

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	27	June	2024		5	April	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Helios Renewable Energy Foundation

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1208862

Charity's principal address

15 Deanway

Hove

East Sussex

Postcode BN3 6DG

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	Cleland Laidlay	Chairperson	Whole year	
2	Sharada Laidlay	Trustee	Whole year	
3	Kiran Laidlay	Trustee	Whole year	
4	Katherine Lyonette	Trustee	June 24 – Mar 25 (Maternity leave)	
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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
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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)	CIO Foundation Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees as set out in the organisation's governing document.

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The prevention or relief of poverty in Sri Lanka and Nepal by facilitating the provision of renewable energy, and any activity necessary to maximise its benefit - to communities and/or organisations in need.

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)

Helios REF works to address energy poverty in Sri Lanka and Nepal using renewable technologies, in particular solar PV. Our trustees all work pro bono, use our technical skills gained from having run a solar design & installation company for 20 years to alleviate poverty in accordance with the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission, Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

Key activities include :

Survey projects that can improve education and health outcomes using affordable energy and with reference to UN SDG's. Prioritise as far as possible the most needy. See our list of projects in Section D.

Identify solar installation companies who will support our projects, helping obtain Education Department for installation on schools & any further local requirements plus training staff onsite to manage the system to maximise generation.

Identify implementation partners to support our work.

Obtain multiple quotes from solar companies and assess these using our technical expertise & product knowledge base.

Metrics : Helios follows the projects for a minimum of 2 years after installation, obtaining solar generation metrics & how it offsets energy bills. We also identify and obtain social metrics to understand how the solar systems are benefiting the community.

There are a number of administrative tasks such as fundraising, website maintenance, newsletters, training e.g. trustees recently attended a Cranfield Trust training session on the New Governance Code.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Installation of a 5.5kWp solar PV system to power a water filtration plant in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka. This area has an 80% incidence of chronic kidney disease caused in large part from impurities from fertilisers and pesticides. This was undertaken to determine the feasibility of such projects & was completely funded by trustees in June 2024.

Installation of 3 x 5kWp solar PV systems on 3 schools in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. This is a community of rural Tamil and Sinhalese people. The schools are ill equipped, lacking in basic lighting, clean water, toilet facilities, computing & internet facilities to enable them to address the curriculum requirements. Access to abundant 'free' clean energy can alleviate many of these issues. Currently in Sri Lanka there is also a payment for energy exported to the grid which can further improve these facilities.

Established a pipeline of projects in Sri Lanka and have initiated our 1st project in Nepal to be completed in the next financial year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Trustees retain a minimum of 5% of total annual funds at year end.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

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.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Cleland Laidlay



Full name(s)

Cleland Laidlay

Treasurer

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

3/3/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Helios Renewable Energy Foundation

1208862

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

27/06/2024

To

05/04/2025

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					
Justgiving Donations	1 374	0	0	1 374	-
Individual Donations	20 654	0	0	20 654	-
Donations from Organisations	1 000	0	0	1 000	-
Restricted Income from NextEnergy Foundation (NEF)	0	9 004	0	9 004	-
					-
					-
					-
					-
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23 029	9 004	0	32 032	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23 029	9 004	0	32 032	-
A3 Payments					
Newsletter	144			144	-
Website	102			102	-
CEB clearance for 3 schools		58		58	-
Membership costs	35			35	-
Bank fees	45			45	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	326	58	0	384	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	-
Total payments	326	58	0	384	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	22 703	8 946	0	31 648	-
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	0	0	0	0	-
Cash funds this year end	22 703	8 946	0	31 648	-

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	Assets - Cash at Main bank	22 703	8 946	-
		-		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22 703	8 946	-
	(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)
	Independent Examiner fee	unrestricted	720	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Mr Kiran Laidlay	05/03/2026	
		Trustee		

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of HELIOS RENEWABLE ENERGY FOUNDATION (charity number: 1208862) on the accounts for the 9 months period ending 05th of April 2025.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 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

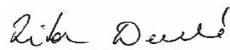
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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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Sign: 

Date: 06.03.2026