



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31st December 2024

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	Para 1.38	

volunteers		
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, our partner in India, is an Indian registered charity that has 979 young students receiving their education under its care. Aid for Himalayan Education (AfHE) in 2024 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. It is also facing many challenges from rapid social change, the move away from its long-established agriculture-based economy: namely increased involvement with the modern world, tourism, ubiquitous social media, the very obvious, dramatic and increasing disparities of wealth amongst local families and individuals. 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</p>

		<p>valley's minority culture. The secular side of it is 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 Aid for Himalayan Education sent money for a new printer and copying machine and raised money, mostly in the UK, for wooden flooring and for electronic equipment for four digital classrooms in Munsel-ling School. From the report of an Aid for Himalayan Education trustee who visited Spiti, Nov 2024:</p> <p>The digital classrooms which are part funded by AfHE have not yet been completed. Two of the four classrooms have had their hardwood floors laid (the main expense), and the digital equipment of computers, data projectors, audio equipment monitors and screens has been purchased. (I photographed the equipment and the two rooms with floors.) But the building housing these special classrooms has developed a problem with damp, probably caused by a leaking water channel in the hillside above. This will need to be solved before the installation of the digital classrooms is completed.</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>
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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 against objectives	Para 1.41	
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution, 1st Dec 2016
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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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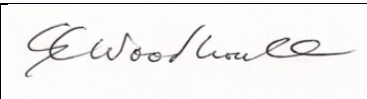
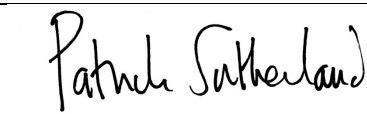
Other optional information

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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	9 th Feb 2025
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Charity Name: Aid for Himalayan Education

No: 1170636

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-24

To

31-Dec-24



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 and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Children's Sponsorships	-	13 835	-	13 835	13 107
Building	-	712	-	712	8 365
Other	-	3 087	-	3 087	1 613
Gift Aid	-	2 382	-	2 382	2 374
Bank Interest	-	54	-	54	48
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	20 070	-	20 070	25 507
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	20 070	-	20 070	25 507
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	-	70	-	70	95
Geshe Damdul	-	400	-	400	-
Rinchen Zangpo Soc for Spiti Dev	-	21 315	-	21 315	22 200
Institute of Buddhist Dialectics	-	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	21 785	-	21 785	22 795
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	21 785	-	21 785	22 795
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	1 715	-	1 715	2 712
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	6 905	-	6 905	4 193
Cash funds this year end	-	5 190	-	5 190	6 905

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	Business Instant A/c	-	3 095	-
	Community Directplus A/c	-	2 095	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds		5 190	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Graham Charles Woodhouse	11-Feb-24
	Patrick Macaulay Sutherland	11-Feb-24