

PROJECT PERU

England & Wales · Charity number 1049413

Details

Other names	PROYECTO PERU
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-09-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	1 St. Catherines Hill Guildford GU2 4EF
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Email	information@projectperu.org.uk
Website	www.projectperu.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS AND TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR AMONGST THE INHABITANTS OF PERU AND SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST THE MOST NEEDY AND MOST MARGINALISED PEOPLE INCLUDING CHILDREN, SINGLE PARENTS, THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF POVERTY.

Activities: Running a childrens' home in Peru and wider work in the local community

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Area of benefit: PERU
- Peru
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£70,447	£78,510	-	-
2024-03-31	£107,583	£88,813	-	-
2023-03-31	£126,750	£127,707	-	-
2022-03-31	£108,352	£90,079	-	-
2021-03-31	£159,428	£65,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLE IRIS HUDSON	Chair	
DAVID ARMSTRONG HUDSON		
HELENA MARY COOKE		
Jean Wright		2023-02-17

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Structure, Governance and Management

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enabling our children to grow up with access to reading and reference materials

- Participate in community initiatives including the distribution of emergency food supplies, and particularly making new contacts with local '*ollas comunes*', the chain of soup kitchens in the shanty towns, which provide urgent food supplies and hot meals in response to the rapidly rising prices and increasing food shortages

Project Peru's fundraising events and activities in the UK

- Sales of Peruvian crafts
We held our regular craft stall in Guildford in June 2024 through the Rural Crafts Association, as part of the Guildford Summer festival. A number of our supporters have also bought our crafts and cards which we promote regularly on our web-site, and we have had an increasing number of online sales. We again had a successful special campaign to promote our sales of Christmas cards made in Las Laderas.
- Volunteers
We were prevented for several years by the pandemic from involving our volunteers either in UK or in Peru and we have not yet seen the number of volunteers and visitors to the project in Peru reaching pre-pandemic levels. However, we were able to restart this process during the previous year and have two international groups of volunteers due in Peru in summer 2025, one on a building project in the community and another with an optometry project.

This support provides income for us through individual sponsorship as well as providing income locally in Peru through contributions by volunteers. In addition to raising money for us before they go to Peru, we hope we can also encourage everyone who visits our refuge to continue to make a contribution to the charity in future years. It also enables us to make further contributions to our work in the wider community.

- Container shipment to Peru
Shipments to Peru had also been stopped by the pandemic. In normal times we have received large quantities of donated goods in the UK which we sort, pack, load and deliver for onward shipment to Peru in an annual consignment. We try to respond to the direct needs expressed by our colleagues in Peru with whom we are in close contact on a regular basis. We continue to rely on the generosity of commercial, educational and private donors, of our volunteers, and of the shipping and road transport companies who have supported us over many years. We normally have distributed goods beyond our own refuge and are continuing to develop a wide range of contacts with isolated communities in need of these goods and have been identifying new ones. This process restarted and the first shipment was sent in June 2023, but it was not possible to send a consignment this year.

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Achievements and performance in Peru in 2024-5 (based on reports from our Director in Peru, Karina Alza Gomez, translated from Spanish)

The year 2024-5 for Proyecto Perú has been a time of learning, attainments and experiences which has filled us with pride. We started the year with 35 children, all from families living in extreme poverty and vulnerability. 12 of these children go to secondary school, 18 go to primary school and five are in nursery. Since we began, our agreement has always been and still is, to offer the children a safe home with education, health, fun and emotional support.

We started in March 2024 with celebrations for the *Día de la Mujer* [Women's Day] during which the children and teenagers composed signs in praise of the value of women's role in society. But this was only the beginning of a year full of significant events.

In the field of education, we continued strengthening the field of 'educational support' which is offered to all the children at whatever level they are in school, while being a great help to their teachers. A standout fact is the graduation of several of our children from primary school and we are especially proud of one of our teenagers from secondary level who had the honour of winning a grant [*Beca 18*] from the Peruvian government and is following a career in law at the University of Applied Sciences [UPC]. This last fact fills us with hope because it means that our children's dreams can be transformed into reality.

In order to reinforce our educational tools, in April we acquired three computers and two printers for use in the library, in the psychology department and for our social services department in the refuge. These new acquisitions not only have improved the administrative department but also helped with our children's learning.

In the area of health, we have worked with the local health centre on the development of four campaigns; two on oral hygiene, another on height, weight, nutrition and vaccinations, as well as organising a campaign to acquire free electronic DNI [personal identity] documents. Several teenagers from the government's 'Special Protection Unit/*Unidad de Protección Especial*' received treatment from their Mental Health Unit as part of their recovery after breakdowns in their family relationships. One of our most challenging moments was in July when one of our girls had to go to hospital. The team from our refuge were with her every day including nights to ensure she made a positive recovery. As the hospital was a state hospital we also had to provide food for our patient,

Emotional well-being and basic training are keys to life in the refuge. We organise workshops in music, dance, theatre, reading, sport, hairdressing, dressmaking and gardening, which not only develop skills but also self-esteem and self confidence in both children and teenagers. Apart from this we celebrate special days, such as a party for three teenagers' 15th birthdays,

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their '*quinceñeara*', a Latin American traditional celebration for girls, full of happiness and symbolism.

In the field of support to the wider community we carried out several activities giving social support such as, for example, in May, travelling to visit communities in the Andes in Ayacucho and Andahuaylas, and in July going to Cuyacu, a village community in the Tingo Maria area. In all places we gave out donations to children and adults alike.

In November we went away to Churín for team building sessions for all the staff, which was very positive for all, strengthening all the links between and among staff members.

One of our most significant experiences was our supportive Christmas, at which time not only did we celebrate with our children but we also included 300 children from the shanty town community near us, as well as 300 people from the local soup kitchens, showing that the refuge continues to extend its work beyond our walls.

During January, while our children were with their families the staff in the refuge supported adults from the community with daily lunches. We also took advantage of this time to paint walls, repair furniture and organise different areas in order to ensure that our refuge is always at its best.

In the field of the management of an institution we had monthly training organised by the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations [*MIMP*] which served to strengthen the workers' efforts. In December following the constant unannounced visits by the Ministry we received a most surprising piece of news; both the Ministry and the Ombudsman's Office [*Fiscalía _ Ministerio Público y Poder Judicial*] congratulated us and renewed our certificate of registration; thus, we were the first Residential Reception Centre to formally achieve a dual mode of working, enabling us to receive children both through the government's Special Protection Unit of *MIMP* [*UPE-Unidad de Protección Especial*] as well as through our own family agreements. Basically, this is now an experimental or pilot project, but in fact this is how we have been working for several years.

Our successful team-work is reflected in our links with external institutions and businesses. The Puente Piedra local authority supports us with some donations of food. The Food Bank as well as KFC both provide us with weekly supplies which provide a significant saving of funds. As do Aliados Perú and the supermarket Metro with further donations of food.

Amoria Bond from UK visited us again with a team of volunteers to build small wooden houses in the shanty towns, while enjoying recreational activities, outings and a meal out with the children. White Lion Foods have also cooperated regularly with donations of food hampers at Christmas which are distributed widely among the staff, the children's families and in the local

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community. Loyal local supporters such as Violeta and David have supported us with donations of new trainers and various other donated items.

We must mention too our organic kitchen garden which has produced lettuces, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, broccoli, bananas and much more to ensure that the children have a fresh and healthy diet. This initiative not only helps with sustainability but also teaches the children the value of work and a healthy life-style.

As for our staff team we continue to work with our three house mothers [*madres guías*], teachers, our psychologist, our social worker, kitchen and maintenance staff, workshop leaders and gardeners; all of whom keep an eye on the children day to day. The way everyone works together is encouraged by staff training sessions, planning meetings, outings and leisure activities: all of this helps with facing our daily challenges.

Considering all we have been through we can say that this year has been full of challenges, learning curves and many achievements. We do not talk about limitations but of the opportunities which encourage us to grow. As a refuge our Casa Hogar as a whole makes us feel that with every step made, every child who progresses and every family that grows, these are the real goals in life. Our challenge is to go on adding more, to keep on dreaming and to go on transforming reality for everyone who needs it most.

For this reason our plans for next year are clear: to extend our resources, strengthen our psychological support for the children and maintain and improve our physical spaces to continue to make them more secure and welcoming.

With pride and gratitude, we thank you all for making this possible. Your support is reflected in the smiles of each and every child in the hope that is always being renewed and with the conviction that we are building a better future.

Our Committee in Peru has continued as in recent years, the committee being Karina Alza Gomez as Director and Legal Representative of Project Peru, Timoteo Ramos, Rosa Romero and Gladys Espinoza.

