

# The Children of Sikkim

Supporting Sikkimese children through primary, secondary and higher education  
Registered UK Charity No 1153784



## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT PERIOD 1 January to 31 December 2018

### SECTION A Reference and administration details

Principal address: Fairlight  
31 Lower Stoke  
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Trust established 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013. Registered with the Charity Commission 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013

#### Trustees:

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted	Appointed by
Margaret Jean Finlayson	Chairperson	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2013 to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2016 Reappointed 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2016 to period end	
Duncan Macdonald Finlayson	Secretary and Treasurer	Reappointed 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 to period end	
Paul Thomson		1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 to period end	
Amy Finlayson		1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 to period end	

### SECTION B Structure, governance and management

The Children of Sikkim charity is governed by a trust deed, and is constituted as a trust. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

The charity is managed by the Chairperson and the Secretary/Treasurer, with support from other trustees.

### SECTION C Objectives and activities

#### The Objects of The Children of Sikkim charity

The objects were modified by resolution of the trustees in October 2017, to be as follows:

To advance the education of children from Sikkim, North East India by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities not required to be provided by any government or local authority or any other public body. For the public benefit to promote the education of such persons in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:

1. awarding to such children scholarships, maintenance allowances, and Grants;
2. providing their education to undertake travel in furtherance of that education and to assist them by providing grants, maintenance allowances or paying fees for them to attend at any

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further schools, universities or colleges, or to prepare them for entry into any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment;

To assist in such ways as the charity trustees think fit any charity in place whose aims include advancing of education of persons under the age of 25 years by developing their mental, physical and moral capabilities through leisure time activities.

Nothing in this deed shall authorise an application of the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Charity Commission accepted these changes and modified their records accordingly in November 2017.

## Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit

During 2018, the Trust paid for education as follows:

- 7 children to attend Dr Graham's Homes School
- 1 child to attend additional Year 10 classes in Kalimpong, before moving from Year 10 to Year 11 at Dr Graham's Homes
- lodging costs and extra tuition for 1 child to attend Year 12 at Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School in Gangtok, working towards the NEET (scholarship exam for medical studies). Subsequent entry into special pre-NEET classes in Siliguri, at Casuarina College (December 2018 for 3 months).
- 2 students to attend colleges of higher education in Bangalore and Namchi, Sikkim.

Money for this comes from sponsors, appeals and fund-raising events. In addition, accumulated reserves will be drawn down over time. All trust personnel work on a voluntary basis and meet their own expenses.

The benefit to the public is to be able to support the education of poor and disadvantaged children in a remote part of India, which changes their life prospects.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## SECTION D Achievements and performance

During 2018 the charity continued to maintain, recruit and if necessary replace sponsors, who make a regular contribution to support the education of a named child. During 2018 funds were raised from the sponsorship income, and a fund-raising event. In addition, the Trust took out a lottery licence and ran an online raffle, the prize being donated weekend passes to the 2018 WOMAD festival. The income does not quite meet the costs, the balance coming from reserves.

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## SECTION E Financial review

The income for the period was £10,231.87, which having deducted a prepayment of 2 years sponsorship for 2019 and 20120. Expenditure was £ 13,720.31, meaning reserves were run down by £3488.44. The current account held £2,841.14 at the end of the period, and the deposit accounts £41,177.59. The trustees had previously decided that reserves will if necessary be run down gradually to make up for any shortfall in income. Total reserves at period end was £43,618.73.

The reserves include £4030 allocated for computers within the Taylor Bequest.

The figures in summary are:

Sponsorship income	£ 8,049
Raffle	£334
Fundraising	£109
Appeals	£49
Gift Aid	£1,384
Misc income and interest	£307
Total income	£10,232
Dr Graham's fees	-£8,700
Coaching fees	-£1,399
Higher education fees and living costs	-£3,537
Cost of computers (from Taylor bequest)	No disbursement
Website and misc	-£84
Total expenses	-£ 13,720
NET INCOME	-£3,489
Reserves (bank accounts less prepayments)	£ 43,619

## SECTION F Other optional information

No entry.

## SECTION G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures		
Full names	Margaret Jean Finlayson	Duncan Macdonald Finlayson
Position	Chair	Trustee, Secretary
Date	6 February 2019	6 February 2019

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