

## Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh

Charity Number 1185262

### 2nd Annual Report and Accounts

To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Patrons:** The Rt. Hon the Baroness Morgan of Cotes; Rt. Hon Sir Kevin Barron

#### **Trustees**

Mr Mike Sherriff (Chair)  
Mrs Moyra Blake (Secretary)  
Ms Maureen Haddock  
Mrs Kathleen Jackson  
Mr Kazi Mashud (Vice-Chair)  
Mr Dulon Miah

Mr Monjur Elahi (Membership/Newsletter)  
Mr Geoffrey Pool (Resigned 3/7/2021)  
Ms Sue Simmons  
Mrs Doreen Watson  
Mr Philip Watson (Treasurer)

**Bankers:** Barclays Business Banking.

**Ind. Examiner:** ICFS Agar FCA

**Web site:** [www.khasdobir.org.uk](http://www.khasdobir.org.uk).

#### **History and Objectives**

Friends of Khasdobir has operated as a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

Previously we were a registered charitable association and prior to that operated as part of Toc H under the name Toc H Friends of Khasdobir. The objects of Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh are:

- *To advance the education of children, young people and adults in Bangladesh, in particular by supporting the work of the Khasdobir Education, Welfare and Development Project to provide and assist in the provision of facilities for education in the area currently known as Sylhet*
- *The relief of financial hardship amongst people living in Bangladesh, in particular by supporting the work of the Khasdobir Education, Welfare and Development Project to make grants of money and provide goods, services or facilities for the relief of the poor living in the area currently known as Sylhet*
- *To advance the education of the public in England and Wales in the subject of development in Bangladesh*

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity has been governed by a constitution adopted at a General Meeting held on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2019. Trustees, most of whom have visited the project we support in Bangladesh at one time or another, are appointed by trustees to serve a period of 3 years. There must be between 3 and 12 trustees. This year one trustee resigned, and the total is now 10 trustees.

#### **Review of the Year**

Friends of Khasdobir supports the educational and welfare work begun by Peter East and Harun Ahmed in Sylhet, Bangladesh, some 39 years ago. Since 1st July 2018 the Friends have supported the Sylhet Jubo Academy, a local non-government organisation based in Sylhet, to deliver the project. This year the corona virus pandemic has continued to have an impact on the project and our UK fundraising. All the services have continued to operate in

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Sylhet but to comply with measures to prevent the spread of the virus numbers attending activities have been limited and for some periods children were taught at home rather than in classes. Since the end of February all activities resumed at full capacity.

In the UK our fundraising has continued to be on-line, and we also completed a sponsored walk that people took part in as individuals. Our on-line fundraising has included an education trek and a puppet-show and workshop with the children from the project. Fundraising is a continuous challenge, and we appeal to all our supporters to consider how they may assist us with this important work. Our on-line fundraising platform is: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/friends-of-khasdobir>

In Sylhet the project continued to provide 10 pre-primary centres for 350 children from the slum areas of the city and the tea gardens just outside the city. The centres are all in sheltered accommodation and this year we constructed one new shelter that will provide a new school from next year on the Malnichara tea estate. This brings the total to 11 centres, 6 of which were purpose-built with funds from the Friends. The remainder are operated in rented accommodation. This year 113 children completed the pre-primary course and were supported to enrol in local primary schools or madrassa.

The project continues to provide training in sewing and computing. This enables 80 young people to acquire skills that they can use to provide financial support for themselves and their families.

The project has two outreach workers, who visit families door to door. They assess needs and find those who would benefit most from the 80 allowances we provide to widows, the devices we have supplied to disabled children, the pre-primary schools and

training courses. In addition, they help families get access to other local services such as second chance schools and health provision. The project is in contact with many children who do not have a birth certificate and the outreach workers provide a lot of help to families to get children's' births registered.

Friends of Khasdobir has an agreement to fund the Sylhet Jubo Academy until June 2022 to deliver the project. During the past year our Chair was able to visit the project and we reviewed funding arrangements and agreed a budget for a further 3 years. This budget includes developments aiming to secure the long-term future of the work, increases our outreach, and supports the use of the centres for additional community activities.