Plans for the next 12 months

Main goals:

- To react to the longer-term social and economic issues both in the UK and in Peru
- To fund our 'core' work in Peru relating to running the refuge and to develop more community activities, enabling us to maintain the number of children we can care for, and to further improve the living and working conditions at the refuge and in the local communities

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- To provide educational support and to improve educational opportunities for our younger children, with more extracurricular activities where possible
- To work towards assuring a better and more secure future for the children as they reach their late teens and need to run their own lives
- Where possible to secure access to national government grants in Peru for funds for higher education for disadvantaged people, especially individual grants under the Peruvian government's Beca-18 scheme to enable our young adults to study at university
- To develop new advice systems and opportunities for employment for those leaving the refuge
- To develop new and more specific opportunities for volunteering in the refuge and in the wider community
- To undertake more social initiatives in the local community and further afield
- To look for fresh or innovative ways of fundraising in the UK
- To explore new ways to seek local funding and donations in kind in Peru for the project and to encourage Peruvian individuals, organisations and institutions to become more involved

Our ongoing work:

- fund raising in the UK and in Peru to cover the running costs for the children's refuge in Peru
- maintenance and upkeep work on the buildings at the refuge
- fund raising for new projects at the refuge and in the wider community
- UK sponsored events set up by individual supporters, sales of our crafts, educational and cultural and public awareness activities, and recruitment of volunteers
- In particular, to encourage others to undertake fundraising initiatives, such as sponsorship for their individual challenges

Longer term plans and activities will, it is expected, be broadly similar in future years. Funding for all activities will continue as outlined in the Annual Report.

We expect that many of the UK-based fundraising activities will remain similar to those outlined in the above report.

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Financial report by the Treasurer – to 31 March 2025

Results for the year

Total receipts for the year were £70,447 which was £37,126 lower than last year's level of £107,583. Overhead costs were, as always, kept to a minimum and £75,000 (2024 - £83,000) was sent out to Lima to cover the running costs of the refuge.

Analysis of receipts

Voluntary receipts: these include gifts and donations and the related tax reclaimed under gift aid. During the year £33,704 was raised from voluntary receipts of which £15,157 (2024 - £17,628) was from regular donations. Last year voluntary receipts were £54,972 and included a one-off donation of £20,000.

Fundraising: activities include fundraising activities and sponsorship along with the related tax reclaimed under gift aid, providing goods and services that are not for the charity's beneficiaries, and income from selling bought in goods. Income in this category was £25,396 (2024 - £42,505). Apart from one-off donations seen last year fundraising has been generally slower this year.

Trading activities: income from selling Peruvian goods at various craft markets throughout the year raised over £2,000 which was broadly in line with levels seen in the previous year.

Analysis of payments

Direct charitable payments included £75,000 of funds sent to Peru to cover the costs of running the refuge.

Other costs

As always costs have been kept at a minimum and are in line with last year.

Payroll

The charity has no paid staff in the UK and relies entirely on volunteers for the organisation and administration of the charity, fundraising activities and the promotion of the charity.

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Accounts for the 12 months to 31 March 2025

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	33,704		33,704	54,972
Activities for generating funds	25,087		25,087	42,505
Trading activities	2,562		2,562	2,853
Bank interest	9,094		9,094	7,253
Total receipts	70,447		70,447	107,583
Payments				
Direct charitable expenses	75,631		75,631	84,636
Cost of generating voluntary funds	1,898		1,898	3,172
Fundraising costs	981		981	1,005
Total payments	78,510		78,510	88,813
Net of receipts and payments	(8,063)		(8,063)	18,770
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	274,150	80,000	354,150	335,380
Cash funds this year end	266,087	80,000	346,087	354,150

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Cash funds			
Current accounts	101,301		101,301
Deposit accounts	164,786	80,000	244,786
Total	266,087	80,000	346,087

Signed on behalf of all trustees

C Hudson [signed]
 Chair Carole Hudson

Dated: 08.01.2026

H Cooke [signed]
 Treasurer Helena Cooke

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Notes to the accounts / Accounting policies

These accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Accounting policies: the accounting policies have not changed since the previous year and are summarised below.

1. Receipts

Recognition of receipts – receipts are accounted for when the charity receives the cash.

Receipts with related expenditure – the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the receipts and payments account.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts – tax reclaims are accounted for when the cash is received.

Gifts in kind – gifts in kind are not given a value as this is impractical. Proceeds of the sale of any such gifts are shown in the category of activities generating funds. Gifts include second hand clothing, household goods and tools and are shipped to the refuge in Lima and either used in the refuge or distributed directly to those in need in the local communities. Gifts in kind also includes shipping, the use of garages for storage granted by Guildford Borough Council, and the waiver of hire charges for venues used for fundraising activities.

Volunteer help – the value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

2. Payments

Recognition of payments - payments are recognised when the cash payment is made.

3. Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost more than £500.

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Independent Examiner’s Report



Report to the trustees/ members of	Project Peru		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity No	1049413
Set out on pages	11-12		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Signed: Corinne Sloan

Date: 22 December 2025

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Name: Corinne Sloan

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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- Participate in community initiatives including the distribution of emergency food supplies, and particularly making new contacts with local '*ollas comunes*', the chain of soup kitchens in the shanty towns, which provide urgent food supplies and hot meals in response to the rapidly rising prices and increasing food shortages
- Fulfil our long-term ambition to build a residential hostel for up to eight of our teenage boys as well as staff accommodation, currently for our Director and her family. This was achieved by securing funds from a variety of sources as outlined in our previous report. The new accommodation was built on part of the land we hold for our kitchen garden and was fully completed and operational soon after the start of the period covered by this report.

Project Peru's fundraising events and activities in the UK

- Sales of Peruvian crafts
We held our regular craft stall in Guildford in June 2023 through the Rural Crafts Association, as part of the Guildford Summer festival. A number of our supporters have also bought our crafts and cards which we promote regularly on our web-site, and we have had an increasing amount of online sales. We again had a successful special campaign to promote our sales of Christmas cards made in Las Laderas.
- Volunteers
We were prevented for several years by the pandemic from involving our volunteers either in UK or in Peru and we have not yet seen the number of volunteers and visitors to the project in Peru reaching pre-pandemic levels. However we have been able to restart this process during this year.

This support provides income for us through individual sponsorship as well as providing income locally in Peru through contributions by volunteers. In addition to raising money for us before they go to Peru we hope we can also encourage everyone who visits our refuge to continue to make a contribution to the charity in future years.

- Container to Peru
This procedure had also been stopped by the pandemic. In normal times we have received large quantities of donated goods in the UK

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which we sort, pack, load and deliver for onward shipment to Peru in an annual consignment. We try to respond to the direct needs expressed by our colleagues in Peru with whom we are in close contact on a regular basis. We continue to rely on the generosity of commercial, educational and private donors, of our volunteers, and of the shipping and road transport companies who have supported us over many years. We normally distribute goods far beyond our own refuge and are continuing to develop a wide range of contacts with isolated communities in need of these goods and have been identifying new ones. This process has restarted and the first shipment, sent in June 2023, duly arrived safely and has been a welcome resource for the refuge and in the wider community.

Achievements and performance in Peru in 2023-4 (based on reports from our Director in Peru, Karina Alza Gomez)

During the 2023-4 year we continued with our commitment to offer a safe environment and opportunities for their development for all our children and adolescents, while being aware of the real social and economic situation they live in. Thanks to the support we offer we have achieved the following:

In 2023-4 at the refuge we cared for 39 children and adolescents including 21 boys and 18 girls, with 4 at nursery level, 23 at primary level and 12 at secondary level.

Four students from the previous year had received the government's Beca-18 scholarship in 2023 allowing them to start university studies and to lead an independent life, while continuing to visit the refuge at weekends to help support activities at the refuge.

Also with the support of a grant to Project Peru from Amoria Bond, at the start of this year we completed the building of a hostel for a small group of our adolescent boys to enable them to remain living at the refuge. In this facility five boys were able to live in an environment where they were able to develop responsibility and independence through activities regarding both personal care and working together as a way to prepare them for adult life.

Each resident enjoys adequate space and a balanced diet supervised by local nutritionists. Also their health is regularly monitored and included all essential vaccines including Covid-19, flu and other appropriate vaccinations.

For any health problems they can access the medical services at a local 'polyclinic'.

We are able to offer educational materials and workshops in art and culture including dance, music, drama and singing. Also we arrange outings to the zoo, beaches and sporting events but we especially focus on reading workshops appropriate for age and reading ability.

