

LINCS 2 NEPAL

Charity Number: 1130609

**Financial Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2024**

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

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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:-

Stuart Martin Wallace (Chair)
Tracey Lorraine Goddard (Secretary)
Andrew William Marr (Treasurer)
Steven Pritchard
Emma Louise Crellin (resigned 14th May 2024)
Kayleigh Bianca Fisher (appointed 7th February 2024)
Katy-Jane Stark (appointed 7th February 2024)

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 2024, as demonstrated by the review of activities in the following sections.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024 was a special year for Lincs2Nepal, as it marked 15 years since we became a registered charity and 10 years since we opened Jeevan Jyoti School, in partnership with Father Jomon James. There were many ups.... and inevitably, in relation to Nepal, some downs.... which we review in the following sections.

Jeevan Jyoti School

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.

Our school has expanded rapidly since it opened in 2014 and now has more than 2,000 pupils. Inevitably this has had to be matched by many phases of new building and an ever-increasing number of teaching staff. During 2024, additions have included more classrooms, new offices, a reception area, a major new stage, an outdoor gym and the new Lincs2Nepal science laboratory and computer room, which we provided the funding for late in 2023.

Jeevan Jyoti School's first 10 years was marked with a major celebration in March, during which Garry Goddard addressed the teaching staff and parents in Nepali for the first time. Such anniversaries are important, but far more exciting was that 17 of our scholarship children, who started school aged 6 and 7 in 2014, became the first to take and pass their final year 10 examinations, a passport to a life they could never have dreamed of, without the support of their Lincs2Nepal sponsors. Fourteen of those scholarship students have stayed on in the 6th form, where they will be able to study the Cambridge University A level science course in the new physics, chemistry and biology labs, while the other three are continuing their studies in other colleges.

At the other end of school life, in May we welcomed 60 new nursery children onto our scholarship scheme. As of December 2024 there were 519 children on Lincs2Nepal scholarships.

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 commit to make monthly donations.

Since we accepted responsibility, the Home has been recognised as the most improved children's home in Kathmandu by the Nepali government, but we continue to make further improvements. During 2024, Lincs2Nepal provided funding to knock down and replace the existing, very basic kitchen. The new kitchen has a tiled floor, built-in cupboards and worktops, sinks with hot and cold running water, plus a solar system to heat the water. There is also an adjoining food store and dining

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room. Other smaller improvements have included new carpets, external lighting and CCTV, all to make life safer and more comfortable for our staff and children.

In October, we took the children on their first ever holiday, a three-night stay in beautiful Pokhara, where they stayed in a hotel for the first time. The children enjoyed boat trips, rollerblading, rock climbing, visiting a funfair and eating in lakeside restaurants. It really was a wonderful few days, with memories made which will last a lifetime. We intend to make this an annual event.

During 2024, the two oldest residents completed their education and should normally have moved out, but we have employed them both on small salaries to keep the “family” together and support the existing staff. The government has sent 2 more children into our care, and we are expecting at least another 5 children to join us over the next few months. As at December 2024, 40 Friends is home to 20 children.

Adhyan

In May, one of our scholarship children - 9-year-old Adhyan - was diagnosed with leukaemia. Nepal's hospitals were not able to give Adhyan the necessary treatment, so he needed to be admitted to the Indraprastha Cancer Society and Research Centre in Delhi. Adhyan's family and friends raised what little they could, supplemented by Jeevan Jyoti school fundraising, before Lincs2Nepal agreed to meet the balance of Adhyan's treatment costs.

Almost seven months on, Adhyan's treatment has gone well. He is still in hospital in Delhi, but is expected to be discharged soon and will hopefully be able resume his education at Jeevan Jyoti School.

Earthquake relief work

Nepal experienced an earthquake in November 2023, centred on Jajarkot which is approximately 100 miles to the north-east of Jeevan Jyoti School. Lincs2Nepal initially provided emergency relief - tents, thermal blankets, food, clothes and other essentials - to two remote villages which had suffered more than 30 deaths, many injuries and where 33 families were left homeless.

