

**LINCS 2 NEPAL**

**Charity Number: 1130609**

**Financial Accounts  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Financial Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>PROPRIETOR:</b>	The Committee
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	6 Dorrigan Close Lincoln LN1 1AT
<b>ACCOUNTANTS:</b>	Saul Fairholm Limited Chartered Accountants 12 Tentercroft Street Lincoln LN5 7DB
<b>CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:</b>	1130609

## **LINCS 2 NEPAL**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Name:** Lincs 2 Nepal

**Charity Number:** 1130609

**Charity's operating address:** 6 Dorrigan Close  
Lincoln  
LN1 1AT

**Trustees:**

The Trustees of the Charity during the year and at the year end were:-

Mr Stuart Martin Wallace (Chair)  
Mrs Tracey Lorraine Goddard (Secretary)  
Mr Andrew William Marr (Treasurer) – appointed 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Mr Garry Mark Goddard – resigned 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Mr Steven Pritchard  
Mrs Emma Louise Crellin  
Mrs Linda Greaves – resigned 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### **GOVERNANCE**

Lincs2Nepal is an unincorporated charity governed in accordance with its Constitution which was adopted in July 2009. The Charity is managed by the Trustees, supported by a committee of members and a part-time General Manager.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Lincs2Nepal is dedicated to improving the education, health and general development of families in the poorer communities of Nepal. We aim to:

- provide assistance and opportunity, through education, to oppressed, marginalised and disadvantaged lower caste communities in Nepal, in particular children;
- further the provision of healthcare and social rights for those to whom such opportunities have previously been denied due to poverty, family circumstances or oppression; and
- create a safer environment for children and to provide support and encouragement to help improve their living and social conditions, to help them realise their potential as individuals.

We believe that education is the key to helping communities to make sustainable, long-term change and so this is the principal focus of our projects.

The Trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance during 2023, as demonstrated by the review of activities in the following sections.

## LINCS 2 NEPAL

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2023 was a year of consolidation for Lincs2Nepal, as Jeevan Jyoti School recovered from the impact of Covid and we continued to develop the 40 Friends Children's Home in Kathmandu. Further details of these and other developments are provided below, followed by the Financial Review of 2023.

#### **Jeevan Jyoti School Scholarship Programme**

Lincs2Nepal pays for scholarships, which allow lower caste children to attend Jeevan Jyoti School in Kohalpur and receive a quality education that would not otherwise be available to them. Each child has a sponsor, whose regular donations fund the child's education, including their uniform, shoes, backpack, school dinners and other essentials. Our scholarship children are educated alongside children from fee-paying higher caste families, which is still rare in Nepal.

2023 was focused on getting back to normal after Covid. We lost 81 scholarship children as a result of the pandemic, mainly due to families moving away to their grandparents' villages and not returning. This is something we could never have envisaged. However, in April we welcomed our biggest ever scholarship intake, with 72 new children. As of December 2023 there were 508 children on Lincs2Nepal scholarships and the Charity contributed £67,536 to school running costs during 2023 under the scholarship programme.

Work was completed on the school sports complex, adjacent to the main site, which started in 2022. The sports complex now boasts a full-size basketball court, full-size football pitch and a grandstand.

During 2023 Lincs2Nepal contributed £15,491 towards the building of fully equipped biology, chemistry and physics laboratories. Consequently, from April 2024 Jeevan Jyoti School will be delivering the Cambridge University A Level science course for our scholarship children.

#### **The 40 Friends HCC Children's Home**

Lincs2Nepal became the sole funder of the (then) Humanitarian Concern Center (HCC) Children's Home in Kathmandu, with effect from April 2022. To fund the Home's running costs and improve its very basic facilities, we sought to identify forty "friends" – businesses, families and individuals - who would make monthly donations to the project going forward.

This year was, therefore, the Charity's first full year running the renamed 40 Friends HCC Children's Home, which currently accommodates 19 children. Funds raised this year totalled £27,170 and we spent a total of £21,275 on day-to-day running costs and improvements, which included:

- partially refurbishing the kitchen;
- painting the home inside and out, to make it a nicer environment for the children;
- installing two cesspits, to service the toilets and showers that we added in 2022;
- providing a fully equipped sickroom, to meet Nepali government rules;
- building a small temple in the grounds, so that the staff and the children can properly enjoy their festivals, supported with extra money for Holi, Diwali and Christmas; and
- buying new resources for the Home, including table tennis tables.

