

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/04/23 to 31/03/24

Section A - Reference and administration details

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

Principal address.

Mr. P. Wherity

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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 2023
2. Arthur Benbow	President		April 2023
3. Jill Deeley			April 2023
4. Elizabeth Wherity	Chairperson		April 2023
5. Pamela Ingram			April 2023
6. John Peet			January 2023
7. Kathryn Beevor			January 2023
8. Jane Southward			November 2023
9. Mahesh Adhikari			August 2023
10. 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. 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 and Green Tara (a Nepali NGO) on a 5 year project.
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	<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>
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 pay the salary for 2 Primary School teachers at Kumbeshwar technical School and up until July 2023 we paid for half the food in the children's hostel. • 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 in Ganga Jamuna Municipality, providing the training and salary for a School and Community Health Promotion Officer. • For 2 years, Manisha our health promotion officer, 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 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, conducted baseline tests to discover the level of English in Tamang Kharka and its feeder schools. He delivered teacher training, and 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. • The local community were very enthusiastic about Manisha and Moin's work and asked us to extend the project. Our new Health Promotion Officer Mamata has now replaced Manisha and has started her work in adjacent Ganga Jamuna Wards 5,1 and 2.

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

The Health Education project in Gumdi Wards 3 and 4

We have been working with The Nepali NGO Green Tara Nepal, the Ganga Jamuna Rural Municipality and the alumni of Tamang Kharka School to try and improve the health of the students and the teaching and learning outcomes at the secondary school and its feeder primaries.

The 2-year Health and Education project has been very successful and we have had many requests from the local community to extend it. In September we employed 2 consultants from Reed Nepal, to evaluate this project. Their findings were as follows:-

- Manisha's work as a Health Promotion Officer had been hugely successful.
- Moin's work had also been successful but this is a more challenging objective. Sustainable improvement can only happen if there is ongoing monitoring of teacher's performance, lesson planning and teaching methods as well as an organised plan for ongoing training. If we are to extend this part of the project then we would need to ensure that the head teachers were fully involved and were committed to the ongoing monitoring of their teacher's performance.
- KASIN is not a large NGO and has limited funding. It is essential that anything we do shows good value for our investment and has a good chance of a properly sustainable outcome.

Following this evaluation, we have agreed to extend the Health Education part of the project to Ganga Jamuna Wards 5, 1 and 2. This time we are working through the Rural Municipality rather than the secondary school and the Municipality has agreed to support us by providing Office facilities and accommodation. This will hopefully avoid some of the problems that had with Tamang Kharka and the change of head teacher.

We interviewed for a new Health Promotion Officer in October and appointed Mamata Lama on a 2 year contract.

In November the trustees travelled to Nepal, took Mamata with us up to Mantari and introduced her to the Municipality. Manisha came with us and was able to act as a mentor for Mamata. Mamata started her job in December and has been carrying out a needs assessment at the schools and health promotion work in the schools and in the community.

The costs for the 2 year project are estimated to be around **£25,000** (Mamata's annual salary is around **£4,500**)

In April Pat and Liz presented the results of this Health Promotion project to the **Britain and Nepal Academic Council** annual meeting at Huddersfield University.

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 Pote 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 **£3,000** to pay the salary for 2 of their primary school teachers. Sadly, COVID has had a negative impact on income of KTS and in July they closed their children's hostel. They hope to be able to continue to run the primary school. In November the trustees visited KTS and talked to children and teachers at the school.

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.
- After School 2. Phulkharka annual cost of **£1,000**. The trustees were given a great welcome by the community and the children. This is 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 paid the other half) In November we had an amazing welcome with speeches, singing and dancing. The building was amazing and the teachers were enthusiastic and much less nervous than last year. We have also provided football kit and equipment for the youth Football team to allow them to play in the local league (**£360**)
- After School 5 Dansing. This and is coordinated by Dipu Simkhada. 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. They gave us a great welcome and we attended the inauguration ceremony.
- After School 6. Dhandakharka. This also opened in last 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 attended the inauguration ceremony and met the teachers. We were very impressed by the enthusiasm of the children and by the 2 young teachers. This was the end of a 1-year trial period but we are happy that it is well run and we will continue to support it.

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.

The trustees visited the school in November. We continue to be disappointed in the way that the school is maintained and run which is in marked contrast to the After School Club mentioned above that uses one of the school classrooms.

The Student Hostel at Mantari

The students have continued to live and study at the hostel throughout the lockdown. There are 3 girls and 3 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 female housekeeper to look after them. We visited them in November. They seem happy and well organised and now Mamata, our Health promotion Officer is living with the girls in the hostel.

The Student Sponsorship at Deonia.

We have paid **£6,000** to sponsor over 60 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. Many of these are the children of the Tea Planter community, 2nd generation migrants to Nepal from India who have no right to land or support. These children will be the first generation in their families to receive any formal education. We hope to visit them again in November.

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 one of the few expenses in the UK. BRANNGO is an excellent forum for discussion, providing access to baseline tests, books and training videos for our project in Ganga Jamuna.

