



Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh

Charity Number 1116316

13 Hollybush Lane, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 6EB

8th Annual Report and Accounts

To 31st March 2014

Trustees

Mrs Kathleen Jackson (Chair)
Mrs Moyra Blake
Mrs Jean Brown (Secretary)
Ms Maureen Haddock
Mr Kazi Mashud
Mr Monjur Elahi (Mithu)
Mr Geoffrey Pool (Treasurer)

Mrs Barbara Prideaux-Brune
Mr Kenneth Prideaux-Brune (Membership Secretary)
Mrs Mumtaz Rahim
Mr Mike Sherriff
Mr Tony Stevens
Mrs Doreen Watson
Mr Philip Watson

Bankers: Barclays Business Banking.

Ind. Examiner: ICFS Agar FCA

Web site: www.khasdobir.org.uk.

History and Objectives

Friends of Khasdobir came into existence at our inaugural meeting on 8th July 2006 and our registration as a charity was completed in October 2006. For several years prior to that we operated as part of Toc H under the name Toc H Friends of Khasdobir. The objects of Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh are:

To advance the education of children, young people and adults in Bangladesh, in particular by supporting the work of the Khasdobir Youth Action Group to provide and assist in the provision of facilities for education in the area currently known as Sylhet.

The relief of financial hardship among people living in Bangladesh, in particular by supporting the work of the Khasdobir Youth Action Group to make grants of money and provide goods, services or facilities for the relief of the poor living in the area currently known as Sylhet.

To advance the education of the public in England and Wales in the subject of development in Bangladesh.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Constitution adopted at a General Meeting held on 8th July 2006. Trustees, all of whom have visited the project we support in Bangladesh at one time or

another, are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Review of the year

Last year we reported with enthusiasm the appointment of Abul Khair as Chief Officer of Khasdobir Youth Action Group (KYAG). Sadly, after only a few months in post, and just as he was beginning to make a significant contribution to the Project, he took unpaid leave and left for the USA to care for a sick relative. He has not returned and has now formally resigned. At the time of writing we await news of progress in making a new appointment and meanwhile the additional funds we offered towards the Chief Officer's salary have not been sent to Bangladesh and our grant remains £45,000 a year, paid in quarterly instalments. We continue to believe that a Chief Officer to relieve the pressure on the President, Kabir Ahmed is desperately needed and hope that KYAG will be able to make the appointment before too long.

We have been encouraged by the fact that our income from 211 individual supporters has increased by around £1,000 over the previous year and we record our gratitude to them all for their loyal support (and for signing Gift Aid forms, enabling us to claim a further £4,300

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from the Inland Revenue). On the other hand, the contributions from Toc H branches, Trusts and other organisations continue to decline – they were down by £1,100.

Since we received two substantial legacies in the 2010-2011 financial year we have been able to maintain our support for KYAG despite declining income. Trustees planned to treat the interest earned by our capital as current income but not to touch the capital. This year our deficit was £12,500 even after accounting for £7,000 interest and as a result our capital has been significantly reduced. This is obviously not something that can continue in the long term. Two of our Trustees are now seeking to develop new sources of income to address this problem.

The deficit was incurred despite the fact that no Trustee visit to the Project took place during the year. Trustees felt that due to the volatile political situation in Bangladesh a visit during the 2013/14 winter would be unwise. Individual Trustees continue to give a considerable amount of time to covering the various administrative tasks on a voluntary basis, which means that our administrative costs remain very low and the majority of the money donated to us goes to support the work in Sylhet.

Two of our long-standing Trustees, Barbara and Kenneth Prideaux-Brune, have decided that the time has come for them to retire as Trustees lest illness or debility force their unplanned retirement, though Ken will continue to produce the newsletter. Barbara has written friendly, and much appreciated, letters in acknowledgement of donations. Ken was a colleague and close friend of Peter East and, as International Secretary of Toc H, was responsible for encouraging Toc H members to support Peter's work while he was in Bangladesh and, as a result, encouraging the formation of Friends of Khasdobir.

We note that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our founder Peter East. The fact that KYAG, while continuing to develop, remains true to the ethos with which Peter endowed it is a remarkable tribute to his work.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have considered the risks to

The work of KYAG

Education

KYAG runs 14 open air schools preparing over 1,100 children for entry into primary school

Runs three adult literacy classes with 20 women in each.

Has coaching classes teaching English, Maths and Science to nearly 250 high school students who are unable to afford the private tuition that is a normal part of secondary education in Bangladesh. .

Pays fees and meets the cost of books for 181 high school students.

Training

A Sewing Workshop trains 60 desperately poor women in sewing and tailoring skills. The 12 month course enables them to stand on their own feet and earn a living through work in a clothing factory or by working from home.

