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NEWSletter
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...helping to secure the future of Nepal's younger generation...

Our Story (second edition)

Thanks to Eco Trek in Kathmandu with printing, we published our first newsletter in November 2011. Arising from that newsletter much progress has been made in our efforts to promote our aims for children at school in Nepal and improve education at the schools we currently support.

President John Ambler's Report



The first major step at our Annual Meeting in March 2012 was the appointment of our first President and Vice President and three new Trustees and we thank both our President and vice President for their initial reports.

For many years now Arthur has been enthusing about his visits to Nepal, and telling me about the lovely friendly people and the problems they face in the sphere of education. 42% of the population are under the age of 15 which puts nearly impossible pressures on providing education in a country which is regrettably amongst the poorest in the World.

I was finally able to take the opportunity last November to join the Trustees of 'Kids at School in Nepal' on their annual visit to Nepal. I was quite stunned with the sheer beauty of the country and overwhelmed by the friendliness of the welcome we received there. The chief impression I had though was that the Nepalese people are making huge efforts to help themselves building an educational system which, not so many years ago, did not exist at all.

The task being so daunting they welcome any additional help that can be found. This is where we at 'Kids at School in Nepal' can make a small contribution. A small sum raised here in the UK can have quite an amazing impact in the remote parts of Nepal that we were able to visit last year. So may I make a plea to you for any financial help however small that you can spare.



It's all too easy to make a resolve to help then let the pressures of modern

life sweep it under the carpet. So don't let that happen, please do help the children of Nepal **NOW!**



Vice President's Report



I know some of you made a trip to Nepal back in 2003 as travelers on 2 wheels. Some of you came back more times and more of you keep coming, which itself is a big support to Nepal. The great thing is, on each trip you keep leaving a foot print (memories) as well. Maybe that is a small thing for you but it can change somebody's life. Books for libraries, drinking water project in a remote school, a play ground, support on educational supplies, teacher training, toilets - so many different sensitive points where you have given support in the remote

villages of the Himalaya. It is a lot...

We have to learn a lot from you great people. A pure support for those who really need. Please keep it up. We at Eco Trek team will do our best to allocate the donations in the right place and the good thing is that all support goes (100%!) to the location. There is no penny spent on name of travelling or administration. That is why we get 100% support from the communities as well.

Thank you Arthur and team once again. You always inspire us to keep doing the right thing. Jyoti Adhikari

Vice President for www.kidsatschoolnepal.co.uk And Team Leader www.ecotreknepal.com

The future of Nepal will be in the hands of today's younger generation

Children of Nepal cannot wait



When we visited schools in the beautiful but remote area of Phulkharka, 124kms north east of Kathmandu in October 2010. We found that:

- *There were in excess of 3000 school age children and only 60 teachers (many paid by the community).*
- *50 classrooms in only 4 schools, with a 3 hour walk between each school.*
- *Many pupils have a 2 hour walk to school.*
- *Secondary school pupils attend from 6am to 1pm and then work in the fields to help support their families.*

They need our help now

The Trustees wish to acknowledge with thanks the following commercial donations:-

£500 from the Royal Liver Superannuitants Association

£500 from the Unite Union



The Trustees wish to acknowledge a major personal donation of £1050 (130,000 Nepal rupees) from Wendy Allan following her wedding this year. Wendy's donation is in memory of her late parents, Di and Roy Lansdown who visited Nepal in the 1990s and fell in love with the country and its people. They contributed to one young man's university education in subsequent years.



If any UK donors would like a slide presentation to their local club or church we have many pictures of life in Nepal taken over 7 years which we will be pleased to arrange subject to availability.

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