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Our youngest enjoy stories and songs as well as handicrafts such as origami. The older children explore Peruvian and world literature including through writing précis and making illustrations of the texts to extend their reading comprehension.

As in every year in February all children and staff went for a beach holiday to Las Tortugas near Chimbote north of Lima to spend ten relaxing days at the beach, and at other times we visited the zoo at the *Parque de las Leyendas* and a local swimming pool.

Throughout the year we maintained active communication with all the families or guardians of the children, reinforcing family links through meetings and visiting days. This is a fundamental way to renew family relationships and ensure that families are kept aware of their responsibilities.

Our staff includes our House Mothers caring for the children, support teachers, maintenance staff, a psychologist, a social worker, and workshop leaders. In addition the NGO *Cambiando Horizontes* [Changing Horizons] offers regular staff development training for our staff team through virtual sessions which helps them improve the care they offer.

International volunteers from England collaborated in recreational activities enriching our experience and bringing to the refuge more cultural diversity. Additionally with their support we were able to completely rebuild an existing soup kitchen in one of the most vulnerable communities in the eastern part of Zapallal.

Local Peruvian volunteer groups helped us with specific activities including the supply of school materials, school uniforms and with activities such as our Christmas festivities or the children's birthdays and any other key celebrations.

Thanks to collaboration with various food banks we were also able to donate some surplus supplies from these sources to help support a number of soup kitchens in the community as well as some vulnerable families and individuals.

We carried out regular maintenance to the buildings including painting, as well as fumigation and renewal of fire equipment to improve the safety of our installations. As well as the completion of our boys' hostel we continued developing our kitchen garden both as a fundamental resource for providing us with fruit and vegetables, but also for education and recreation.

After three years' interruption due to Covid-19 we received another container cargo from England containing supplies of clothing, toiletries and cleaning materials and other items invaluable both for our residents and vulnerable people in the local community as well as in distant communities in the Andes.

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In 2023 the marginalised urban zones experienced an increase in child abandonment reaching 15% in some areas reflecting the growing need for integrated support. The refuge responded to this situation by offering a safe physical environment and both emotional and educational support to young people in need.

Thanks to our joint efforts the refuge continues to be a space for hope and for the development of all our children and adolescents.

Plans for the next 12 months

Main goals

- To react to the longer-term social and economic issues both in the UK and in Peru
- To fund our 'core' work in Peru relating to running our refuge and to develop more community activities, enabling us to maintain the number of children we can care for, and to further improve the living and working conditions at the refuge and in the local communities
- To provide educational support and to improve educational opportunities for our younger children, with more extra curricular activities where possible
- To work towards assuring a better and more secure future for our children as they reach their late teens and need to run their own lives
- Where possible to secure access to government grants in Peru for funds for higher education for disadvantaged people especially individual grants under the government's Beca-18 scheme to enable our older residents to study at university
- To develop new advice systems and opportunities for employment for those leaving the refuge
- To develop new and more specific opportunities for volunteering in the refuge and in the wider community
- To undertake more social initiatives in the local community and further afield
- To look for fresh or innovative ways of fundraising in the UK
- To explore new ways to seek local funding and donations in kind in Peru for the project and to encourage Peruvian individuals, organisations and institutions to become more involved

Our ongoing work

- fund raising in the UK and in Peru to cover the running costs for our children's refuge in Peru
- maintenance and upkeep work on the buildings at our refuge
- fund raising for new projects at the refuge and in the wider community
- UK sponsored events set up by individual supporters, sales of our crafts, educational and cultural and public awareness activities, and recruitment of volunteers

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- In particular, to encourage others to undertake fund-raising initiatives, such as sponsorship for their individual challenges

Longer term plans and activities will, it is expected, be broadly similar in future years. Funding for all activities will continue as outlined in the Annual Report.

We expect that many of the UK-based fund-raising activities will remain similar to those outlined in the above report.

Financial report by the Treasurer

Results for the year

Total receipts for the year were £107,583 which was £19,167 lower than last year's level of £126,750. Overhead costs were, as always, kept to a minimum and £83,000 (2023 - £123,000) was sent out to Lima to cover the running costs of the refuge.

Analysis of receipts

Voluntary receipts; these include gifts and donations and the related tax reclaimed under gift aid. During the year £54,972 was raised from voluntary receipts of which £17,628 (2023 - £20,146) was from regular donations. This year's income included a one-off donation of £20,000.

Activities for generating funds

Activities include fund raising activities and sponsorship along with the related tax reclaimed under gift aid, providing goods and services that are not for the charity's beneficiaries, and income from selling bought in goods. Income in this category was £42,505 (2023-£85,601) – last year's number included £50k from one-off events.

Trading activities

Income from selling Peruvian goods at various craft markets throughout the year raised £3,000 which was broadly in line with levels seen in the previous year.

Analysis of payments

Direct charitable payments included £83,000 of funds sent to Peru to cover the costs of running the refuge.

Other costs

As always costs have been kept at a minimum and are in line with last year.

Payroll

The charity has no paid staff in the UK and relies entirely on volunteers for the organisation and administration of the charity, fund raising activities and the promotion of the charity.

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Accounts for the 12 months to 31 March 2024

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	54,972		54,972	36,363
Activities for generating funds	42,505		42,505	85,601
Trading activities	2,853		2,853	3,497
Bank interest	7,253		7,253	1,289
Total receipts	107,583		107,583	126,750
Payments				
Direct charitable expenses	84,636		84,636	123,599
Cost of generating voluntary funds	3,172		3,172	959
Fund raising costs	1,005		1,005	3,149
Total payments	88,813		88,813	127,707
Net of receipts and payments	18,770		18,770	(957)
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	255,380	80,000	335,380	336,337
Cash funds this year end	274,150	80,000	354,150	335,380

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Cash funds			
Current accounts	112,219		112,219
Deposit accounts	161,931	80,000	241,931
Total	274,150	80,000	354,150

Signed on behalf of all trustees

C Hudson [signed]
 Chair

10th January 2025

H Cooke [signed]
 Treasurer

10th January 2025

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Notes to the accounts / Accounting policies

These accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Accounting policies: the accounting policies have not changed since the previous year and are summarised below:

1. Receipts

Recognition of receipts – receipts are accounted for when the charity receives the cash.

Receipts with related expenditure – the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the receipts and payments account.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts – tax reclaims are accounted for when the cash is received.

Gifts in kind – gifts in kind are not given a value as this is impractical. Proceeds of the sale of any such gifts are shown in the category of activities generating funds. Gifts include second hand clothing, household goods and tools and are shipped to the refuge in Lima and either used in the refuge or distributed directly to those in need in the local communities. Gifts in kind also includes shipping, the use of garages for storage granted by Guildford Borough Council, and the waiver of hire charges for venues used for fund raising activities.

Volunteer help – the value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

2. Payments

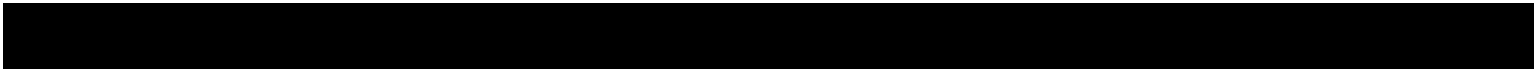
Recognition of payments - payments are recognised when the cash payment is made.

3. Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost more than £500.

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Independent Examiner’s Report



Report to the trustees/ members of	Project Peru		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	Charity no	1049413
Set out on pages	10-11		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
 It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Signed: Corinne Sloan

Date: 30th December 2024

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Name: Corinne Sloan

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant

Address: 44 Kensington Park Gardens
London
W11 2QT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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Trustees' report

This report covers the activities of Project Peru in the UK and Peru from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Reference and Administrative details

Project Peru was formally established in May 1992, and in 1995 became a registered charity (Registered Charity number 1049413).

Structure, Governance and Management

Charity name

Project Peru (known in Peru as Proyecto Perú).

Registered address in the UK

1, St. Catherine's Hill, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4EF, England, UK
Telephone: 01483 576093.

Administration address in Peru

Proyecto Perú Administration; Calle Julio Diaz, Centro Poblado Zapallal, Distrito de Puente Piedra, Lima 22, Perú.

Bank

Lloyds Bank, 147 High Street, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3AG

Executive Committee and Trustees during this financial year in UK

Carole Hudson (Chair)
Helena Cooke (Treasurer)
David Hudson
Jean Wright (from 17 February 2023)

All activities in the UK are on a voluntary basis and the trustees are selected from a core group of volunteers.

In Peru

Our legal representation and local responsibility are in the hands of Karina Alza Gomez and the co-signatory on our Project Peru bank account is Padre Fernando Castellón Asin.

