

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/04/22 to 31/03/23

Section A - Reference and administration details

Charity Name Kids at School in Nepal (Kasin) **Reg. no.** 1111461

Principal address.

Mr. P. Wherity

Wishing Well Croft, Hanlith, Skipton, North Yorks. BD23 4BP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Appointed / reappointed
1. Patrick Wherity	Secretary, Treasurer		April 2021
2. Arthur Benbow	President		April 2021
3. Jill Deeley			April 2021
5. Elizabeth Wherity	Chairperson		April 2021
6. Pamela Ingram			April 2021
7. John Peet			January 2021
8. Sophie Wild			August 2021
9. Jane Southward			November 2021
10. Mahesh Adhikari			August 2021
11. Padam Simkhada			February 2023

We declare that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public benefit

The trustees of the charity do not claim expenses, we do not employ anybody directly or have an office. All the money we collect is used to help provide opportunities for needy communities in Nepal

Section B. Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document – Declaration of Trust

How the charity is constituted - Charitable Trust

Trustee selection methods - Elected by trustees

Additional governance issues

The wider network with which the charity works;	We work with The Holy Himalaya Trust, Kumbeshwar Technical School, The Jesuit Society and Green Tara Nepal in Nepal, the Pahar Trust in the UK and the Italian Charity Friuli Mandi. We have been supported by the Rotary Clubs of Skipton and Settle and the expat Nepali community in the UK. We are a member of BRANNGO (Britain and Nepal NGOs) and part of the BRANNGO Education working group. We are currently working with the Ganga Jamuna Rural Municipality, Green Tara (a Nepali NGO) and the Alumni of Tamang Kharka School on a 5 year project.
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The trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

See our Risk Assessment document which is reviewed and updated each year

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN NEPAL, PROVIDING SUPPORT TO ANY EDUCATIONAL PROJECT IN NEPAL BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have rebuilt the primary school at Dhandakharka after it was destroyed in the 2015 earthquake. • We have built a hostel at Mantari to allow girl students that otherwise would live too far away from the agricultural college at Phulkharka to attend school. • We have provided resources and teacher training to a cluster of schools in the Ganga Jamuna rural municipality. • We have provided Wi-Fi, solar panels, biogas and computers for the hostel at Mantari • We are facilitating the sponsorship of 64 Children to attend St Xavier's, Deonia and Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur. Without our help, these children would have no formal education. • We provide half of the food for the Hostel at Kumbeshwar on an annual basis and pay the salary for 2 of their Primary School teachers. • We are funding the salary of teachers and teaching assistants to run 6 After School Clubs. These After School clubs are overseen by our After School manager and training given to the teachers by our After School Trainer. • We have facilitated the supply of clean water and a sanitation block at Tamang Kharka school through the Kadoorie Charitable Trust. • We are currently involved in a 5-year project at Tamang Kharka providing the training and salary for a School and Community Health Promotion Officer and a teacher trainer. • For the last 2 years, Manisha our health promotion officer has carried out a survey of about 1800 children in Tamang Kharka and its feeder schools to discover the reasons for school dropout and underperformance. • Manisha has delivered health education classes to the students, trained teachers to be health coordinators at the feeder schools and organised a dental health camp. During Covid she supplied much needed PPE and delivered COVID awareness sessions to the local community • For the last year, Moin, our teacher trainer, has conducted baseline tests to discover the level of English in Tamang Kharka and its feeder schools. He has and continues to deliver teacher training. He has helped us to set up a Teacher's Resource Centre at Tamang Kharka School to be used by Tamang Kharka and its feeder primary schools.

Section D Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 5-Year plan at Tamang Kharka

This is the final year of the plan. We are working with The Nepali NGO Green Tara Nepal, the Ganga Jamuna Rural Municipality and the alumni of Tamang Kharka School to try and improve teaching and learning outcomes at Tamang Kharka School.

