

# 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 2020

### SECTION A Reference and administration details

Principal address: Fairlight  
31 Lower Stoke  
Limpley Stoke  
BATH BA2 7FR

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	Reappointed 01 June 2019 for 3 years, acted to period end	
Duncan Macdonald Finlayson	Secretary and Treasurer	Reappointed 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 for 3 years, acted to period end	
Paul Thomson		Reappointed 1 March 2019 for 3 years, acted to period end	
Amy Finlayson		Reappointed 1 March 2019 for 3 years, acted 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 are:

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

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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.

## Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit

During 2020, the Trust was responsible for education as follows:

- 5 children attending Dr Graham's Homes School
- 3 students attending colleges of higher education in Bangalore, and Gadong, Sikkim
- 1 student attending medical university in Dehradun, Uttarakhand

In principle, money for this comes from sponsors, appeals and fund-raising events. In addition, accumulated reserves will be drawn down over time, as necessary. 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

Activities were severely disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, which led to schools and colleges in India being shut from March 2020 onwards. Dr Grahams Homes shut in March 2020 and had not reopened by the end of January 2021.

Nevertheless we were able to support two young people in moving from secondary school into higher education. Two students completed college courses, one with first class distinction.

We also continued to seek additional sponsors, with some success.

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## SECTION E Financial review

The income for the period was £9841.84. Expenditure was £ 4454.04, meaning reserves increased by £5,387.80. This reflects that no fees were paid to Dr Grahams Homes, because the school was shut. The current account held £1,849.07 at the end of the period, and the deposit account £37,093.94. 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 £39,477.76. The reserves include £3207 allocated for computers within the Taylor Bequest.

The figures in summary are:

Sponsorship income, schooling	£ 5,455
Sponsorship income, higher education	£2,607
Fundraising	
Appeals	
Gift Aid	£1,401
Misc income and interest	£378
Donation to cover cost of trustees' trip	Not applicable
Total income	£9,841
Dr Graham's fees	£0
Half cost of Sangdup as guardian	-£709
Coaching fees	
Higher education fees and living costs	-£3,450
Cost of equipment (from Taylor bequest)	-£227
Website and misc	-£68
Cost of trustees' trip to India	Not applicable
Total expenses	-£ 4,454
NET INCOME	£5,387
Reserves (bank accounts plus accruals)	£ 39,478

## 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	24/2/2021	24/2/2021

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