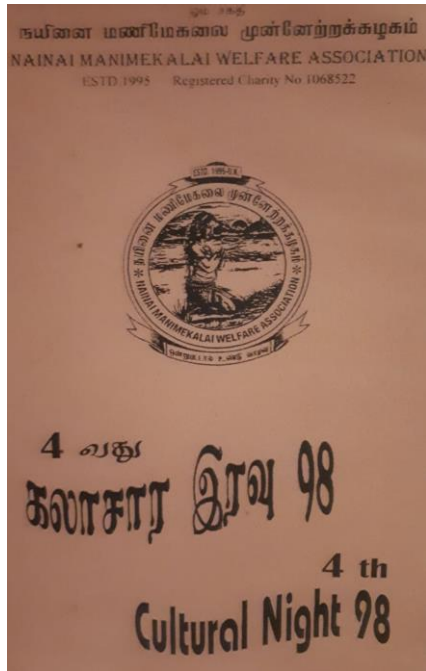
- ▶ To be activate and bring together the people of Nainativu living across the United Kingdom
- ▶ To act as a forum to promote and better the living standards of the people of Nainativu in their Social, Cultural, Economic and Technical Activities.
- ▶ To offer help and support to Tamil's living in other-parts of Sri Lanka in the event of emergencies e.g flooding, natural hazards etc.



# Events Organized by NMWA in the UK for Nainativu People, Friends and Well-wishers

- ▶ NMWA organises events every year to give the younger generation the opportunity to perform and come together.
  - ▶ Cultural event under the name of Mekalai (மேகலை)
  - ▶ Tamil Heritage Festival (Thaipongal Festival)
  - ▶ Sports Day

# Cultural Night - Mekalai (மேகலை) Publications



# Cultural Night





# Tamil Heritage Festival - Pongal Festival

 **நயினை மணிமேகலை முன்னேற்றக்கழகம்**  
**Nainai Manimekalai Welfare Association - UK**  
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**22 வது ஆண்டு மாலபுரம் பொங்கல் விழா**




திகதி: 28/01/2017  
சனிச்சிழை  
நேரம்: மாலை 16:00  
இடம்: Greenford Town Hall  
Ruislip Road  
Greenford  
London UB6 9QN

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வாகனத்திற்கு: VB & Sons இலிருந்து இலவசம்



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**23 வது ஆண்டு மாலபுரம் பொங்கல் விழா**  
**Tamil Heritage Pongal Festival**  
17/02/2018 சனிச்சிழை, மாலை 16:00  
Richard Challoner School  
Manor Drive North  
New Malden KT3 5PE

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**24 வது ஆண்டு மாலபுரம் பொங்கல் விழா**  
**Tamil Heritage Pongal Festival**  
19/01/2019 சனிச்சிழை  
நேரம்: மாலை 4:00மணி  
இடம்: Greenford Town Hall  
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# Pongal Festival





# Sports Day and Summer Get Together

- ▶ In 2015, NMWA organised a Sport Day and Summer Get Together to give an opportunity for our children to play together, be active, meet parents and build a sense of community amongst our people. We attempt to host sports days every year from here onwards.





# NMWA facilitated for “Nainai Cricket 2019”



- Nainai cricketers arranged a cricket match on 04/08/2019 and NMWA facilitated to arrange the cricket match at Beverley Park, New Malden



# Youngsters Gathering - December 2016





# Projects in Nainativu



Since being founded in 1995 NMWA has funded and run a range of projects in Nainativu as well as other parts of Sri Lanka. These include:



Nainativu Road Development Project



Educational Project



Vanni Farm Project for Visually Handicapped



Planting Trees in Nainativu



Nainativu Hospital Project



Relief for Flood Affected People in the North and East of Sri Lanka

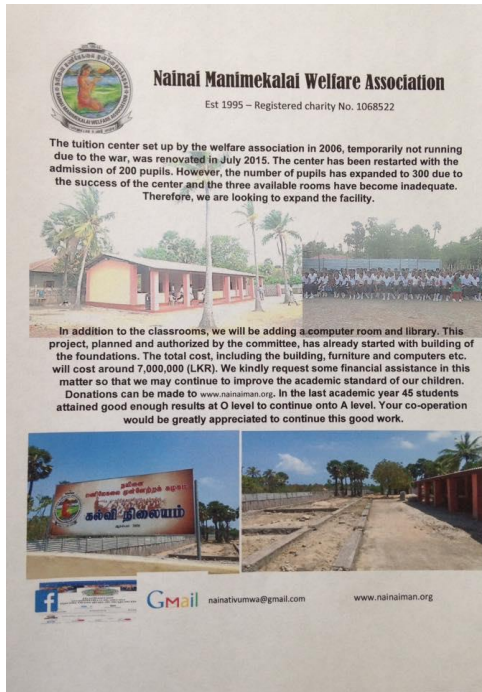
# Nainativu Alankulam Road Development Project

