



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Opening Your Heart to Bhutan

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1165794

Charity's principal address 32, Clare Road,

Whitstable

Kent

Postcode

CT5 2EL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Williams	Chairman	Whole year	Quorum of Trustees
2	Karin Van Maanen	Treasurer	Whole year	"
3	Susannah Ward	Charity Secretary	Whole year	"
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Researched and recommended by Chief Executive Officer, appointed by quorum of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Providing, or assisting in the provision of, education, training, healthcare projects and basic support for disadvantaged/disabled children and young adults and/or those in rural areas in Bhutan. Its classifications as shown on the Charity Commission website are listed as:

Overseas aid/famine relief

Helping children, young people and people with disabilities

It provides buildings/facilities/open space

It provides services and other finance

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the charity have been to continue and deepen the charity's ability to help children in Bhutan either from disadvantaged rural areas or with specific mental or physical disabilities. The primary way to achieve these objectives is through achievable, tangible educational and medicinal initiatives, working in collaboration with existing Bhutanese structures. Working with such partner organisations enables Opening your Heart to Bhutan to ensure its projects or donated assets reach larger groups of children most effectively.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Opening your Heart to Bhutan activities improve life opportunities for disabled and/or disadvantaged children in poor rural schools. Initiatives can include the installation of clean water filters in schools, the support of young blind musicians at the Blind Musicians training centre in Thimpu, supporting the rent for their building, and access to training and supporting educational materials for the two Vocational Training schools we support in Bhutan.

The CEO and all Trustees are acquainted with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and the advice contained within consistently informs their decisions when undertaking new activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The contribution made by volunteers in the UK is of vital importance. Besides the CEO and Trustees, all of whom give their time and energy freely, there is a pool of supporters who are called upon to provide a wide range of functions necessary to the ongoing life of the charity including IT support, marketing materials, fundraising initiatives and individual sponsored events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Educational sponsorship programme of 57 children in a range of regions across Bhutan £6.5k

Continued support for educational Programme Officer, Drak-tsho £2.4k

One year salary for East Drak-tsho school warden and driver £2.2k

One year salary for East Drak-tsho pre-vocational teacher £1.5k

Continuation of supply of vocational and training supplies to both Thimpu and Eastern Drak-tsho Vocation centres

Food provided for the whole academic year for 70 special needs students at East Drak-tsho Vocational Training Centre £9k

New school bus for Thimpu vocational special needs centre £14k

Support for furnishing indoor play area for Drukgyel lower secondary school £1.5k

Building school footpath complex in Zhemgang £3.1k

Building school footpaths in Chukha £1.1k

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A formal reserves policy had not been deemed necessary in the past as our monthly commitments are only 8.1% of the annual income - however, this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funding remains private donations, with an increased level of support from businesses.

In order maintain contact with the organisations we support and to deliver donations and material goods in the most efficient way, the charity pays for the services of Ugyen Tshering, a Bhutanese citizen. Ugyen works on a self-employed basis, is fluent in English and has a background in the voluntary sector.

Section F

Other optional information


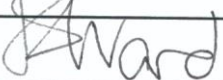
In line with the charity's ethos to ensure that donated funds are used most effectively and have a direct impact on the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged children, the Chief Executive Officer and all Trustees pay their own travel expenses from their own funds as a 'benefit in kind'.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	K. VAN MAANEN	JENNIFER SUSANNAH WARD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	CHARITY SECRETARY
Date	13 / 6 / 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Opening your heart to Bhutan

No (if any)
1165794

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2023

To

Period end date
31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	2,000	3,100	-	5,100	2,500
Voluntary donations	99,907	-	-	99,907	69,024
Takings from books	-	-	-	-	1,085
Takings from rural crafts	-	-	-	-	500
Gift aid reclaimed	3,625	-	-	3,625	4,278
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	105,532	3,100	-	108,632	77,387
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	105,532	3,100	-	108,632	77,387
A3 Payments					
To Drak-tsho school	40,879	-	-	40,879	48,308
Additional educational projects	15,901	3,100	-	19,001	26,042
Cost of rural textiles	150	-	-	150	115
Purchase of books	225	-	-	225	384
Wages	4,760	-	-	4,760	3,885
Running activities	3,583	-	-	3,583	10,192
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	65,498	3,100	-	68,598	88,926
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,498	3,100	-	68,598	88,926
Net of receipts/(payments)	40,034	-	-	40,034	11,539
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,592	-	-	3,592	15,131
Cash funds this year end	43,626	-	-	43,602	3,592

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	(H50)	43,626	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,626	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JENNIFER SUSANNAH WARD	24.7.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Opening Your Heart to Bhutan

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1165794

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 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 (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

CS McLaren

Date:

9 August 2024

Name:

Mrs Christine McLaren

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

A.T.T.

Address:

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Whitstable, Kent
CT5 3QZ

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.