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Objectives and activities

The principal aims and objectives of Project Peru are to address issues faced by people living in extreme poverty in Peru. We are a small, lively, totally voluntary UK-based charity offering food, clothes, shelter, education, health and fun to those in need in a country where much of the population still exists in extreme poverty.

More specifically:

- We support our children's refuge, which we founded and have developed over the years, in one of the desert shanty-towns of Lima
- We develop new initiatives to help those in need in Peru both in the community near to the refuge and periodically further afield
- We react swiftly to direct calls for practical help from our refuge
- We send frequent aid shipments ensuring that they reach their destination and are put to immediate use within our refuge or in the wider community
- We fund almost the entire costs of the refuge through a wide range of activities in the UK, including sponsored events, educational projects, and crafts sales, as well as through individual donations and sponsorship, and contributions from volunteers going to Peru
- We involve volunteers of all ages and occupations both in Peru and in the UK
- We seek to raise awareness about issues relating to poverty and development
- We believe that, despite our more serious purpose, our activities should be fun for all those who take part

Supporting our refuge is our core activity. We are indebted to all our volunteers in the UK and in Peru and to the huge faith in our work that is demonstrated by our many individual donors, as well as by our many supporters in the private sector, in educational institutions, churches, voluntary groups and local authorities both in the UK and internationally.

Public information about Project Peru

Our website is <https://www.projectperu.org.uk> which we constantly keep under review and refresh where possible with topical news items and relevant pages. Our Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/projectperu.org.uk>. Both of these are designed to meet our need to inform the public about our activities in UK and in Peru, as a tool for public awareness, to enhance our fund-raising efforts, to attract new volunteers, while at the same time to respect the privacy and safety of our children.

We regularly update the 'News' pages on our website with items about our activities in Peru and in the UK, promoting these News items as widely as we can through our contacts with supporters principally via email, and on our Facebook pages.

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We produce a very limited amount of presentational material and leaflets that are available on request or at fundraising events.

In the past we have promoted the charity actively in the UK through public speaking engagements including in churches and schools, and with Rotary Clubs and other community-based groups, and we encourage our volunteers to do the same. We were unable to do this during the years of Covid-19 and we are still not seeing many of these events taking place.

Achievements and performance

UK achievements

Most of our income comes from our own direct fundraising initiatives and regular donations, as well as from sponsorship and contributions made by volunteers before going to Peru, and by other supporters, not necessarily those who have known us before. We want to encourage more of this type of support in future, especially through fundraising initiatives by others. These funds are used specifically for our core work in running our refuge or for our work in the wider community in Peru.

We had another successful year as shown in our Treasurer's report, due to sustained help from many of our long-term supporters, with the result that

- we have again met our target of sending sufficient funds to support our refuge in Lima, even though most of our usual fundraising activities in the UK have not been possible
- we have provided funds to maintain and refurbish our existing buildings in Peru, to further develop the facilities in our refuge and to support our special projects in the wider community, including funding for a new building
- where funds have been raised in the UK for specific projects in the refuge or in the wider community we have been able to ensure that these have been completed
- we continued to retain funds in the UK as a contingency reserve at the previous year's level and receive interest on our savings accounts. We keep these deposits under review and update our accounts where needed. We aim to ensure that we have at least a reserve of two years' funding for our refuge and for our work in Peru

The funds we have raised have specifically enabled us to:

- Provide food and facilities for the children who live in our refuge
- Pay the wages in Peru for our full time and part time employees and provide staff training and support
- Develop educational, social, sporting and cultural activities in our refuge, reopening many activities following the pandemic
- Meet the educational costs for our children particularly, and to continue to support the further education of some of our older girls after they

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have left school including where appropriate their access to university courses

- Continue to develop the structural facilities at our refuge, maintaining and refurbishing the existing buildings, to provide safe, comfortable and appropriate facilities that are fully compliant with the local health and safety requirements, which can change frequently
- Continue to develop our special projects, our kitchen garden project providing fruit and vegetables for the refuge, and our library project enabling our children to grow up with access to reading and reference materials
- Participate in community initiatives including the distribution of emergency food supplies, and particularly making new contacts with local '*ollas comunes*', the newly developing soup kitchens in the shanty towns which provide urgent food supplies and hot meals in response to the rapidly rising prices and increasing food shortages
- Fulfil long-term ambition to build a residential hostel for up to eight of our teenage boys as well as staff accommodation, currently for our Director and her family. This was achieved by securing funds from a variety of sources, but especially through one substantial legacy from a long-term supporter, along with a second large tranche raised by the Amoria Bond Charitable Trust, a company which has supported us for many years. In addition to fundraising for this specific project Amoria Bond also provided a volunteer team to work on the the building site. The new accommodation was built on a segment of the land we hold for our kitchen garden and was fully completed and operational soon after the period covered by this report.

Project Peru's fundraising events and activities in the UK

- Sales of Peruvian crafts
We held our regular craft stall in Guildford in June 2022. A number of our supporters have also bought our crafts and cards which we promote on our web-site, and we have had an increasing amount of online sales. We again had a successful special campaign to promote our sales of Christmas cards made in Las Laderas
- Volunteers
We were prevented for several years by the pandemic from involving our volunteers either in UK or in Peru and we have not had our regular and varied number of volunteers and visitors to the project in Peru. However we were able to restart this process during this year and welcomed one group as outlined above

Such support would normally provide income for us through individual sponsorship as well as providing income locally in Peru through contributions by volunteers. In addition to raising money for us before they go to Peru we hope we can also encourage everyone who visits our refuge to continue to make a contribution to the charity in future years

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- Container to Peru
This procedure had also been stopped by the pandemic. In normal times we receive large quantities of donated goods in the UK which we sort, pack, load and deliver for onward shipment to Peru in an annual consignment. We try to respond to the direct needs expressed by our colleagues in Peru with whom we are in close contact on a regular basis. We continue to rely on the generosity of commercial, educational and private donors, of our volunteers, and of the shipping and road transport companies who have supported us over many years. We normally distribute goods far beyond our own refuge and are continuing to develop a wide range of contacts with isolated communities in need of these goods and have been identifying new ones. Though we did not send a cargo during the period covered by this report we continued to collect goods and to pack them ready for transporting to Peru. The first shipment was sent in June 2023

Achievements and performance in Peru in 2022-3 (based on reports from our Director in Peru, Karina Alza Gomez)

During the year, in all, we had 38 children and adolescents staying with us and one young adult, totalling 20 males and 19 females. There were two at nursery level, 25 at primary level, 11 at secondary level and one preparing for the government's university entrance scheme [Beca 18]. Numbers of residents have reduced compared with previous years mostly due to problems with accessing school places during the school year following the introduction of a central rather than local enrolment system.

Most of our children do have a family tie but are welcomed to our refuge due to extreme poverty or physical or moral risk. This means that the refuge has to aim to establish a working arrangement with each family or 'guardian'. In other cases referrals from a government special protection unit mean we may accept several children who have neither family ties nor legal protection. During this year we have been caring for three girls in this situation.

As always we give all-round support to everyone with reference to:
Shelter: every young person enjoys an adequate safe physical environment in which to live and sleep; everyone receives clothing provided appropriate to their age, and each one has their own personal cupboard.

Food: we are regularly assessed by a team of nutritionists from the local Health Centre, regarding the provision of three good meals a day. The Health Centre checks the weight and height of every young person in our refuge, and organises quarterly campaigns and visits.

Education: despite the fact that the local school is a State school we still have to pay for many items including photocopying, educational materials and payments for any outing or activity. The refuge supplements the children's education with the provision of educational support and cultural workshops

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including Dance, Music and Singing and Theatre as well as book clubs based in our Library.

Support with health: as the Health Centres are overwhelmed with people with emergency health needs we frequently attend the local 'Polyclinic' where the children may receive better treatment, but at a cost.

Fun: we have arranged visits to the zoo, to local beaches and swimming pools including a 10-day stay at the *Balneario de Tortugas* in Casma, a visit to Lomas de Lachay, walks and football competitions with other organisations.

Further provision for children: we always organise individual birthday parties and prepare children for and make arrangements for First Communions and Confirmations. The children are also assessed for their special gifts in any particular subject. We also ensure that every child has a psychological assessment and any necessary therapies.

We also offer support to the children's family members and assess their family situation. This has been complicated this year as achievements made in previous years have been reversed by the pandemic as instances of abandonment, destitution and indifference have significantly increased. The great loss of jobs in the area, even those offering minimum income levels, has meant that when we request the family's presence in the refuge they are often unable to attend due to transport costs.