Welfare

A small monthly allowance is paid to 70 destitute widows.

A Friday morning clinic offers free treatment and medicines. Medicine is also supplied to people unable to afford the cost of medicines that they have been prescribed.

Destitute people are also offered free hand-outs of food at times of flooding or other natural disaster. Help is also offered with the rebuilding of homes destroyed by floodwater and through installing and maintaining tube wells.

which they may be exposed and believe that they have policies in place to manage these to an acceptable level.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that due regard has been given to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance document entitled "Charities and Public Benefit", issued on January 17 2008. The work of KYAG in Bangladesh, which they support, assists the very poorest people in that area without charge. Through the newsletter sent to donors and through the fundraising meals Friends of Khasdobir educates citizens of the UK about the problems faced by poor people in Bangladesh. The Trustees are therefore confident that they offer a public benefit.

AGM Note Change of venue

This Report will be presented at our AGM. Do please consider coming to support us there. We will be discussing new fundraising ideas

Saturday July 5

11.30 am

The Chapter House, St Mary's Church,
Nanpantan, Loughborough, LE11 3YF

So we know numbers for the curry lunch please phone or email Kathleen Jackson (01509 557740 – derkat.46@ntlworld.com.) to let her know you are coming.

London Sponsored Walk Saturday September 6

Do please consider taking part. You can be assured of an enjoyable and interesting day out and an opportunity to explore places of interest (with the help of a booklet supplied).

You can either get sponsored for Friends of Khasdobir,

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that, following Ken and Barbara Prideaux-Brune's retirement as Trustees, all cheques for Friends of Khasdobir should be sent to:

Geoffrey Pool, Treasurer,
7 St John's Road
Stoneygate
Leicester LE2 2BL

in which case you walk for free, or you can simply walk for fun in which case you pay £6. After meeting costs all proceeds will be donated to Friends of Khasdobir.

To register contact Jeni Gosling, 29 Westell Close, Baldock SG7 6RY – Email: j.gosling@btinternet.com.

Or, if you are not able to join the Walk please consider sponsoring John Burgess, 66 Park Meadow, Hatfield AL9 5HB. Email: jburgess@ntlworld.com.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statement of Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh (on Page 4)

I report on the accounts of Friends of Khasdobir, Bangladesh, to 31st March 2014.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

ICFS Agar FCA
Robert Howell & Partners
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND STATUTORY AUDITORS
78 Loughborough Road, Quorn, Leicestershire, LE12 8DX

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st March 2014

	Year to 31.03.14	Year to 31.03.13
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations from individuals	17,763.45	16,776
Fundraising meals income	2,495.10	3,781
Donations from groups, Toc H branches and other organisations	2,219.29	3,323
Legacies	-	1,441
Sale of calendars and other items	70.00	199
Interest from COIF deposit account	112.20	313
Interest from CCLA Investment Fund	7,049.61	6,980
Tax recovered from HMRC on previous year's Gift Aidable donations	4,370.90	4,593
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>34,080.46</u>	<u>37,406</u>
PAYMENTS		
Grants to KYAG	45,000.00	45,000
Newsletter printing and packing	227.42	223
Postage (newsletter and letters)	523.48	453
Meeting room hire (St. Albans and Loughborough)	181.25	46
Website (registration, design, management and service provider)	500.00	89
Committee members' monitoring visit to Bangladesh	-	1,456
Money transfer charges on payments to KYAG	100.00	100
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>46,532.15</u>	<u>47,367</u>
Surplus/-Deficit	<u>- 12,451.69</u>	<u>- 9,961</u>
BALANCES		
Balance brought forward from previous year	191,257.13	201,218
Surplus/deficit for the year	- 12,451.69	- 9,961
Cumulative surplus carried forward	<u>178,805.44</u>	<u>191,257</u>
Represented by		
Barclays Bank current account	95.27	5,584
CCLA Deposit account	18,710.17	25,673
CCLA Investment Fund	*160,000.00	160,000
Total Bank Balances	<u>178,805.44</u>	<u>191,257</u>
<i>*Market value at 31/03/2014: £178,564</i>		

**Friends of Khasdobir Annual Report and Accounts adopted
at a meeting of the Trustees held on June 5th 2014.**

KATHLEEN JACKSON
Chair of Trustees

GEOFFREY POOL
Hon Treasurer

To our members

A gentle reminder that if you have not donated, or attended a fundraising meal, during the past year your subscription (minimum £10) is now due. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Khasdobir and sent to:
Geoffrey Pool, Treasurer, 7 St John's Road, Stoneygate, Leicester LE2 2BL.