Section E - Financial review

The financial statements show receipts for the year of **£53,426**

Regular monthly donations bring in approximately -

- **£2,800** for KTS for the salary of 2 primary teachers.
- **£5500** 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.

We have had a donation of **£20,000** from David Taylor and **£1,500** from Settle Rotary

From our trustees, -

- Kathryn has raised over **£1,500** from the sale of organic preserves, Christmas gifts and marmalade and Thorpe House school where she teaches has raised another **£1,086** which will more than pay for the running costs of the Goldhunga After School for a year.
- Pat and Liz raised **£1,320** from their talk at Ermysted's
- John has raised over **£1,000** from the sale of calendars, honey and vegboxes, and **£2,000** from the Bingley Parish Lenten appeal.

The Sisters at Walsingham have raised **£2,500** and the Jersey lottery **£1,100** both for KTS

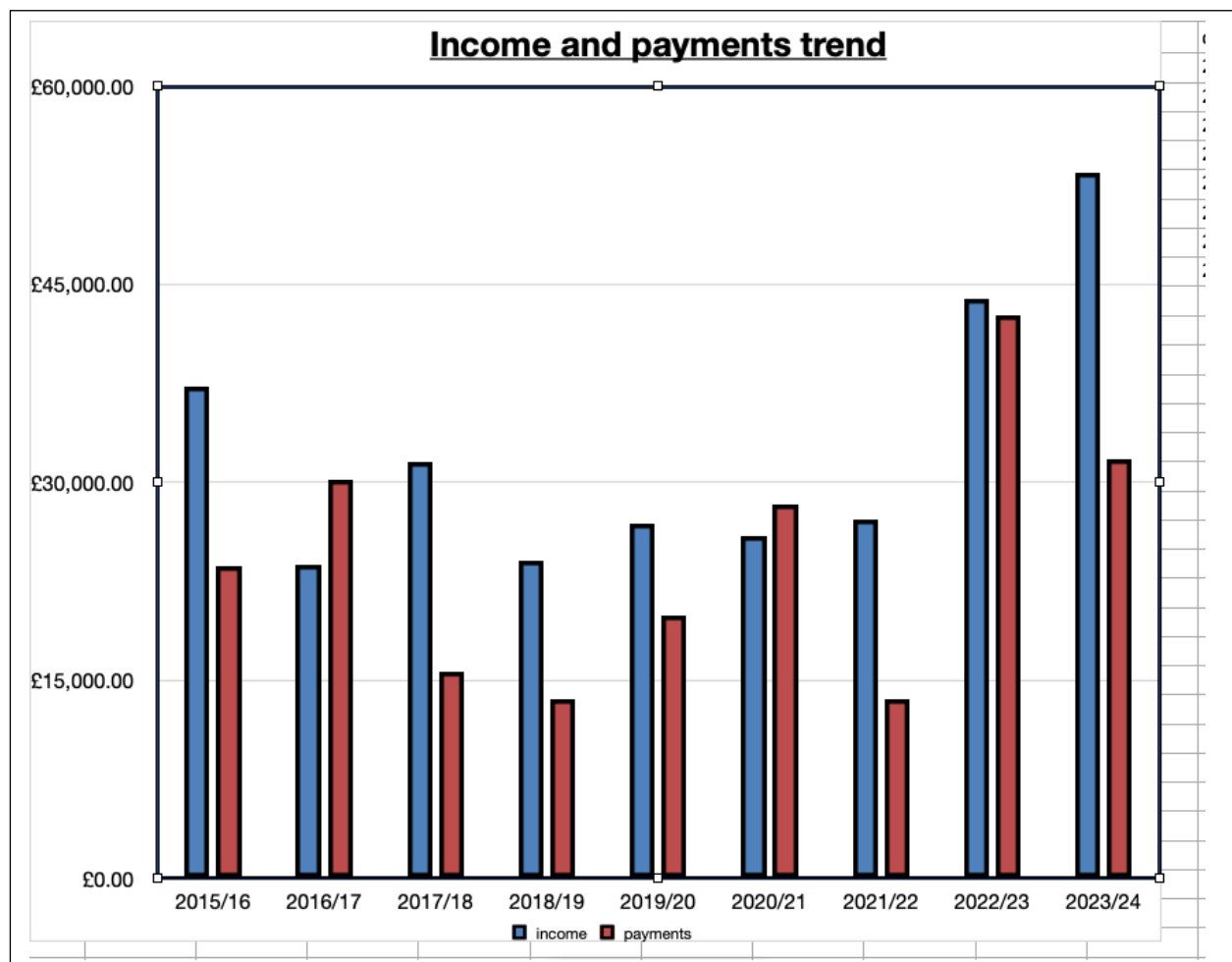
We have developed a link with UK company, "Water to go" who manufacture bottles with a water purification filter. We get 25% of any online sale made through our link and have also purchased 40 bottles at 70% discount which we can sell to trekkers in Nepal. Good for us and will help to reduce the volume of plastic bottle pollution on the trails.