We have made considerable progress this year

- This has been to last year of our contract with Manisha our Health Promotion Officer. She has been a huge asset to the community over the last 2 years. This year she has continued to deliver Health Education sessions to the school and the local community. She has trained one teacher from each school to deliver health education in the future. One of the major problems is dental health and in January 2023 Manisha organised a dental health camp for over 2000 children which was a huge success. Manisha's contract has now finished but we continue to hear great things from the community about her work over the last 2 years.
- In June, we appointed Moin Uddin as our teacher trainer to try and improve the delivery of English teaching particularly in the primary feeder schools. He started by giving baseline tests to the younger children. These will be repeated at the end of the year to assess progress. Moin has delivered demonstration lessons, held teacher training sessions and coordinated the setting up of a Teacher's Resource Centre to be used by Tamang Kharka and the surrounding feeder schools. Moin will remain in post until June 2023.
- Costs this year have been **£3,000** to provide COVID PPE, **£4,500** each for Manisha and Moin's salary, **£2,810** for Health Education training, **£4,000** to set up the Teachers Resource Centre and **£2,450** to run the Dental Health Camp.

This 2-year Health and Education project has been very successful and we have had many requests from the local community to extend it. Finances permitting, we will consider rolling it out in adjacent Wards of Ganga Jamuna Municipality.

The Kumbeshwar Technical School (KTS)

We have long recognised the fantastic work That KTS has been doing in Kathmandu. KTS was initially established to assist the local Pode community of street sweepers because, as a caste of untouchables, these people had been denied education and employment opportunities. The rest of society shunned them, and it was virtually impossible to break free of the traditional caste occupations of street sweepers, butchers and small farmers. A childcare project for street cleaning workers was established, followed by adult literacy classes and a nutrition and health clinic, which included an immunisation programme. In 1984, KTS opened a primary school and introduced a carpet weaving training programme for adults. The KTS organisation today encompasses a free nursery and primary school for 250 children and offers welfare and education for up to 25 orphan/semi-orphan children in the KTS hostel. KTS provides vocational training for women and young men in carpet weaving, hand knitting and carpentry. KTS supports Fair Trade. We are always very careful to monitor the well-being of the children and to verify that there are no safeguarding issues. We continue to be of the opinion that KTS do an excellent job of caring and providing educational opportunities for abandoned and destitute children that would otherwise

have to live in dire circumstances. They also employ some of the mothers of the children that have to be taken into care. Many of the children are placed by social services. This year we have paid **£3,000** to KTS to provide half of the annual food for the hostel and **£3,491** to pay the salary for 2 of their primary school teachers.

The After School Clubs

We now support 6 After School Clubs.

- The After School Club 1. in the Kathmandu valley where we fund a teacher and 2 assistants at an annual cost of **£1,000**. It has gone from strength to strength and there are now over 25 children that attend. The local community have become enthusiastically involved. This has been a very successful project as evidenced by the increasing student numbers and the increasing support from the local community. We had a great welcome when we visited the school in November when we were treated to dancing and singing. We provided a digital projector, books and resources and paid for roof insulation.
- After School 2. Phulkharka annual cost of **£1,000**. Liz and I were given a great welcome by the community and the children, Liz did a bit of teaching with the new resources and Pat set up the new laptop and projector. Ram and Balkumari, the 2 teachers are really good. This will be our “model” After School and we encouraged other primary schools and communities that were thinking of having their own After School Clubs to visit. This Club has been running for just over a year and when sitting their annual tests at the local school, the children have massively improved their class positions. The Ward Chairman was extremely impressed and is keen to do this in other communities in his district. We have appointed Ram to be our After School's coordinator and trainer (**£1,500/yr**) to visit the other After Schools and help train the teachers. We also pay Raju (**£300/yr**) to act as our After Schools manager.
- After School 3. Yarsa. Annual cost of **£1,000**. About 40 children attend this, some before school and some after school. The teacher is doing really well although she has to use one of the school classrooms and has to bring all her resources with her each day. We negotiated with the Head Teacher and he will be happy for her to leave her resources in his office from now on.
- After School 4. Kurintar Annual cost of **£1,000**, building costs **£4,627** (Yak Brewery to pay the other half) In November we attended the opening ceremony We had an amazing welcome in the dark with speeches, singing and dancing. The building was amazing and the teachers were enthusiastic but quite nervous. We visited them again the day after and they were helping the children with their homework. They need some more training and Raju has it in hand.
- After School 5 Dangsing. This was opened in January 2023 and is coordinated by Dipu.. Currently 29 children attend and use one of the buildings at Ganga Jamuna School. Again, we pay the salary of 2 teachers (**£1,000/yr**) plus **£750** set up costs for furniture and carpets.
- After School 6. Dhandakharka. This also opened in January in the school that we rebuilt after the earthquake. This is coordinated by Sangita Adhikari who teaches there. Again, we pay the salary of 2 teachers (**£1,000/yr**)
- We have also paid for digital projectors, laptops books and other educational resources for all the After Schools as well as roof insulation for After School1. (**£3,757**)