During 2024, following an appeal and a donation of £5,000 from 3dtotal, we agreed to provide the people of Kortang village with timber and corrugated sheets to build proper homes, also using the stone and clay that their original homes were made from. Working with local contacts, we were able to ensure every affected family has a new permanent home.

We have also almost completed the complicated paperwork to allow a 10-year-old girl from Kortang, who was orphaned in the November earthquake, to join us at the 40 Friends Children's Home, providing a new start for her in a happy and caring environment, where she will also get a first-class education.

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Flood relief work

In July, our school's Principal contacted us with news that three of our scholarship students and their families had lost their homes in the monsoon flooding. Lincs2Nepal agreed to fund the rebuild.

Teachers and staff were deployed and within days the sites were cleared. Within three weeks, despite the weather, the families had better homes than the ones they had lost - brick-built and weather-proof. In October, Garry Goddard was able to visit the village of Akalghawa, to meet the affected families and officially hand over their new homes.

Project Muskan

In July, Lincs2Nepal was contacted by a student from Kathmandu University School of Management who, together with four student colleagues, was seeking sponsors for a project that they undertake as part of their second-year studies. "Project Muskan" (muskan is the Nepali word for "smiles") aimed to: deliver educational support to a government school in Rasuwa village; provide menstrual hygiene support to that village's women and seek to empower women in that community – all things that Lincs2Nepal has done in the past or continues to do elsewhere. Lincs2Nepal became Project Muskan's main sponsor. We monitored the students' delivery of their project during September and met with them in October to discuss what they had achieved and whether we might work in partnership in the future. We will be meeting them again in March 2025 to develop further plans.

Restoring water supplies

In October, we became aware of the plight of the desperately poor villagers of Devendapur, in Chitwan, whose water pumps had dried up, leaving them no choice but to walk miles each day to fetch water for drinking, washing and crop irrigation. Work had started, to link the village to the nearest mains water supply, but more money was needed to complete the trench and lay pipes. We were pleased to provide the required funding - a small sum by UK standards - to allow the work to be completed by mid-November.

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 £151,120 during 2024 which was a 14.7% increase on £131,792 received in 2023.

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The Charity spent £127,479 during the year, which was 1.3% more than the £125,834 expended in 2023. Expenditure included:

- £59,803 (47% of our total expenditure) in relation to the scholarship programme at Jeevan Jyoti School;
- £32,321 (25%) spent on running costs and continued refurbishment of the 40 Friends Children's Home;
- £7,725 (6%) to fund medical treatment costs for one of our sponsored pupils who was diagnosed with leukaemia during May 2024;
- £6,406 (5%) to rebuild homes in villages affected by the November 2023 earthquake that hit Jajarkot District;
- £4,446 (4%) to rebuild the homes of three of our sponsored pupils' families, after their previous homes were destroyed by storms during the 2024 monsoon season ; and
- £16,778 (13%) on other direct and indirect charitable expenses.

In summary, in 2024 our income exceeded our costs by £23,641, compared with a surplus of £5,958 in 2023.

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 (£32,000) and should ideally be maintained at a level closer to one year's expenditure (£128,000). 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 at 31 December 2024, the Charity held reserves totalling £119,189 which comprised:

- £85,598 of general reserves;
- £26,640 which is earmarked for post-16 education for our sponsored children (Note 5 refers); and
- £6,951 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 6 refers).

Compared with the Trustees' reserves policy, the level of relevant reserves actually varied between a high of £93,000 in December 2024 and a low of £67,000 in February 2024.

In conclusion, 2024 was a very positive year. 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.

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Our core projects – Jeevan Jyoti School and the 40 Friends Children's Home – will always be our priorities. However, when needs demand and resources permit, we will always respond. Possibilities, in 2025 and beyond, include closer working with the Project Muskan team and further relief work in Kortang village, where the school was destroyed by the earthquake.

