

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 2021

SECTION A Reference and administration details

Principal address: Fairlight
31 Lower Stoke
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Trust established 1st June 2013. Registered with the Charity Commission 12th 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 th 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 2021, the Trust was responsible for education as follows:

- 4 children attending Dr Graham's Homes School
- 4 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 continued being disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, meaning a lockdown in UK in the first half of the year, and more closures of schools and colleges in. Dr Grahams Homes was shut for most of 2021. Online learning continued, but we do not know to what extent.

We also continued to seek additional sponsors, with some success. Notably, we were given a bequest by the Grant family to support the higher education of one student in particular.

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SECTION E Financial review

The income for the period was £12,404.36. Expenditure was £ 12,706.30, meaning reserves fell by £301.94. These results include a Gift Aid benefit of £2,500 from the Grant Bequest, meaning that the underlying loss to reserves was £2801.94. The accounts have been restated so that the remaining balance of the Grant and Taylor bequests are shown as liabilities (that is, as prepayments). The reserves on 31 December 2021 then became:

Current account	£3,411.10	
Deposit account	£44,098.33	
Bank accounts total		£47,509.43
Grant bequest balance	-£9,802.37	
Taylor bequest balance	-1950.17	
Reserves available for main activities		£35,967.66

The income/expenditure figures in summary are:

Drawn from the Taylor Bequest (computers and tech)	£1,258
Drawn from Grant bequest for Karina	£18
Sponsorship income, schooling (includes Grant bequest for Dawkit)	£4,517
Sponsorship income, higher education	£2,754
Fundraising	
Appeals	
Gift Aid	£3,682
Misc income and interest	£175
Donation to cover cost of trustees' trip	n/a
Total income	£12,404
Dr Graham's fees	-£6,000
Guardian cost	-£184
Coaching fees	
Higher education fees and living costs	-£6,453
Website and misc	-£69
Cost of trustees' trip to India	n/a
Total expenses	-£ 12,706
NET INCOME	-£302

SECTION F Other optional information

No entry.

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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	11 March 2022	11 March 2022