We organise monthly meetings with each family or 'guardian' and underline the importance of these so that we can make up for time lost during the pandemic.

In spite of all the crises in the world and the general situation experienced , which seems to get increasingly worse ,we have had many successes.

This year thanks in part to funding from loyal supporters Amoria Bond in the UK we were able to construct a new building which will be used for our male adolescents.

We were also able to re-construct a small community kitchen in the local community.

The kitchen garden continues to grow and provide us with fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Food Bank [*Banco de Alimentos*] continues to support us with supplies of food which enable us to continue to distribute food to soup kitchens and individuals in need in the community, as well as helping us with our own food costs, keeping these costs down as in previous years.

We have had regular staff-training sessions led by the NGO *Cambiando Horizontes* [Changing Horizons]

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All our residents were vaccinated as appropriate with their Covid-19, 'flu and other jabs.

We are very proud to say that four of our residents received the government's university scholarship [*Beca 18*] giving them the support to be able to attend professional courses in recommended universities.

The work that we do is coordinated closely between the committees in England and in Peru and with our staff team in the refuge with whom we form a close and mutually supportive family. In spite of still suffering from the earlier loss through Covid-19 of our house mothers Estelita and Edith we continue optimistically to follow their example in caring with love for our children and adolescents.

Everything we have lived through and shared with you in the UK means that we are more united on equal terms of friendship, love and loyalty.

Our Committee in Peru has continued as in previous years, the committee being Karina Alza Gomez as Director and Legal Representative of Project Peru, Timoteo Ramos, Rosa Romero and Gladys Espinoza.

Plans for the next 12 months

Main goals

- To react to the longer-term social and economic issues both in the UK and in Peru
- To fund our 'core' work in Peru relating to running our refuge and to develop more community activities, enabling us to maintain the number of children we can care for, and to further improve the living and working conditions at the refuge and in the local communities
- To provide educational support and to improve educational opportunities for our younger children, with more extra curricula activities where possible
- To work towards assuring a better and more secure future for our children as they reach their late teens and need to run their own lives
- Where possible to secure access to government grants in Peru for funds for higher education for disadvantaged people especially individual grants under the government's Beca-18 scheme to enable our older residents to study at university
- To open up and fully establish the new residential facility for our long-awaited adolescent boys' hostel and staff accommodation on the site designated for this purpose
- To develop new advice systems and opportunities for employment for those leaving the refuge
- To develop new and more specific opportunities for volunteering in the refuge and in the wider community

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- To undertake more social initiatives in the local community and further afield
- To look for fresh or innovative ways of fundraising in the UK
- To explore new ways to seek local funding in Peru for the project and to encourage Peruvian individuals, organisations and institutions to become more involved

Our ongoing work

- fund raising in the UK and in Peru to cover the running costs for our children's refuge in Peru
- maintenance and upkeep work on the buildings at our refuge
- fund raising for new projects at the refuge and in the wider community
- UK sponsored events set up by individual supporters, sales of our crafts, educational and cultural and public awareness activities, and recruitment of volunteers
- In particular, to encourage others to undertake fund-raising initiatives, such as sponsorship for their individual challenges

Longer term plans and activities will, it is expected, be broadly similar in future years. Funding for all activities will continue as outlined in the Annual Report.

We expect that many of the UK-based fund-raising activities will remain similar to those outlined in the above report.

Financial report by the Treasurer

Results for the year

Total receipts for the year were £127k which was £19k higher than last year's level of £108k. Overhead costs were, as always, kept to a minimum and £123k (2022 - £86k) was sent out to Lima to cover the running costs of the refuge and new building work.

Analysis of receipts

Voluntary receipts; these include gifts and donations and the related tax reclaimed under gift aid. During the year £36k was raised from voluntary receipts of which £20k (2022 - £21k) was from regular donations. Last year's receipts were higher by £34k due to one-off donations and a legacy.

Activities for generating funds

Activities include fund raising activities and sponsorship along with the related tax reclaimed under gift aid, providing goods and services that are not for the charity's beneficiaries, and income from selling bought in goods. Income in this category was £86k (2022 - £33k) – and included £50k from one-off events.

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Trading activities

Income from selling Peruvian goods at various craft markets throughout the year raised £3k which was broadly in line with levels seen in the previous year.

Analysis of payments

Direct charitable payments included £123k of funds sent to Peru to cover the costs of running the refuge and building projects.

Other costs

As always costs have been kept at a minimum and are in line with last year.

Payroll

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Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	36,363		36,363	70,853
Activities for generating funds	85,601		85,601	33,198
Trading activities	3,497		3,497	3,601
Bank interest	1,289		1,289	700
Total receipts	126,750		126,750	108,352
Payments				
Direct charitable expenses	123,599		123,599	86,504
Cost of generating voluntary funds	959		959	904
Fund raising costs	3,149		3,149	2,671
Total payments	127,707		127,707	90,079
Net of receipts and payments	(957)		(957)	18,273
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	256,337	80,000	336,337	318,064
Cash funds this year end	255,380	80,000	335,380	336,337

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Cash funds			
Current accounts	166,173		166,173
Deposit accounts	89,207	80,000	169,207
Total	255,380	80,000	335,380

Notes to the accounts / Accounting policies

These accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

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C Hudson

Chair

Dated 4th January 2024

H Cooke

Treasurer

Dated 4th January 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

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Report to the trustees/ members of	Project Peru		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2023	Charity no	1049413
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Signed: **Date:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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This report covers the activities of Project Peru in the UK and Peru from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Registered address in the UK

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Telephone: 01483 576093.

Administration address in Peru

Proyecto Perú Administration; El Dorado, Zapallal, District of Puente Piedra, Lima.

Bank

Lloyds Bank, High Street, Guildford, Surrey.

Executive Committee and Trustees during this financial year in UK

Carole Hudson (Chair)
Helena Cooke (Treasurer)
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Annual report – for the year to 31 March 2022

Objectives and activities

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Public information about Project Peru

We regularly develop our website (<http://www.projectperu.org.uk>), we constantly keep this under review and refresh it where possible with topical news items and relevant pages. We also have a Face-book page <http://www.facebook.com/projectperu.org.uk>. Both of these are designed to meet our need to inform the public about our activities in UK and in Peru, as a tool for public awareness, to enhance our fund-raising efforts, to attract new volunteers, while at the same time to respect the privacy and safety of our children.

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We regularly update the 'News' pages on our website with items about our activities in Peru and in the UK, promoting these News items as widely as we can through our contacts with supporters and on our Facebook pages.

We produce a limited amount of presentational material and leaflets that are available on request or at fundraising events.

We normally promote the charity through public speaking engagements including in churches and schools, and with Rotary Clubs and other community-based groups, and we encourage our volunteers to do the same. Opportunities for this activity have been greatly reduced as a result of past Covid-19 restrictions.

Achievements and performance

UK achievements

Most of our income normally comes from our own direct fundraising initiatives and regular donations, as well as from sponsorship and contributions made by volunteers before going to Peru, and by other supporters, not necessarily those who have known us before. We want to encourage more of this type of support in future post-Covid, especially through fundraising initiatives by others. These funds are used specifically for our core work in running our refuge.

We had another successful year as shown in our Treasurer's report, due to sustained help from many of our long-term supporters, with the result that

- we have again met our target of sending sufficient funds to support our refuge in Lima, even though most of our usual fundraising activities in the UK have not been possible.
- we have provided funds to maintain and refurbish our existing buildings in Peru, to further develop the facilities in our refuge and to support our special projects.
- where funds have been raised in the UK for specific projects in the refuge or in the wider community we have been able to ensure that these have been completed.
- we continued to retain funds in the UK as a contingency reserve at the previous year's level and receive a small amount of interest on our savings accounts. We keep these deposits under review and update our accounts where needed.

The funds we have raised have specifically enabled us to:

- Provide food and facilities for the children who live in our refuge.
- Pay the wages in Peru for our full time and part time employees and provide staff training and support.
- Develop educational, social, sporting and cultural activities in our refuge, reopening many activities following the pandemic.

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- Meet the educational costs for our children particularly with reference to the continuation and supervision of the Covid-related virtual education programme as all the schools have been closed since March 2019, and to continue to support the further education of some of our older girls after they have left school.
- Continue to develop the structural facilities at our refuge, maintaining and refurbishing the existing buildings, to provide safe, comfortable and appropriate facilities that are fully compliant with the local health and safety requirements which can change frequently.
- Continue to develop our special projects, our kitchen garden project providing fruit and vegetables for the refuge, and our library project enabling our children to grow up with access to reading and reference materials.
- Participate in community initiatives including the distribution of emergency food supplies during the height of the pandemic, and particularly making new contacts with local '*ollas comunes*', the newly developing soup kitchens in the shanty towns which provide urgent food supplies and hot meals in response to the rapidly rising prices and increasing food shortages.