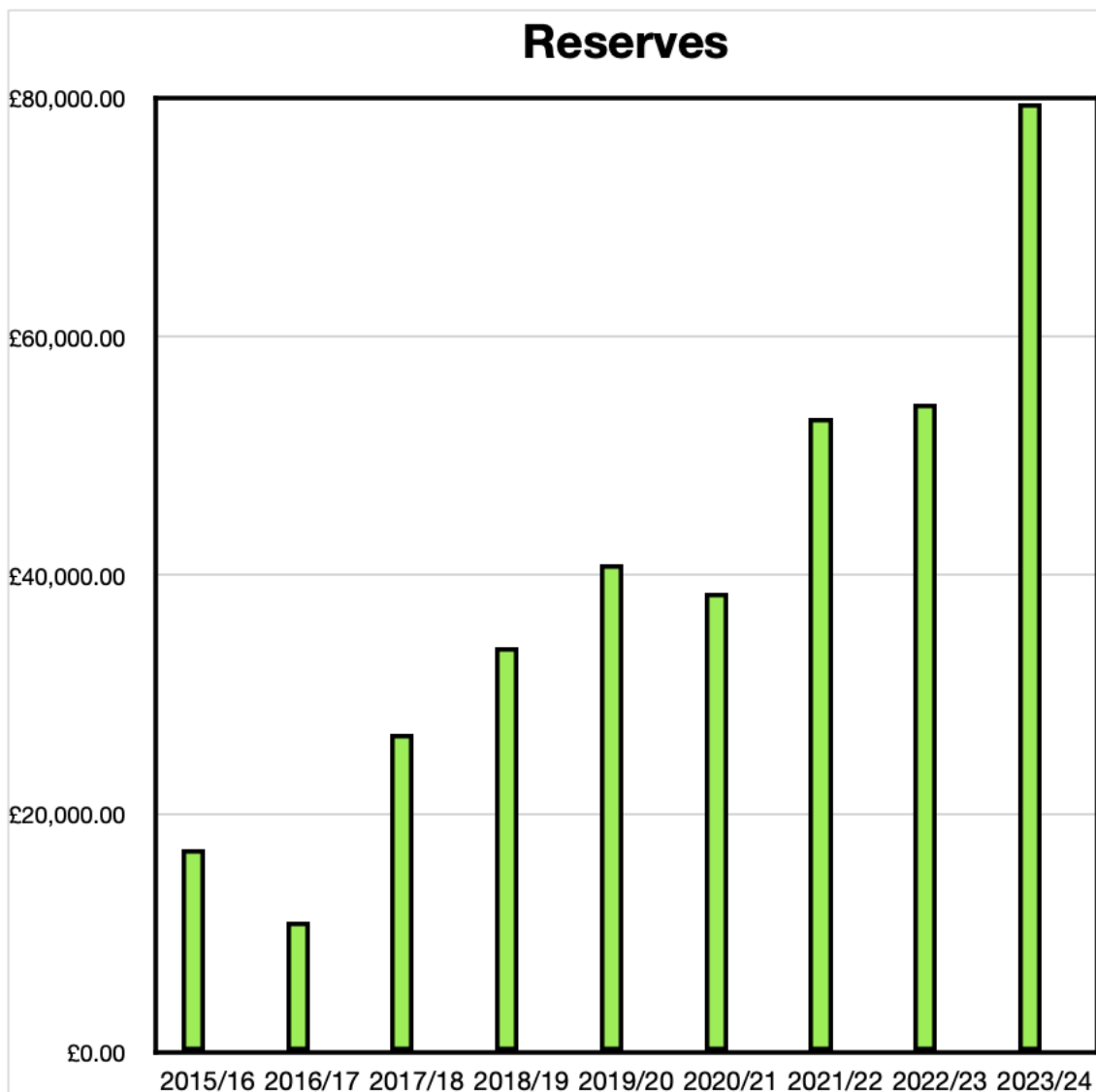
Our Total Payments for this year have been **£31,720** (detailed above)

We currently have a surplus of **£73,737** (**£66,165** 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, **£25,000** over the next 2 years for the basics and in excess of **£3,000** more if we want to run another dental camp. We now have the reserves to be able to do this if needed. We are continually asked to support additional After School Clubs and this is something that we could now consider.



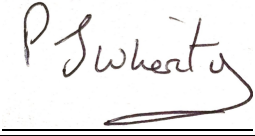



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Section G - Declaration

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

name
Kids at School in Nepal

Charity Commission No. 1111461

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/04/2023

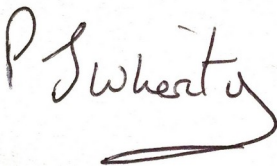

To 31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	This year	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts	£56,954.00	£43,861.00
Total receipts	£56,954.00	£43,861.00

A3 Payments		
In UK	£610.00	£395.00
In Nepal	£31,200.00	£42,247.00
total payments	£31,810.00	£42,643.00

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 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of KASIN for the year ending 31st March 2024

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 5/5/24