After School Clubs are one of the most cost-effective ways of improving education and reducing school dropout in these communities. Often in these marginalised communities, parents are illiterate and cannot support children with their homework. The After School Club gives them a safe place to be when they finish school, an opportunity of help with their homework and often a more varied and effective learning environment than they receive at school.

Dhandakharka School .

Liz and Pat visited the school in November. They had installed the new whiteboards and we had a meeting with the school and community to lay the plans for After School number 6. This was to be for a 1-year trial period which could be extended if successful.

The Student Hostel at Mantari

The students have continued to live and study at the hostel throughout the lockdown. There are 4 girls and 6 boys and they are all from the remote Ruby Valley region where there was no option for further education. They grow most of their food and attend Mandali Secondary School. They have a male teacher and female housekeeper to look after them. We visited them in March and again in November. They seem happy and well organised.

The Student Sponsorship at Deonia.

We have paid **£4,900** to sponsor 64 Children to attend St Xavier's, Deonia and Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur. The amount of sponsorship the children get is dependent on their family situation.

We visited the schools in March and talked to several groups of students about their experiences at school and about their hopes for the future. They spoke very good English and many wanted to progress to higher education at the local college. (Very impressive, as their families speak no English and most of them have never had any formal education). In July we also sent them **£1,500** to pay for books and uniforms.

BRANNGO

KASIN is a member of BRANNGO (The Britain and Nepal NGO network) and are now able to access their data base and to attend their conferences, the most recent being held in the Nepali Embassy in London. We are part of the BRANNGO Education Working Group. The cost is **£35/yr** and along with international bank transfer charges is our only expense in the UK. BRANNGO is an excellent forum for discussion, providing access to baseline tests, books and training videos for our project in Tamang Kharka.

Section E - Financial review

The financial statements show receipts for the year of **£43,861**

Regular monthly donations bring in approximately -

- **£5,400** for KTS hostel food and the salary of 2 primary teachers.
- **£5000** for Jhapa student sponsorship
- **£5,000** for our general fund

Each year we have to fund raise for the rest by giving presentations, organising local fundraising events such as social evenings and sales of Nepali goods.

This year Mahesh and the Nepali Community in Peterborough organised a fundraiser which raised **£2,500**.

We have had a donation of **£17,000** from David Taylor.

£1,500 from Settle Rotary

£1250 from Skipton Rotary

£500 from the Hinkley singers

Pat and Liz have given presentations to both Ermysted's and Giggleswick Schools and we are likely to receive donations from them before the end of the financial year.