- ▶ During the war time, the main road of Nainativu was blocked by the Sri Lankan navy and people used Alankulam Road for access to the South of Nainativu.
- ▶ Roads in Nainativu were not maintained by the local authorities for a long time and the condition of the Alankulam road got worse
- ▶ Considering the importance of the development of Alankulam Road, Nainativu Socio Economic Education and Cultural Development Society- Colombo initiated the Alankulam Road Development Project.
- ▶ NMWA contributed £5,000 for the development of Alankulam Road considering the importance of this road as an accessible pathway for our people.
- ▶ The usage of this road is normally high during the Nagapooshani Amman temple festival season.

# Alankulam Road Development

ஆலங்குளம் வீதியானது நயினாதீவு சமூக,  
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# Nainativu Educational Project

Considering the importance of education for children who cannot afford it, our charity has decided to establish a tuition centre to provide free tuition classes for those students in Nainative.

Accordingly, our charity purchased land in Nainativu and built a tuition centre in 2006. However, due to the escalation of the war situation in Sri Lanka, we were not able to continue the project.

The building was renovated in 2015 and started free tuition classes for poor students in Nainativu in July 2015.

We added more classrooms to cater the increased number of students and established separated computer room for free computer education for the students.

We raised donations from members and well wishers for the project and we spent around £35,000 for the project.

The monthly payment for the staff and centre maintenance paid by the charity with donations from committee members of the charity atm.

The success of the project is identified by the increase in the number of students and by the increase in the number of students passing their year 5 scholarship exam and other government exams.

Two students who studied at our tuition class obtained marks above the district cut out.

We have a plan to establish a library and start vocational training courses for school leavers in the future.



# Nainativu Educational Project





# Planting Trees in Nainativu



Our charity has decided to plant trees in Nainativu to safeguard the water resources and soil of Nainativu.



Accordingly, we planted a vast number of trees in Nainativu and a considerable amount of trees grew well. However, we had difficulties maintaining the trees until a certain level of growth.



Mr Perinpanathan (Nathan Annan) has been very helpful with our Tree Planting projects and he is currently planting trees in Nainativu with the support of NMWA



Considering the maintenance issue, we contacted community centres in Nainativu with a WIN-WIN proposal and all community centres agreed to the proposal and with their support we aim to plant trees all over the island and look to do this soon.



We have plans to expand our tree planting project to the costal areas to safeguard our village from marine erosion.



# Planting Trees in Nainativu



# NMWA Helped War Affected Visually Handicapped People in Vanni, Sri Lanka



Our charity established Aputhiran Farm for Visually Handicapped People in Vanni, Sri Lanka. This project was designed with two phases:



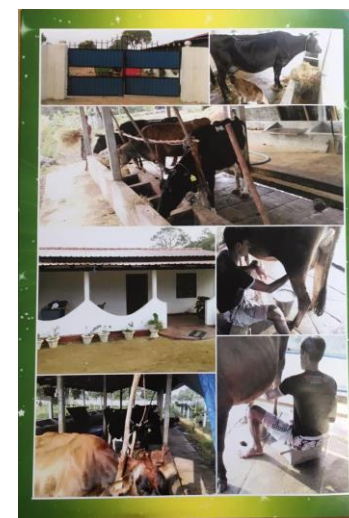
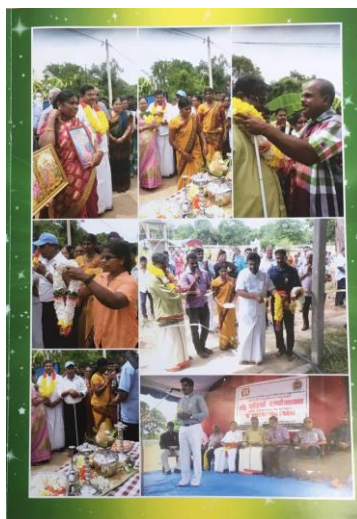
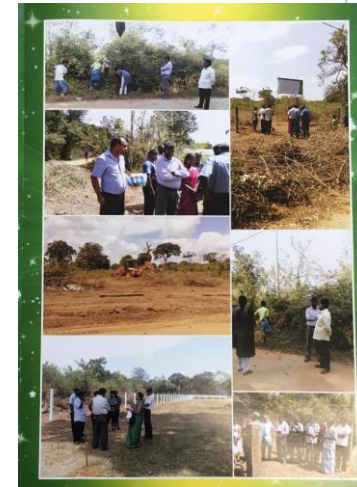
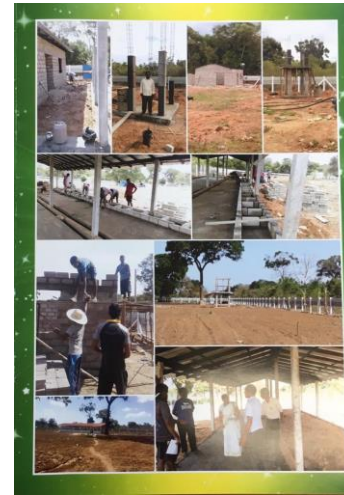
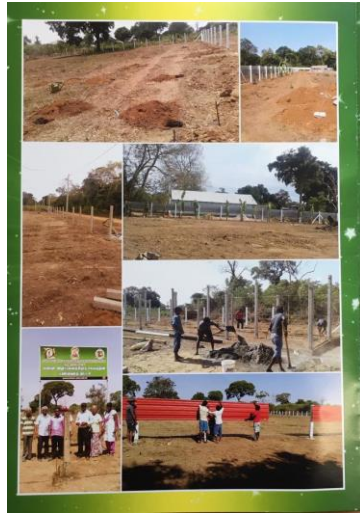
Initial: We spent around £36,060 to provide infrastructure facilities and purchase cows so that the milk could be sold, and the profits would go to help the visually handicapped in Vanni.