Project Peru's traditional fundraising events and activities in the UK

These were almost all cancelled again this year due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, with a severe impact on our normal fundraising and our ability to attract and involve new people in our work.

We were delighted to receive both spontaneous and recurring financial support from known and previously unknown supporters. In spite of the situation in 2021 and the first months of 2022 not everything was locked down.

- Sales of Peruvian crafts
We held our regular craft stall in Guildford. A number of our supporters have also bought our crafts and cards which we promote on our website and we have had several online sales. We had a special campaign to promote our sales of Christmas cards made in Las Laderas.
- Schools
We were unable to continue this activity though we are always willing to discuss activities with schools and can tailor programmes to suit particular needs of schools, including educational and drama workshops, sessions with Peruvian musicians, and craft sales. This has previously also been an important part of our public awareness work, enabling us both to use schools as outlets for our Peruvian crafts, and to collaborate with teachers to introduce Peru into their curriculum, and Project Peru in particular.

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- **Volunteers**
We have been prevented by the pandemic from involving our volunteers in UK activities. Additionally, we have not had our regular and varied number of volunteers and visitors to the project in Peru. Such support normally provides income for us through individual sponsorship as well as providing income locally in Peru through contributions by volunteers. In addition to raising money for us before they go to Peru we hope we can also encourage everyone who visits our refuge to continue to make a contribution to the charity in future years.
- **Cargo to Peru**
This procedure has also been stopped by the pandemic. In normal times we receive large quantities of donated goods in the UK which we sort, pack, load and deliver for onward shipment to Peru in an annual consignment. We try to respond to the direct needs expressed by our colleagues in Peru with whom we are in close contact on a regular basis. We continue to rely on the generosity of commercial, educational and private donors, of our volunteers, and of the shipping and road transport companies who have supported us over many years. We normally distribute goods far beyond our own refuge and are continuing to develop a wide range of contacts with isolated communities in need of these goods and have been identifying new ones.

Achievements and performance in Peru in 2021-2 (based on reports from our Director in Peru, Karina Alza Gomez)

Children and adolescents

In Perú the pandemic continued throughout 2021 and, with it, the dramatic events which marked Peruvian lives in different ways, especially the lives of many children of all ages who were affected in their physical or mental health, in their social development and in their educational experiences. However, with the arrival of a 'new normal', many of them, in the face of the severe economic needs of their families and the complex demands for fair employment, opted to leave education completely and take up casual work or even to turn to crime and delinquency.

Fortunately, in spite of this situation, at the refuge we carried on with our work and in 2021 we were able to care for 46 boys, girls and adolescents of differing ages and to offer them all-round support; 8 of them were referred to us by the government's Special Protection Unit and 38 came to us through family agreements. Of these, 30 were at primary level, 10 in secondary and one preparing for university. All were following virtual education and in co-ordination with our education support-team led by Veronika Saavedra and Alberto Ascencios, along with some of our returning former residents, we were able to have successful educational outcomes for all of our young people.

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But not everything was based on their studies: they also enjoyed other recreational, relaxing activities outside the refuge, including outings, walks to the sea, and invitations to a local swimming pool. They also enjoyed activities in the refuge including sports days, football competitions, table-football, basketball, volley-ball and marbles competitions as well as film evenings and various other games, giving everyone a great deal of entertainment.

This year, too, some of our young people prepared for their Confirmation and First Communion; the classes were virtual, though the ceremony itself was carried out face-to-face.

We should also mention that at all times the children have had emotional support as well as psychological and social support, whether individually or in group therapy sessions, under the leadership of Laura Gálvez and Gianinna Farfán.

The children's families and guardians

This year, as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions, the guardians or relations of the children were not able to attend our regular training sessions or talks, nor to attend the shared work sessions in the refuge; nevertheless they were able to visit the young people in a co-ordinated way at weekends, with all due protection measures in place. On those days our multidisciplinary team was able to speak with them within the fixed timetable of their visits.

Staff

Several of our staff team were still not able to return to actual employment during this year; such was the case with Veronika and Alberto who were both able to work virtually. In the case of the house-mothers we relied on the contributions of Antonia Garro, Ana Moreno, Rosa Romani and Edith Paucar, although it was with great sadness that we must report that our dear Edith died in February, which was a great shock to us all, children and staff alike.

Our psychology department was led by Dr. Laura Gálvez and our social work department by Gianinna Farfán, who graduated in Social Work. The gardens were in the capable hands of Zenón Olortegui and Rodolfo Espinoza. We should also mention the participation of two of our former residents, Joselyn and Preciosa, who helped us with educational support sessions.

Our administration was in the hands of Josué Jaime Cardenas and our new Accountant was Carlos Limo, following the sad death of Emilio Reyes during the previous year. Karina Alza Gomez continues as Director.

All our staff, as in previous years, have been offered support for 50% of health bills as well as the full costs of all Covid-related tests and, if necessary, for Covid treatments in full. This is a Project Peru initiative.

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This year too, inside the refuge, we were able to have a number of staff gatherings with music, dancing, and traditional food, using the open spaces we have at the refuge.

The local community

As a consequence of the pandemic and of the external donations we received during the year Project Peru has supported in different ways a total of 80 local soup and community kitchens: each one has at least 30 people who rely on them for basic nutrition. We have been able to give bags of staple food supplies for their participants, as well as donations of clothing and toys for their children throughout the year as well as at Christmas.

Land and buildings

We were able to carry out our annual programmes of painting and decorating, and the fumigation of all areas of the refuge as well as to re-charge and repair any damaged fire equipment, as required.

Our gardens

Our kitchen garden, our 'Secret Garden', has continued to be developed, growing a variety of products such as yucca, carrots, beetroot, radishes, squashes, lettuce, together with herbs such as mint, oregano, camomile and lemon grass, and fruits such as oranges, bananas, blackberries, and more. These products were harvested and served in dining-room at the refuge and occasionally surplus produce was sold locally or to staff. They have helped all concerned be aware of the care needed to grow such produce in a natural way, thus developing the children's awareness of an economically sustainable culture. Everyone helped with the planting, harvesting, cooking and clearing up. We have also continued our duck breeding project both for our own consumption and for sale.

In summary

As can be appreciated throughout this report and from the photographic evidence we provide, much of which can be seen on Project Peru's web-site, in spite of the crisis caused by the pandemic, we have been able to continue our work with our usual determination and enthusiasm. We have met all our objectives while striving for a future with justice and equality for everyone in our refuge and beyond.

We are profoundly grateful to all those who collaborate with us to make all this possible, and especially to our many long-term supporters whose help is invaluable.

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Our Committee in Peru was only able to meet virtually during the year. We have continued with the same members of the committee as in previous years, the committee being Karina Alza Gomez as Director and Legal Representative of Project Peru, Timoteo Ramos, and Rosa Romero.

Plans for the next 12 months

Main goals

- to react to the longer-term social and economic effects of the pandemic both in the UK and in Peru.
- to fund our 'core' work in Peru relating to running our refuge and to develop more community activities, enabling us to maintain the number of children we can care for, and to further improve the living and working conditions at the refuge and in the local communities.
- to provide educational support and to improve educational opportunities for our younger children, with more extra curricula activities where possible.
- to work towards assuring a better and more secure future for our children as they reach their late teens and need to run their own lives.
- Where possible to secure access to government grants in Peru for funds for higher education for disadvantaged people especially individual grants under the government's Beca-18 scheme.
- to take advantage of funds and commitments already made to construct our long-awaited boys' hostel and staff accommodation on the site designated for this purpose during 2022-3.
- to develop new advice systems and opportunities for employment for those leaving the refuge.
- to develop new and more specific opportunities for volunteering in the refuge and in the wider community.
- to undertake more social initiatives in the local community and further afield.
- to look for fresh or innovative ways of fundraising in the UK.
- to explore new ways to seek local funding in Peru for the project and to encourage Peruvian individuals, organisations and institutions to become more involved.

Our ongoing work

- fund raising in the UK and in Peru to cover the running costs for our children's refuge in Peru.
- maintenance and upkeep work on the buildings at our refuge.
- fund raising for new projects at the refuge and in the wider community.
- UK sponsored events run by Project Peru including, crafts sales, educational and cultural and public awareness activities, and recruitment of volunteers.

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- In particular, to encourage others to undertake take fund raising initiatives funds, such a sponsorship for their individual challenges or initiatives.