A Fundraising Evening at Elsworth's in Skipton, organised by Liz raised **£1,650**

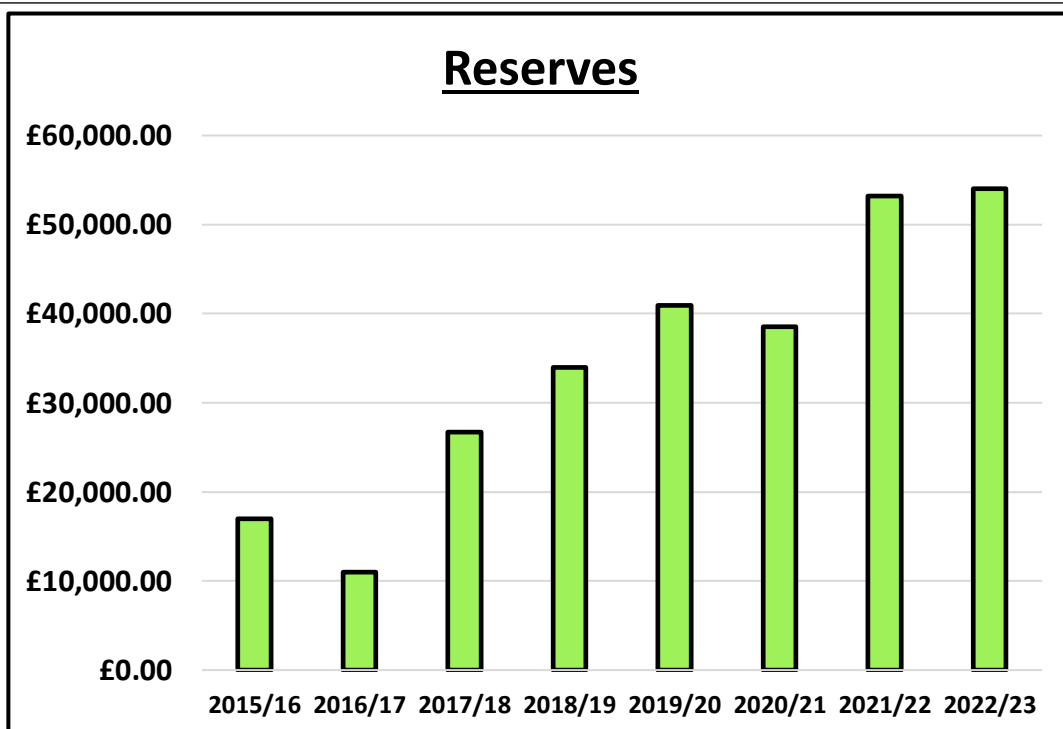
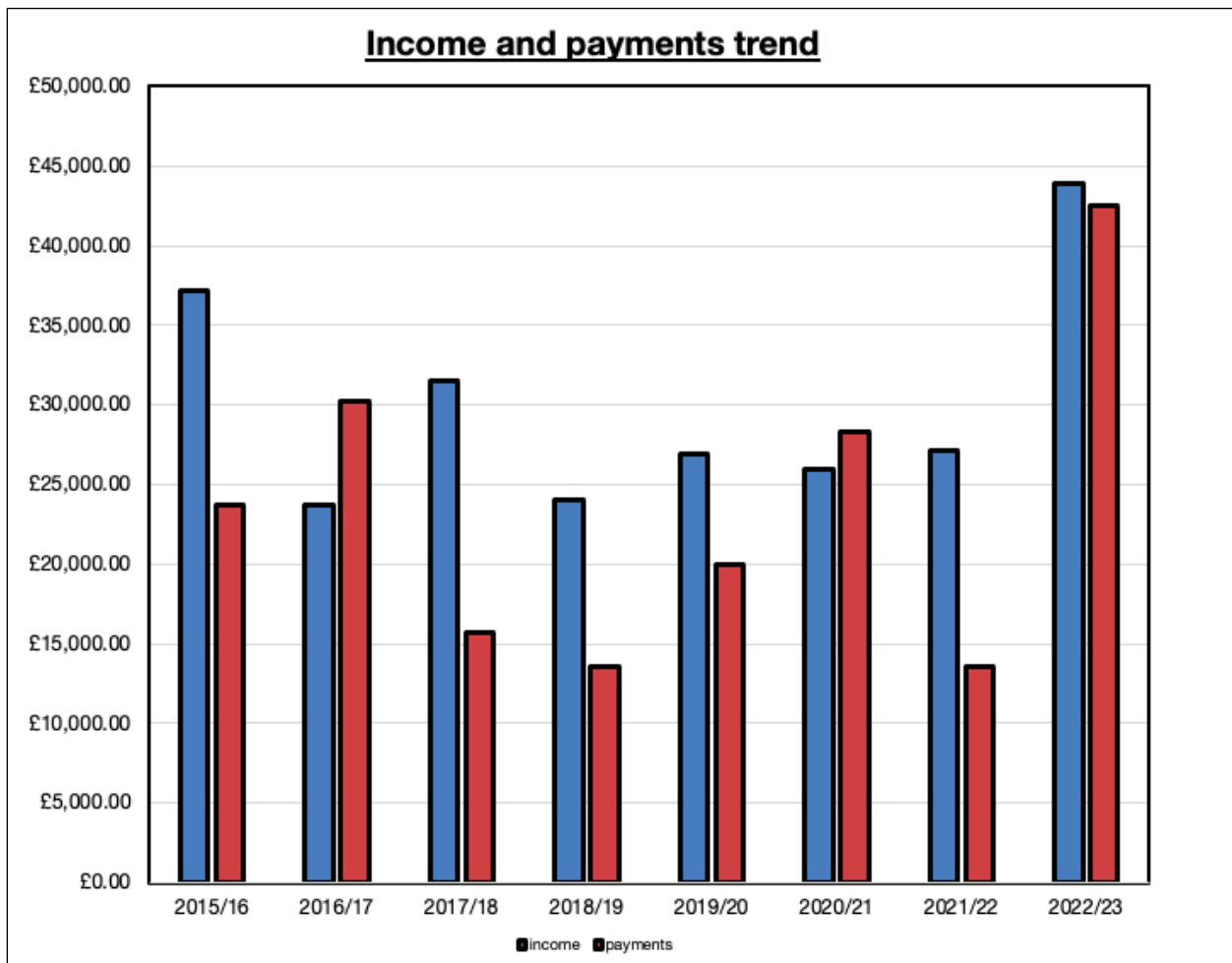
John has given presentations to various groups and once again has sold home produced honey, home grown vegetables and produced calendars, raising **£640**