We continue to have a facebook page with 848 followers and produce a regular newsletter. We have a leaflet informing people about our work and a web site.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to us and supported us during the past year. During next year we hope to re-establish some of our in-person events such as fundraising meals and we look forward to welcoming you to these. Please continue to support us during the coming year to make a real difference to the lives of people living in need in the Khasdobir area, and continuing the work begun by Peter East and Harun Ahmed many years ago.

### **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees have considered the risks to which they may be exposed and have policies in place to manage these.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that due regard has been given to the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit. The work in Bangladesh, which we support, assists the very poorest people in the area without charge.

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**For more news and pictures do please visit our website:**

**[www.khasdobir.org.uk](http://www.khasdobir.org.uk)**

**This report and our accounts will be presented at our Meeting of Supporters on:**

**Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

**11.30am**

**at**

**Leicester Unitarians Great Meeting Chapel, 45 East Bond Street, Leicester LE1 4SX**

**There will also be an option to join the meeting using zoom.**

*Please contact us by email to confirm that you will attend or to request the zoom link to join the meeting.*

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statement of Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh (on Page 4)**

I report on the accounts of Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh, to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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

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

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**ICFS Agar FCA**  
**Robert Whowell & Partners**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND STATUTORY AUDITORS**  
*78 Loughborough Road, Quorn, Leicestershire, LE12 8DX*

**FRIENDS OF KHASDOBIR: BANGLADESH****Charity No. 1185262****Accounts for the Year 1st April, 2021 to 31st March 2022**


	<b>Present Year to 31/03/22</b>	<b>Last Full Year to 31/03/21</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations from Individuals: Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	10,413.00	12,033.00
Donations from Individuals: Gift Aid Tax Not Recoverable	5,434.94	7,939.45
Fundraising Meals Income: Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	0.00	70.00
Fundraising Meals Income: Gift Aid Tax Not Recoverable	0.00	0.00
Individual Donations from Fund Raising: Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	610.00	1,165.00
Individual Donations from Fund Raising: Gift Aid Tax Not Recoverable	45.00	328.00
Donations from Groups, Toc H Branches and Other Organisations	1,872.50	1,691.88
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Sales of Calendars, Surplus Jewellery, and Other Items	0.00	0.00
Interest from Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) Deposit Account	1.14	3.64
Interest from Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) Investment Account	6,389.69	6,798.96
Tax Recovered from HMR&C on Previous Year's Gift Aidable Donations	4,217.78	4,814.78
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>28,984.05</b>	<b>34,844.71</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Grant to Sylhet Jubo Academy in Bangladesh	58,504.50	32,998.00
New Colour Leaflet about Project	0.00	0.00
Quarterly Newsletter Printing and Packing	236.90	510.75
Postage (Mainly Newsletters, but Other Letters also)	283.02	376.58
Meeting Room Hire	44.50	19.60
Equipment Purchase for Sylhet Jubo Academy's Work in Khasdobir	0.00	793.00
Website Registration, Design, Management and Server Provider Continuation	0.00	0.00
Trustee(s) Monitoring Visits to Bangladesh	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses by Trustees for Khasdobir Work	0.00	0.00
Transport Costs for Computer Class Staff	0.00	0.00
Grant to Sylhet Jubo Academy for Shelter Construction	0.00	10,319.00
Public and Trustee Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges for Transferring Money to SJA's Account in Sylhet	99.00	102.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>59,167.92</b>	<b>45,118.93</b>
<b>Surplus ( - = Deficit)</b>	<b>-30,183.87</b>	<b>-10,274.22</b>
<b>BALANCES</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	235,168.94	205,513.27
Revaluation of Investment Fund (gain/loss) as at 1st April 2022	18,378.40	39,929.89
Surplus or Deficit this year	-30,183.87	-10,274.22
<b>Cumulative Surplus Carried Forward</b>	<b>223,363.47</b>	<b>235,168.94</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
Barclays Bank Current Account	12,266.58	16,341.28
CCLA Charities Official Investment Fund (Deposit Account)	3,256.18	4,365.35
CCLA Charities Official Investment Fund (Investment Account)	207,840.71	214,462.31
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>223,363.47</b>	<b>235,168.94</b>

## **Accounts to be inserted**

**Friends of Khasdobir Annual Report and Accounts adopted  
By the Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



**MIKE SHERRIFF  
Chair of Trustees**



**Phil Watson  
Hon Treasurer**

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