Longer term plans and activities will, it is expected, be broadly similar in future years. Funding for all activities will continue as outlined in the Annual Report.

We expect that many of the UK-based fund-raising activities will remain similar to those outlined in the above report.

Financial report

Results for the year

Total receipts for the year were £108k which was £51k lower than last year's level of £159k mainly due to three one off fund raising initiatives last year . Overhead costs were, as always, kept to a minimum and £86k (2021 - £65k) was sent out to Lima to cover the running costs of the refuge and new building work.

Analysis of receipts

Voluntary receipts

These include gifts and donations and the related tax reclaimed under gift aid. During the year £71k was raised from voluntary receipts of which £21k (2021 - £28k) was from regular donations. This year's levels of Voluntary receipts are higher than normal due to a one off legacy.

Activities for generating funds

Activities include fund raising activities and sponsorship along with the related tax reclaimed under gift aid, providing goods and services that are not for the charity's beneficiaries, and income from selling bought in goods. Income in this category was £33k (2021 - £108k) – last year included £73k from one-off events.

Trading activities

Income from selling Peruvian goods at various craft markets throughout the year raised £4k which was broadly in line with levels seen in the previous year.

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Analysis of payments

Direct charitable payments

Included £86k of funds sent to Peru to cover the costs of running the refuge and building.

Other costs

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Trading activities	3,601		3,601	2,531
Bank interest	700		700	888
Total receipts	108,352		108,352	159,428
Payments				
Direct charitable expenses	86,504		86,504	65,593
Cost of generating voluntary funds	904		904	951
Fund raising costs	2,671		2,671	2,128
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Net of receipts and payments	18,273		18,273	90,756
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	238,064	80,000	318,064	227,308
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Cash funds			
Current accounts	99,621		99,621
Deposit accounts	156,716	80,000	236,716
Total	256,337	80,000	336,337

Signed on behalf of all trustees

C Hudson
9 January 2023

H Cooke
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Independent Examiner’s Report

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**On accounts for the
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Signed:

Corinne Sloan

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2 January 2023

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Corinne Sloan

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Section B

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Supporting our refuge is our core activity. We are indebted to all our volunteers in the UK and in Peru and to the huge faith in our work that is demonstrated by our many individual donors in the UK and elsewhere, as well as by our many supporters in the private sector, in educational institutions, churches, voluntary groups and local authorities.

Public information about Project Peru

We continue to develop our website (<http://www.projectperu.org.uk>) and we constantly keep this under review, and refresh where possible with topical items and relevant pages. We also have a Face-book page <http://www.facebook.com/projectperu.org.uk>. Both of these are designed to meet our need to inform the public about our activities in UK and in Peru, as a tool for public awareness, to enhance our fund-raising efforts, to attract new volunteers, while at the same time to respect the privacy and safety of our children.

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We regularly update the 'News' pages on our website with items about our activities in Peru and in the UK, promoting these News items as widely as we can.

We produce a limited amount of presentational material and leaflets that are available on request and at our fundraising events.

We normally promote the charity through public speaking engagements including in churches and schools, and with Rotary Clubs and other community-based groups, and we encourage our volunteers to do the same. This was not possible this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Achievements and performance

UK achievements

Most of our income normally has come from our own direct fundraising initiatives and regular donations, as well as from sponsorship and contributions made by volunteers before going to Peru, and by other supporters, not necessarily those who have known us before. We want to encourage more of this type of support in future especially through fundraising initiatives by others. These funds are used specifically for our core work in running our refuge.

In spite of everything we had another successful year as shown in our Treasurer's report, due to sustained help from many of our long-term supporters, with the result that

- we have again met our target of sending sufficient funds in order to support our refuge in Lima, even though our usual fundraising activities in the UK have not been possible
- we have provided funds to maintain and refurbish our existing buildings in Peru, to further develop the facilities in our refuge and to support our special projects.
- where funds have been raised in the UK for specific projects in the refuge or in the wider community we have been able to ensure that these have been completed.
- we continued to retain funds in the UK as a contingency reserve at the previous year's level and receive a small amount of interest on our savings accounts.

The funds we have raised have specifically enabled us to:

- Provide food and facilities for the children who live in our refuge.
- Pay the wages in Peru for our full time and part time employees and provide staff training and support.
- Develop educational, social, sporting and cultural activities in our refuge.
- Meet the educational costs for our children particularly with reference to the establishment and supervision of a Covid-related virtual

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education programme as all the schools have been closed, now since March 2019, and to continue to support the further education of some of our older girls after they have left school.

- Continue to develop the structural facilities at our refuge, maintaining and refurbishing the existing buildings, so as to provide safe, comfortable and appropriate facilities that are fully compliant with the local health and safety requirements which change constantly.
- Develop our special projects, our kitchen garden project providing fruit and vegetables for the refuge, and our library project enabling our children to grow up with access to reading and reference materials.
- Participate in community initiatives including the distribution of emergency food supplies during the height of the pandemic.

Project Peru's traditional fundraising events and activities in the UK

These were almost all cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with a severe impact on our normal fundraising and our ability to attract and involve new people in our work.

We were delighted to receive financial support from known and previously unknown supporters. In spite of the situation in 2020 and the first months of 2021... not everything was locked down or off-limits!

- 7-year old twins cycled 200 miles in England in a month, just 4 months after learning to ride.
 - A team from a company that has supported us for years collectively ran, walked or cycled 7,461km during one month in a number of countries worldwide, this being the total distance of Peru's land borders ... at £1 per km.
 - A supporter in USA participated in his company's global '10,000km' event by running 42km and cycling 180km in a week.
 - Four UK supporters ran their own 10km in a 'virtual London 10km' replicating an event which had been cancelled.
 - Two youngsters made neighbourhood deliveries of surplus herbs and from their mother's kitchen garden during the early days of a Welsh lockdown for a small donation to Project Peru.
- Sales of Peruvian crafts
We held our regular craft stall in Guildford for just a few days. A number of our supporters have also bought our crafts and cards and we have had some online sales.
 - Schools
We were unable to continue this activity though we are always willing to discuss activities with schools and can tailor programmes to suit

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particular needs of schools, including educational and drama workshops, sessions with Peruvian musicians, and craft sales. This is also an important part of our public awareness work and enables us both to use schools as outlets for our Peruvian crafts, and to collaborate with teachers to introduce Peru into their curriculum, and Project Peru in particular.

- **Volunteers**
We were effectively prevented by the pandemic from involving our volunteers in any UK activities, as well as our regular and varied number of volunteers and visitors to the project in Peru. Such support normally provides income for us through sponsorship as well as providing income locally in Peru through contributions by volunteers. In addition to raising money for us before they go to Peru we hope we can also encourage everyone who visits our refuge to continue to make a contribution to the charity in future years. We are delighted that an analysis of our donors shows that here is still a good number of previous 'Peru volunteers', and in several cases their family members too, who are regular donors.
- **Cargo to Peru**
This process was also stopped by the pandemic and we have had a cargo ready to go since March 2019. In normal times we receive large quantities of donated goods in the UK which we sort pack load and deliver for onward shipment to Peru in an annual consignment. We try to respond to the direct needs expressed by our colleagues in Peru with whom we are in close contact on a regular basis. We continue to rely on the generosity of commercial, educational and private donors, of our volunteers, and of the shipping and road transport companies who have supported us over many years. We normally distribute goods far beyond our own refuge and are continuing to develop a wide range of contacts with isolated communities in need of these goods, and have been identifying new ones.

Achievements and performance in Peru in 2020-21 (based on reports from our Director in Peru)

As we are aware, this year the Covid-19 pandemic took the whole world by surprise; the fact is that in the most marginalised areas of Peru people were already facing difficult challenges so the pandemic had even more serious consequences. Many lost their jobs and this prejudiced their economic situation, which in turn limited their already fragile access to both health and education services. But the greatest and most lasting damage has been done to the thousands of children and teenagers who were orphaned, homes and families destroyed, leaving scars that are as yet impossible to define. Both children and young people left with damaged mental health and with no access to 'virtual education' as they have no technology, no access to the internet; all this results in a massive educational collapse.

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In the refuge setting up a virtual education programme was one of our prime targets. Thankfully we already had some computers with access to the internet, though not enough for all the children. However, the programme which the schools used was via WhatsApp which required each child to have his or her own device. (It can be imagined how that worked where there was no access to basic services let alone the technology or internet access). Fortunately, with an emergency strategic plan, we succeeded in getting access to their appropriate classes for all the children, and little by little, with help from a number of supporters, we acquired enough mobile devices to allow independent study for all our secondary pupils, and so they have achieved the best results possible in the circumstances.