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 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

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: 10/6/2025

LINCS 2 NEPAL**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2024**


| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>Un-restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total Funds 2024</u> £ | <u>Total Funds 2023</u> £ |
|--|---------------------|--|---|---|---|
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Shop and Event Sales | | 225 | - | 225 | 5,345 |
| Interest | | 390 | | 390 | |
| Fundraising Income | | | | | |
| General | | 145,505 | - | 145,505 | 126,447 |
| Emergency Relief | | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | - |
| TOTAL INCOME | 2 | 151,120 | - | 151,120 | 131,792 |
| DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Opening Stock | | 1,119 | - | 1,119 | 606 |
| Purchases and Event Costs | | 453 | - | 453 | 3,943 |
| Nepal - Cost of Projects | 3 | 113,215 | - | 113,215 | 112,832 |
| | | 114,787 | - | 114,787 | 117,381 |
| Closing Stock | | (560) | - | (560) | (1,119) |
| | | 114,227 | - | 114,227 | 116,262 |
| INDIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Staff Costs | | 9,912 | - | 9,912 | 7,354 |
| Insurance | | 515 | - | 515 | 517 |
| Telephone | | 542 | - | 542 | 593 |
| Postage, Stationery and Marketing | | 765 | - | 765 | 304 |
| Travelling | | 79 | - | 79 | 131 |
| IT Costs | | 710 | - | 710 | - |
| Bank Charges | | 729 | - | 729 | 673 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 127,479 | - | 127,479 | 125,834 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 23,641 | - | 23,641 | 5,958 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 95,548 | - | 95,548 | 89,590 |
| Total Funds Carry Forward | | 119,189 | - | 119,189 | 95,548 |

LINCS 2 NEPAL**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**

| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2024</u> | | <u>2023</u> | |
|---|--------------|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Stocks | 4 | 560 | | 1,119 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 118,629 | | 94,429 | |
| | | <u>119,189</u> | | <u>95,548</u> | |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | - | | - | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>119,189</u> | | <u>95,548</u> | |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | | <u>119,189</u> | | <u>95,548</u> | |
| FUNDS OF THE CHARITY | | | | | |
| <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | | | | | |
| General | | 85,598 | | 60,174 | |
| Earmarked for further /vocational education | 5 | 26,640 | | 25,076 | |
| Earmarked for 40 Friends children's home | 6 | 6,951 | | 10,298 | |
| TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS | | <u>119,189</u> | | <u>95,548</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 ~~10 JUNE 2025~~ and signed on its behalf by:


 Stuart Wallace
 Chair and Trustee

LINCS 2 NEPAL**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024****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 1st 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

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Jeevan Jyoti School / KindNess projects | 116,531 | 99,277 |
| 40 Friends Children's home | 28,974 | 27,170 |
| Shop and event sales | 225 | 5,345 |
| Emergency relief | 5,000 | - |
| Interest | 390 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 151,120 | 131,792 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

3. NEPAL-COST OF PROJECTS

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Jeevan Jyoti School / KindNess projects | 70,042 | 89,763 |
| 40 Friends Children's Home | 32,321 | 21,275 |
| Emergency relief | 10,852 | 1,794 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 113,215 | 112,832 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

LINCS 2 NEPAL**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024****4. STOCK**

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Stocks | 560 | 1,119 |

5. 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 31st December 2024, £26,640 was earmarked for further education or vocational training.

6. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS – Earmarked for the 40 Friends Children’s Home

| | At 1 January 2024 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | At 31 December 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | | | | | |
| Designated funds | 10,298 | 28,974 | (32,321) | - | 6,951 |
| | 10,298 | 28,974 | (32,321) | - | 6,951 |

| | 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 |

LINCS 2 NEPALNotes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 20247. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

| | Un- restricted <u>Funds</u> £ | Restricted <u>Funds</u> £ |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
| As at 31st December 2024 | | |
| Current Assets | 119,189 | - |
| Current Liabilities | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Net Assets | 119,189 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | Un- restricted <u>Funds</u> £ | Restricted <u>Funds</u> £ |
| As at 31st December 2023 | | |
| Current Assets | 95,548 | - |
| Current Liabilities | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Net Assets | 95,548 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

8. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments were made to any of the Charity's trustees, other than to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses personally incurred on Charity business.