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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement

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Governing Document

Himalayan Initiatives is a charitable unincorporated association. It was founded by Dr David Easton and Dr Jane Lockyer. It is governed by its constitution.

Recruitment policy

All positions on the management committee are elected annually at the AGM. If the post of any officer or committee member falls vacant after the AGM the committee has the power to fill the vacancy.

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Charitable purpose

Himalayan Initiatives works with others to help communities identify and implement sustainable development initiatives that aim to improve community wellbeing, resilience and self-determination. In Nepal, or as decided otherwise by the committee, to assist in, promote or encourage:

- a) the advancement of citizenship or community development
- b) The advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- c) The advancement of education
- d) The advancement of health
- e) The prevention or relief of poverty

Activities and Achievements

This year Himalayan Initiatives has continued to support the provision of improved metal cook stoves to disadvantaged communities in rural villages of the Himalayan foothills of Lower Solu Khumbu in North East Nepal. Working in close partnership with Nepal NGO Community Building for Sustainable Development and linking in with a Nepal Government scheme to access 30% subsidy on stove costs we have been able to provide a further 210 stoves. These were distributed last November in Bogle village (104 stoves) and Tumse village (106) stoves) during our Charity Trek. This brings the total number provided since the start of the project in 2014 to 774. On the basis of our evaluation undertaken in 2017, an average of 5 people benefit from the installation of each stove meaning that this year 1050 people, and overall some 3870, are benefiting through warmer, safer, smoke free homes with the health improvements this brings, combined with efficiencies in time and fuel use. Women are the main stove user 9 times out of 10 and therefore stand to benefit most.

Our support for Rukura school, Nele and Ajambari School, Jhareni continues with the funding of a teacher at each.

In response to community consultation in Mammerku, undertaken during our trek to the village in April 2018, a programme of training was organised. In February 2019 instruction in beekeeping was delivered – many of the participants already kept bees in the traditional way, often in hollowed out logs. Through the provision of modern hives and training, it is hoped that they will be equipped to produce honey on a more commercial basis. Mammerku lacks a health post, the nearest is 2-3 hours walk away, therefore first aid training and provision of first aid kits was a priority for villagers and these were also provided in February. Training in the craft of wild nettle cloth production had been requested by a small number of local Rai women. This is an important traditional skill at risk of being lost in this village, it also has potential for income generation so we were keen to support this by providing funding for training to be undertaken in May 2019.

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Our charity trek to Pikey Peak and partner villages had only two participants this year (inc. one board member) after ill-health led to last minute cancellations. It was however a successful trek which included the distribution of stoves in Tumse and Bogle and opportunities to meet with local people and discuss local priorities.

Our main fundraising event was again our Pancake Tea which raised £1033

3 people undertook the Dundee Kiltwalk in aid of the charity raising £2572 through donations.

We are deeply appreciative to everyone in our local communities and beyond, for all the support and generosity received.

Looking to the future we recognise that much is changing in Nepal. In Lower Solu Khumbu as elsewhere in the country, road building continues apace, electricity becomes more widely available and local government and local budgets are strengthened. We will continue to work closely with Nepal NGO CBSD and with local communities to ensure our support is directed where it is most needed and most effective. The stove project continues to fulfil this remit as does support for health posts and schools all of which remain the top priorities for local people.

Financial Review

In this financial year expenditure exceeded income by £8200. The closing balance of £5943 means the charity is in a good position to continue its work.

Restricted funds

The restricted fund of £370 for the stove project at the start of the year grew to £5370 following a donation of £5000, also designated for stoves. These restricted funds were all spent on stoves during the year leaving no restricted funds at the end of the year.

Reserve policy

The trustees consider that the general unrestricted fund of £5943 will be sufficient to allow them to continue to operate.

Approved by the board of Trustees on..... and signed on its behalf

..... **Chairperson**

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st March 2019

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals 2019	Totals 2018
Donations <i>note 1</i>	4,918	5000	9918	6184
Legacies	0		0	0
Grants	0		0	0
Fundraising <i>note 2</i>	1093		1093	3098
Investment	3		3	1
	0		0	0
	0		0	0
	0		0	0
Total Receipts	6014	5000	11014	9283

Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals 2019	Totals 2018
Fundraising	10		10	223
Gross Trading	0		0	0
Investment costs	0		0	0
Payments relating to charitable activities	13230	5370	18600	3000
Grants/Donations	0		0	0
Other (bank charges)	100		100	80
Insurance	429		429	446
Governance (<i>Independent Exam</i>)	75		75	125
Total Expenditure	13844	5370	19214	3874

Net surplus/deficit	(7830)	(370)	(8200)	5409
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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2019

Statement of Balances	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals 2019	Totals 2018
Cash at bank at start of year	13,773	370	14,143	8,734
Surplus/deficit for the year	(7,830)	(370)	(8,200)	5,409
Total Receipts	5,943	0	5,943	14,143

Liabilities

Independent examination payment due Dec 2019

Assets

The organisation has funds underspent in Nepal which are designated for use in the coming year £1015

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Donations have been received from a number of sources including:

An anonymous donation of £5000 toward the stove project

Donations through the Dundee Kiltwalk with 40% uplift by the Hunter Foundation total £2572

Ama Mundi donated profits from sales of Nepalese handicrafts £215

Ama Mundi profits of £1710 from sales of Nepalese crafts, inc. at Cluny Open House, Huntly Ethical Christmas Fayre and Strathyre Pop-up shop will be donated through the Aberdeen Kiltwalk in June 2019 and therefore do not appear in these accounts.

Note 2 The fundraising events were a Pancake Tea and two talks given by Rob Mackay.

Note 3 No trustees have received remunerations in this financial year other than out of pocket expenses.

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..... **Treasurer**

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2019 set out on pages **5 & 6**

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees considered that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounting Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My Examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) of the 2005 Act and regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounting Regulations have not been met.

Signed Date

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