Present: Now, we have decided to handover the project to the Association for Visually Handicapped people to operate the farm with the income received from the farm and get support from other donors for the next stage.



# Apithiran Farm Project



# Nainative New Hospital Project



Nainativu Hospital is a Divisional Government Hospital. However, the hospital building, and facilities are not maintained properly by the government



There are no permanent doctors or nurses in the hospital.



There was a proposal given by Germany Red Cross to build a New Hospital with all facilities and the support of donations from charities and the German Government.



Accordingly, we contributed £17,500 to the Germany Red Cross.



However, the Germany Red Cross were unable to secure support from the German Government to build a new hospital in Nainative, Sri Lanka.



Therefore, they have decided to collect funds from other donors and complete the new hospital project stage by stage. Initially, they plan to build OPD.



We are waiting until 31 December 2019 to decide whether to go ahead with the project. The Germany Red Cross need at least another € 150,000 to build the OPD.



# Present Condition of Nainativu Hospital



# Relief for Flood Affected People in the North and East of Sri Lanka

- ▶ There was a heavy flood in the North and East of Sri Lanka in December 2019 and NMWA has decided to help the flood affected people in the North and East of Sri Lanka.
- ▶ We gave £2,500 (LKR 591,250) to donate goods for war affected people.
- ▶ LKR 391,250 worth of goods distributed among the flood affected people in North of Sri Lanka through Tamil Virudcham Organization.
- ▶ LKR 200,000 worth of goods distributed among the flood affected people in East of Sri Lanka through the Tamil National Alliance Member of Parliament Mr Seeniththamby Yogeswaran.



# Relief for Flood Affected People in the North and East of Sri Lanka



# Future Project Proposals for the Development of Nainativu

- ▶ Continue with educational development in Nainativu
- ▶ Continue planting trees and safeguarding our water resources and soil
- ▶ Help local youths with sports development
- ▶ Protect our village from marine erosion
- ▶ Provide vocational training for school leavers
- ▶ Promote organic cultivation in Nainativu

# Proposals for supporting local communities in the UK

- ▶ Blood Donation
- ▶ Support local charities and their activities
- ▶ Organizing charity walk's every year for fund raising to help the local community



# What we expect from our youngsters

- ▶ Become a life member of NMWA
- ▶ Spend some time on our charity activities
- ▶ Organise events with the guidance of senior members
- ▶ Promote and maintain cordial relationships among members and families
- ▶ Encourage our people to participate in events and projects
- ▶ Expand existing activities and projects as well as new projects in the UK and Nainativu
- ▶ Promote “NMWA” as the identity of Nainativu citizens living in the UK.
- ▶ Work as a team, achieve our objectives and handover our charity with clear visions to the next generation



# NMWA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## United Kingdom

- ▶ Musical Show with super singers in the UK
- ▶ Badminton Tournament
- ▶ Soft Ball Cricket Tournament
- ▶ Tamil SA competition
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Magazine

## Nainativu

- ▶ Musical Show
- ▶ Continue to plant trees within each ward in Nainathivu
- ▶ Cricket Tournament
- ▶ SA competition

Thanks