Our Total Payments for this year have been **£42,642**

We currently have a surplus of **£54,407** (**£45,200** of this is in a 32-day notice account)

Regular outgoings –

In addition to our KTS and Jhapa commitments, we pay **£7,800 /year** for after the school salaries and we have a potential commitment to fund the extension of our health education project in Ganga Jamuna.

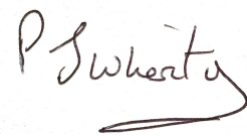



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Section G - Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<u>Signatures</u>		
<u>Full Names</u>	Patrick Joseph Wherity	John Milner Finch Peet
<u>Position held</u>	Secretary and treasurer	Trustee

Dated 01/04/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

name

Kids at School in Nepal

Charity Commission No. 1111461

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/04/2022

To 31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	This year to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts	£43,861.00	£27,182.00
Total receipts	£43,861.00	£27,182.00
A3 Payments		
In UK	£394.00	£135.00
In Nepal	£42,248.00	£13,491.00
total payments	£42,642.00	£13,626.00

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

Signature

P.J. Wherity

Signature

J.F. Peet

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kids at School
in Nepal (KASIN) for the year ending 31st March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of KASIN for the year ending 31st March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of KASIN you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

The charity does not require a full independent examination as it does not meet the turnover asset threshold. Nonetheless they have requested an examination in the interests of good governance. I have performed a limited scope review and report as follows;

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my limited examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of KASIN as required by section 130 of The Act. Or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name KEVIN WHARTON

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Date 3/5/23