It goes without saying that in the refuge the virtual classes took up a great deal of time, but we have also been carried out a wide range of other activities including sports competitions, participation in celebrations for Mothers' Day, Easter and other festivals, as well as the usual celebrations and birthday parties for both children and staff alike. Dance, gardening, books and board games still play an important role.

As we always say and prove, the refuge is an oasis; the children reach us very damaged, but with respect, patience, tolerance and above all, love, we set out to heal them; they reach our refuge so they can go on being children, enjoying this stage of their life with no worries but with joy, far from any damaging influences.

At the start of the pandemic, in accord with the national requirements, several staff members had to stop working in order to stay isolated at home; some, especially the house mothers, stayed in isolation in the refuge with the children. For all of us this was a new experience and a challenge, coping with the new rules and protocols, with virtual classes, with care and ongoing procedures to cope with Covid-19.

Fortunately, we have a fantastic team of colleagues and in collaboration with the UK committee we set up a contingency plan, acquired fingertip pulse oximeters, an oxygen cylinder, digital thermometers, blood glucose meters, PPE protection, masks and disinfection equipment; we arranged Covid tests for the staff as a protection or to give alerts on any sign of infection, in which case we arranged all treatment necessary with medicine or oxygen, as indicated by the clinics they were attending; if the house mothers tested positive and wished to remain in the refuge they stayed in isolation from the children and were looked after by one specific nurse. We also gave support for the treatment of some of the children's relatives or guardians, delivering food supplies and medication to their doors. All medical services in Peru require payment,

Sadly, in spite of all these efforts, the virus meant that we lost several very dear colleagues, including Estelita Levano, a house-mother for 13 years, Emilio Reyes, our accountant for over 20 years, relatives of some of our

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children, several family members of our staff, and Maria Sylva von Bomsdorff who presided over our committee in Peru as a legal representative of Project Peru for 14 years. To all of these we pay homage, they will always be in our hearts and thoughts and they leave us a marvellous legacy of patience, dedication and love, a wonderful example to follow. A tree was planted in memory of Estelita so she is always with us.

It is important to mention that our work is not limited to the refuge itself, but thanks to the support we receive and to our membership of several local food banks that give us weekly donations of food supplies, we were able to act as a distribution hub for supplies to 50 emergency community kitchens, and '*ollas comunes*' [shared cooking pots], or to vulnerable families living in the shanty towns high up in the local sandy desert hills. This community work supporting the most marginalised fills us with joy as we bring smiles to the faces of so many.

We are also delighted to highlight the progress we have made with our kitchen garden in which we grow a wide variety of vegetables and fruits to supplement the meals our dining room, as well as our duck breeding project, and the development of awareness raising programmes around the recycling, especially of plastic bottles and cans. It is important for everyone in our refuge to be aware of the environment.

Once more many thanks to the whole Project Peru team, to the Committee and to all supporters who share our vision. Their support and friendship enable us to enjoy the fantastic place that we have, *la Casa Hogar*, our refuge.

Our Committee in Peru was only able to meet virtually during the year. We have continued with the same members of the committee as in previous years following the loss of María Sylva von Bomsdorff in June 2020, the committee being Karina Alza Gomez as Director and Legal Representative of Project Peru, Timoteo Ramos, and Rosa Romero. Again, we were extremely sad to lose Maria Silva who will be sorely missed in so many ways, both for her leadership and advice in our Committee, but also as a long-term friend and supporter of Proyecto Perú.

Plans for the next 12 months

Main goals

- to react to the longer-term social and economic effects of the pandemic both in the UK and in Peru
- to fund our 'core' work in Peru relating to running our refuge and to develop more community activities, enabling us to maintain the number of children we can care for, and to further improve the living and working conditions at the refuge and in the local communities.

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- to further develop and strengthen our library project and our kitchen garden project.
- to provide educational support and to improve educational opportunities for our younger children, with more extra curricula activities where possible.
- to work towards assuring a better and more secure future for our children as they reach their late teens and need to run their own lives.
- to continue to seek funds for a boys' hostel on the site designated for this purpose.
- to develop new advice systems and opportunities for employment for those leaving the refuge.
- to develop new and more specific opportunities for volunteering in the refuge and in the wider community.
- to undertake more social initiatives in the local community and further afield.
- to look for fresh or innovative ways of fundraising in the UK.
- to explore new ways to seek funding in Peru for the project and to involve Peruvian individuals, organisations and institutions to become more involved.

Our ongoing work

- fund raising in the UK and in Peru to cover the running costs for our children's refuge in Peru.
- maintenance and upkeep work on the buildings at our refuge.
- fund raising for new projects at the refuge and in the wider community.
- UK sponsored events run by ourselves including, crafts sales, educational and cultural and public awareness activities, and recruitment of volunteers.
- to encourage others to undertake take fund raising initiatives funds, such a sponsorship for their individual challenges or initiatives.

Longer term plans and activities will, it is expected, be broadly similar in future years. Funding for all activities will continue as outlined in the Annual Report.

With specific funding we hope to develop our activities beyond our principal focus, which is to support our refuge. We expect that many of the UK-based fund-raising activities will remain similar to those outlined in the above report.

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Financial report

Results for the year

Total receipts for the year were £159k which was £70k higher than last year's level of £89k mainly due to two fund raising initiatives which generated a total of £62k. Overhead costs were, as always, kept to a minimum and £65k (2020 - £82k) was sent out to Lima to cover the running costs of the refuge. As it is uncertain as to what fund-raising we will be able to do going forward into 2022, it is good to know that there is a higher level of reserves at the end of this financial year, which will hopefully cover any shortfall in income as we come out of the pandemic.

Analysis of receipts

Voluntary receipts

These include gifts and donations and the related tax reclaimed under gift aid. During the year £48k was raised from voluntary receipts of which £28k (2020 - £30k) was from regular donations.

Activities for generating funds

Activities include fund raising activities and sponsorship along with the related tax reclaimed under gift aid, providing goods and services that are not for the charity's beneficiaries, and income from selling bought in goods. Two very successful "one-off" fundraising events and the Corona crisis fund meant that we were ahead of last year.

Trading activities

Income from selling Peruvian goods at various craft markets throughout the year raised £3k which was broadly in line with levels seen in the previous year.

Analysis of payments

Direct charitable payments

Included £65k of funds sent to Peru to cover the costs of running the refuge and building work at the refuge.

Other costs

As always costs have been kept at a minimum and are in line with last year.

Payroll

The charity has no paid staff the UK and relies entirely on volunteers for the organisation and administration of the charity, fund raising activities and the promotion of the charity.

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Accounts for the 12 months to 31 March 2021

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary receipts	48,390		48,390	43,380
Activities for generating funds	107,619		107,619	41,597
Trading activities	2,531		2,531	3,476
Bank interest	888		888	1,032
Total receipts	159,428		159,428	89,485
Payments				
Direct charitable expenses	65,593		65,593	83,700
Cost of generating voluntary funds	951		951	1,629
Fund raising costs	2,128		2,128	3,660
Total payments	68,672		68,672	88,989
Net of receipts and payments	90,756		90,756	496
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	147,308	80,000	227,308	226,812
Cash funds this year end	238,064	80,000	318,064	227,308

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Cash funds			
Current accounts	81,371		81,371
Deposit accounts	156,693	80,000	236,693
Total	238,064	80,000	318,064

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Notes to the accounts

These accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Accounting policies

The accounting policies have not changed since the previous year and are summarised below:

1. Receipts

Recognition of receipts – receipts are accounted for when the charity receives the cash.

Receipts with related expenditure – the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the receipts and payments account.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts – tax reclaims are accounted for when the cash is received.

Gifts in kind – gifts in kind are not given a value as this is impractical.

Proceeds of the sale of any such gifts are shown in the category of activities generating funds. Gifts include second-hand clothing, household goods and tools which are shipped to the refuge in Lima and either used in the refuge or distributed directly to those in need in the local communities. Gifts in kind also includes shipping, the use of garages for storage granted by Guildford Borough Council, catering supplies donated by various businesses, and the waiver of hire charges for venues used for fund raising activities.

Volunteer help – the value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustee's annual report.

2. Payments

Recognition of payments - payments are recognised when the cash payment is made.

3. Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost more than £500.

Signed on behalf of all trustees

C. Hudson [signature]
Date 18th January 2022

H. Cooke [signature]
Date 18th January 2022

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Section A

Independent Examiner’s Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Project Peru

**On accounts for the
year ended**

31 March 2021

Charity no

1049413

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and 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 year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner’s statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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.