The Home now has three new staff members, two of whom were previously the oldest boy and girl, who recently joined the staff team to stay at the home and earn a salary. The third new staff member is a qualified nurse.

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### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

During our May and October visits to Nepal, we made some more new memories for the children: taking them out to a restaurant; a day trip to the zoo; and a visit to Kathmandu Fun Valley water park. On the October trip, we put up new signage at the home, presented all the children with “40 Friends” t-shirts and, together with the children, created a mural with all their names and the Friends’ names on it.

Our children enjoyed their best-ever school results, with everyone passing their end of year exams and four of our older children moving on to college. Mamata, our youngest child, started school at nursery level.

Our Home has recently been recognised as the most improved children’s home in Kathmandu Valley by the Nepali government, something we are very proud of.

#### **Earthquake Relief**

Nepal experienced an earthquake on 3 November 2023, this time centred on Jajarkot, which is approximately 100 miles to the north-east of Jeevan Jyoti School. The quake, which killed 153 people, was widely felt in western Nepal and northern India, and is the deadliest since 2015.

Our school’s Principal and his team went straight to some of the most affected villages to provide support with money from the school’s charity fund. Lincs2Nepal has since launched our own aid programme, to support two remote villages. These villages suffered more than 30 deaths, many injuries and 33 families left homeless, with no shelter, clothes or food. In the short term, we have provided these people with tents, thermal blankets, food, clothes and other essentials. In March 2024, we will be visiting both villages - a challenge in itself - to assess whether and how we can provide additional help.

#### **Nurse Training**

Lincs2Nepal originally met Bidisha Tamang during earthquake relief work in 2015, when she was eleven years old. She said then, that she wanted to be a nurse when she grew up and, eight years on, we are delighted to continue our support for her nursing studies, as she starts her final year at the Sushma Koirala Memorial Nursing Campus.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The majority of the Lincs2Nepal’s income comes from our child sponsors and from the businesses, families and individuals who are helping the Charity fund the 40 Friends Children’s Home. That core income is supplemented by fundraising events and other donations.

The Charity received total income of £131,792 during 2023 which was a 9.2% decrease on £145,210 received in 2022.

## LINCS 2 NEPAL

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The Charity spent £125,834 during the year, which was 3.3% less than the £130,159 expended in 2022. Expenditure included:

- £67,536 (54% of our total expenditure) in relation to the scholarship programme at Jeevan Jyoti School;
- £21,276 (17%) spent on running costs and continued refurbishment of the 40 Friends Children's Home;
- £15,491 (12%) to build fully equipped biology, chemistry and physics laboratories at Jeevan Jyoti School;
- £4,207 (3%) to fund two years' training and exam fees for a student nurse from a lower caste background;
- £1,794 (2%) to provide vital equipment for families affected by the November 2023 earthquake; and
- £15,530 (12%) on other direct and indirect charitable expenses.

In summary, in 2023 our income exceeded our costs by £5,958, compared with a surplus of £15,051 in 2022.

The Financial Reserves policy established by the trustees is that general reserves and the 40 Friends Children's Home reserve should, together, not fall below three months' expenditure (£31,500) and should ideally be maintained at a level closer to one year's expenditure (£126,000). This is to provide some resilience in the event of variations in the value or timing of income and to allow for a managed transition, in the event that the charity could no longer commit to fund its main projects.

As of 31 December 2023, the Charity held reserves totalling £95,548 which comprised:

- £60,174 of general reserves;
- £25,076 which is earmarked for post-16 education for our sponsored children (Note 6 refers); and
- £10,298 which is earmarked for the 40 Friends Children's Home (the excess of 40 Friends income over costs incurred since we assumed full responsibility in April 2022 – Note 7 refers).

Compared with the Trustees' reserves policy, the level of relevant reserves actually varied between a high of £96,000 in September 2023 and a low of £59,000 in January 2023.

In conclusion, 2023 was a year of successful consolidation for the Charity, after the impact of Covid and having accepted responsibility for funding the 40 Friends Children's Home with effect from April 2022. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped us achieve this, not least our child sponsors and the "40 Friends". We also want to pay tribute to the Principal and staff of Jeevan Jyoti School and to the staff of the 40 Friends Children's Home, without whom we could not achieve what we do.

