



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 **Period start date** **To** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Aid for Himalayan Education

**Charity registration number:** 1170636

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the young people from the Himalayan regions of India, in particular young people from Spiti, by providing or assisting in the provision of educational facilities and equipment with the object of improving their condition of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Aid for Himalayan Education organisation in 2023 has mainly, through co-operation with our partner organization in Spiti, the Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development, assisted in the provision of educational opportunities for the children of Spiti with financial help for children's educational expenses, infrastructure, and practical help with communications in English.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of Aid for Himalayan Education have had due regard for the Charity Commission's requirements on public benefit in performance of their duties.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development is an Indian registered charity that has more than 889 young students receiving their education under its care. Aid for Himalayan Education (AfHE) in 2023 contributed to their educational programme as follows:</p> <p>Students's Educational Expenses: AfHE continued to make contributions towards the educational expenses of more than thirty children and young people belonging to financially disadvantaged families from Spiti or neighbouring areas receiving their education in Spiti or elsewhere under the care of the Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development. This regular long-term support of the Rinchen Zangpo Society's educational programme has lent stability to their efforts and enabled outstanding success in delivering their goals.</p> <p>In the short term these children can, despite low family incomes, thereby realize their educational potential to a much greater extent than would be possible by other means in Spiti Valley. When adult they, or some of them, can contribute to the welfare of their society in significant ways. For instance, before the Rinchen Zangpo Society began its educational programme, no child educated in Spiti had ever become a doctor and such government posts in Spiti remained vacant for lack of anyone willing from outside or qualified from within Spiti to fill them. Now there are four doctors occupying government posts in Spiti who were all educated at Rinchen Zangpo Society schools. They were in the front line in successfully combatting the spread of Covid-19 in Spiti during the pandemic.</p> <p>Spiti faces the familiar challenges associated with global warming and changing weather patterns: increasingly heavy rain in the summer damaging roads and historic mud buildings and a lack of snow in the winter needed to build up the glaciers that provide the essential meltwater for irrigation throughout the summer. In such uncertain times the education of the next generation is paramount.</p> <p>More than any other schools in Spiti, the Rinchen Zangpo Society schools make a special provision for learning about and for the enjoyment the valley's minority culture. The secular side of it is</p>

		<p>expressed in songs and traditional dances which the children become familiar with in school, for instance. Aid for Himalayan Education is therefore pleased to be partnered with an educational society that gives students confidence and a grounding in their own minority culture as well as one that strives for academic excellence.</p> <p>There were other general donations from our charity directed towards improving educational infrastructure in Spiti. In particular a provision for four digital classrooms in Munsel-ling School. Aid for Himalayan Education has raised this money almost exclusively in the UK and delivered it to Spiti.</p> <p>Communications: Aid for Himalayan Education continues to maintain the Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development's website and to compose and edit its newsletter [English language.]</p> <p>Further financial assistance went once again to the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics in Dharamsala, India, an institute where Tibetans in exile, Indians, mostly from the Himalayan regions, and other nationalities can study Buddhist philosophy in the Indo-Tibetan tradition in an especially conducive environment—for instance the students are mostly ordained, though lay students are admitted.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	No matters of concern. No debts, obligations, overheads or loans. Income has remained in the normal, average range
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity has no overheads. Money is raised for specific programmes and projects as required and used accordingly. No necessity seen for raising money for a general fund that is kept in reserve on top of that.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution, 1st Dec 2016
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organization
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Aid for Himalayan Education
Other name the charity uses	AfHE
Registered charity number	1170636
Charity's principal address	36 South Street, Chester, CH3 5DR

### **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	Graham Woodhouse, Mr	Chairperson		
2	Patrick Woodhouse, Mr			
3	Patrick Sutherland, Professor Emeritus			
4	Geoff Nichols, Mr			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

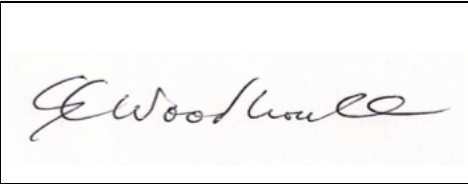
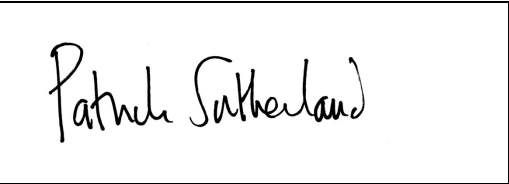
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Charles Woodhouse	Patrick Macaulay Sutherland
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Trustee
Date	01 July 2024	



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jan-23

To

01-Dec-23

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Children's Sponsorships	-	13,107	-	13,107	13,386
Building	-	8,365	-	8,365	-
Other	-	1,613	-	1,613	3,186
Gift Aid	-	2,374	-	2,374	2,329
Bank Interest	-	48	-	48	9
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	-	25,507	-	25,507	18,910
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	25,507	-	25,507	18,910
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development		22,200	-	22,200	16,800
Bank Charges		95	-	95	70
Institute of Buddhist Dialectics		500	-	500	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	22,795	-	22,795	17,870
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	22,795	-	22,795	17,870
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	2,712	-	2,712	1,040
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	4,193	-	4,193	3,153
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	6,905	-	6,905	4,193

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Business Instant A/c		2,885	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	Community Directplus A/c 1	-	4,020	-

	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	6,905	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

## B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

## B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

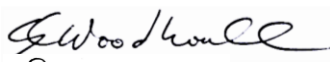

## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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## B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Graham Charles Woodhouse	01-Jul-24
	Patrick Macaulay Sutherland	01-Jul-24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Aid for Himalayan Education

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1170636

Set out on pages

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(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 / 12 /2023.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Date: 19th May 2024

Name: Mr Paul George Seagrave

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

N/A. Since September 2023, Business Development Manager at ISPE Solutions / Swiftool Precision Engineering, UK

**Address:**

64, James Street, Leabrooks, Alfreton, DE55 1LW

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

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