

Seeds of Growth

Registered Charity Number: 1180829

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the period

1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

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Seeds of Growth

The committee of Seeds of Growth presents its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

Name of charity:	Seeds of Growth
Legal Status:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation Model
Principal Address:	4 Salisbury Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN37 6RX
Registered charity number:	1180829
Governing document:	Consitution adopted 26.11.2018
Trustees:	Mohamad Akmoi Ali - Chair and co-founder Catherine Scott - secretary and co-founder
Bankers:	Santander, Queens Road, Hastings
Independent Examiner:	Laura Dawson, Finance Manager HVA, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The trustees of Seeds of Growth present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Charity has a committee of Trustees governed by a constitution adopted 19th November 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on 26th November 2018

Objects & Purpose

The objects of the Charity are:

- a) The relief of poverty, sickness and distress by helping the people of Birahimpur gain access to safe water and sanitation
- b) The provision of basic supplies such as books and other personal or educational supplies to help families and,
- c) To bring the quality of life of the beneficiaries to a reasonable standard.

Public Benefit

In writing their trustees report, the trustees of Seeds of Growth have given due regard to the guidance of the charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees

The Trustees are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution. Trustees are elected on a three-year rotational basis, with one third of the trustees stepping down each year. Trustees who stand down are eligible for re-election.

Summary of the main activities and achievements undertaken for the public benefit:

Project 2025, our seventh, started in Silam, a slightly better off village than Birahimpur, where I stayed for the second consecutive year. With a budget of just under £5,000, this was my first year working without the guidance and information of a survey. I set sail, feeling a bit like a boat without a rudder!

Though each of the tradesmen had at times asked for help, I had been reluctant to give more than the work that I was providing. However, as their reality is no better than that of the other villagers, a day's work earning £5 or £6 only keeping food on the table and their children clothed, I had the idea that this would be the year to help my helpers, most of them men of about forty, with families to support. To quote Isbor, our roofer "I work hard every day to keep my family, but never in a lifetime will I be able to save enough to build a toilet for them". A communal toilet was provided, which will be used by this family and others.

Jamal, our sanitation man, was exasperated with trying to keep his galvanised and bamboo house together and was dreading another monsoon. Seeds of Growth provided the materials for him to build twelve wonderful concrete pillars to replace the bamboo, for himself and his family. My translator and constant helper, Ramjam, requested a bamboo inner ceiling for his galvanised rood. These inner ceilings are necessary for regulating extremes of cold and heat. We had one made to measure and fitted by a local company. And, ironically the pump man got a pump!

Other requests weren't long coming once people knew I was there, and we started with another communal toilet followed by six communal pumps and a roof repair. Though we usually avoid getting involved with medical expenses, on this occasion we agreed to pay for an operation for a roofer's labourer who could hardly walk as he had three big black lumps on the sole of his foot. Always working bare foot, he was in extreme fear of having to stop working altogether. "Then who will look after my wife and Children?" Surgery 'to remove foreign bodies' has since been scheduled and will go ahead in the coming weeks. We also made several small donations to those in dire need.

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Again this year, pumps were provided in far flung villages. This entailed increased auto hire over greater distances for worksite visits; first a visit by Cathering and Ramjan to check if the project is feasible, a second with the pumpman for his opinion and advice, and a further minimum of two inspection visits. Like everywhere the price of everything, including Autos, has increased and while most traders and a few auto drivers, who remember previous visits and know what Seeds of Growth provides to the needy, give us a special discount, increased distances this year added an estimated £10 to £15 to the cost of each pump.

Seeds of Growth project 2025 created 216 workdays for 42 men. We purchased our materials from local suppliers, and as always kept as much business in the local area as possible.

We at Seeds of Growth are delighted to have completed our seventh successful project. We are as always deeply grateful to you, our supporters, without whom our projects would not be possible. We thank you sincerely and hope we can look forward to your continued support as we move towards Project 2026

Financial Review

Thankfully, Seeds of Growth have some loyal contributors and with our regular collection boxes and donations from others we have been able to continue supporting the village where necessary by sending donations

Total incoming resources in the year were £5,582.21 (2023 £3,392) and recourses expended were £3,823.79 (2023 £5,194) resulting in a net surplus of £1,758.42 for the year (2023 £557 deficit). The net fund reserve at 31st December 2024 to carry over totalled £3,421.42 (2023 £1,664).

Reserves Policy

The project remains dependent on the relatively short-term funding for its operations. In line with guidance by the Charity Commission the trustees endeavour to build up its reserves to enable the Charity to fulfill its objectives and financial plans.

Reponsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally accepted Accounting Practice.

Under Charity Law the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:


- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial state on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees of Seeds of Growth present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024, Continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Trust, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the Trust and ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are satisfied that working with advice from the group Accountants they have achieved these requirements in principle.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by:


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Mohamed Akmol Ali - Chair and co-founder


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Catherin Scott - ~~secretary~~ and co-founder

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Receipts & Payment accounts

for the period

01 January 2024 to **31 December 2024**

	Current Year			Previous Year
	Unrestricted	Restiricted	Total funds	Total
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants and Donations	-	5,582.21	5,582.21	2,882
Fundraising	-	-	-	1,754
0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	5,582.21	5,582.21	4,636
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	207
Insurance	-	156.37	156.37	85
Printing, Postage, Stationary	-	732.59	732.59	138
Bank Charges	-	25.00	25.00	347
Independent Examination	-	-	-	75
Biranhimpur Costs	-	-	-	-
Travel and Accommodation	-	400.00	400.00	173
Materials and Labour for Repair:	-	1,592.09	1,592.09	3,018
Donations	-	-	-	701
Website/IT Support	-	-	-	201
Governance Costs	-	450.00	450.00	250
Sundry Costs	-	82.35	82.35	-
0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-	3,823.79	3,823.79	5,194
Net surplus/-deficit	0.00	1,758.42	1,758.42	- 558
Movement in funds	-	-	-	-
Fund balances b/f 1/1/24		1,663.00	1,663.00	2,221
Fund balances c/f 31/12/24	-	3,421.42	3,421.42	1,663

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

as at

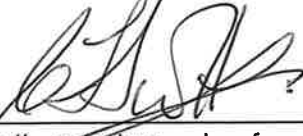
31 December 2024

			2024	2023
Current assets				
Current Account	@	31/12/24	3,421.42	1,423.00
Cash in Hand	@	31/12/24	-	240.00
Accounts Receivable				-
Less uncashed cheques				
			<u>3,421.42</u>	<u>1,663.00</u>
less Current liabilities				
Accounts Payable			<u>3,421.42</u>	<u>1,663.00</u>
Represented by:				
Accumulated Fund b/f			1,663.00	2,221.00
Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments			1,758.42	-558.00
			<u>3,421.42</u>	<u>1,663.00</u>

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 16.2.2026
Mohamed Akmol Ali - Chair and co-founder

Signed  Dated 17.2.2026
Catherin Scott - secretary and co-founder

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

1. Accounting Policies

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in this period

Trustees' expenses

During the year there were no expenses paid to Trustees.

3. Previous period comparison

The financial year end of the charity is 31st December 2024. The previous period's figures have been included for comparison.

4. Restricted fund

These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of The Sundial House Group & The
international Group for Creative Meditation**

I report on the accounts of Seeds of Growth
for the twelve month period ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of committee & examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the supporting documentation presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Laura Dawson
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Dated: 18.02.2026