**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****Looking forward**

For Lincs2Nepal, 2024 is a landmark year, being 15 years since the Charity was launched and 10 years since Jeevan Jyoti School opened with 124 pupils. It now has 1,930 pupils, including 508 on our scholarship programme. Our first scholarship students will reach school-leaving age in March 2024 and have to decide whether to continue into the newly established "sixth form".

Notwithstanding the successes of the 40 Friends Children's Home since we took full funding responsibility in April 2022, our plans for 2024 include a complete renovation of the kitchen, providing a sports court for volleyball, basketball and badminton, as well as taking in additional children.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHARITY'S TRUSTEES**

Stuart Wallace  
Chair and Trustee



Andrew William Marr  
Treasurer and Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**LINCS 2 NEPAL TRUST**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lincs 2 Nepal Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

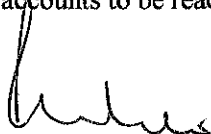
I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I have completed my 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 respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

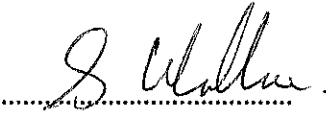
	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b>Un-restricted <u>Funds</u> £</b>	<b>Restricted <u>Funds</u> £</b>	<b>Total Funds <u>2023</u> £</b>	<b>Total Funds <u>2022</u> £</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Shop and Event Sales		5,345	-	5,345	2,953
Fundraising Income					
General		126,447	-	126,447	142,151
Emergency Relief		-	-	-	106
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>131,792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,792</b>	<b>145,210</b>
<b>DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>					
Opening Stock		606	-	606	776
Purchases and Event Costs		3,943	-	3,943	820
Nepal - Cost of Projects	<b>3</b>	112,832	-	112,832	127,359
		117,381	-	117,381	128,955
Closing Stock		(1,119)	-	(1,119)	(606)
		116,262	-	116,262	128,349
<b>INDIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>					
Staff Costs		7,354	-	7,354	-
Insurance		517	-	517	120
Telephone		593	-	593	560
Postage, Stationery and Marketing		304	-	304	349
Travelling		131	-	131	241
Bank Charges		673	-	673	540
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>125,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,834</b>	<b>130,159</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>5,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>15,051</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total Funds Brought Forward		89,590	-	89,590	74,539
Total Funds Carry Forward		95,548	-	95,548	89,590

**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	4	1,119		606	
Debtors	5	-		4,843	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		94,429		84,141	
		<u>95,548</u>		<u>89,590</u>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			95,548		89,590
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u>95,548</u>		<u>89,590</u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
General		60,174		63,288	
Earmarked for further /vocational education	6	25,076		21,899	
Earmarked for 40 Friends children's home	7	10,298		4,403	
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u>95,548</u>		<u>89,590</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Approved by the Board on 14/5/24 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Stuart Wallace  
 Chair and Trustee

**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Lincs 2 Nepal meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**2. TOTAL INCOME**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	£	£
Jeevan Jyoti School / KindNess projects	99,277	107,412
40 Friends Children's home	27,170	34,739
Shop and event sales	5,345	2,953
Art Saves Lives in Nepal	-	106
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	131,792	145,210
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**3. NEPAL-COST OF PROJECTS**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	£	£
Jeevan Jyoti School / KindNess projects	89,763	96,868
40 Friends Children's Home	21,275	30,336
Emergency relief	1,794	155
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	112,832	127,359
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**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****4. STOCK**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Stocks	1,119	606

**5. DEBTORS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Payments in Advance	-	4,843

**6. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS-Earmarked for further/vocational education**

Some child sponsors pay more than the standard monthly amount and their donations are earmarked for specific children's further education or vocational training after the child leaves school. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, £25,076 was earmarked for further education or vocational training.

**7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS – Earmarked for the 40 Friends Children's Home**

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds Designated funds	4,403	27,170	(21,275)	-	10,298
	4,403	27,170	(21,275)	-	10,298

	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds Designated funds	-	34,739	(30,336)	-	4,403
	-	34,739	(30,336)	-	4,403

**LINCS 2 NEPAL****Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

<b>As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Un- restricted <u>Funds</u> £</b>	<b>Restricted <u>Funds</u> £</b>
Current Assets	95,548	-
Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Net Assets	95,548	-
<b>As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</b>	<b>Un- restricted <u>Funds</u> £</b>	<b>Restricted <u>Funds</u> £</b>
Current Assets	89,590	-
Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Net Assets	89,590	-