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TREK TO BUILD 2014

Solid progress is being made on the project to build a new birthing centre and refurbish our existing clinic at Sarkegad. With support from Rotary clubs led by the Rotary Club of Sturminster Newton and a grant from CARE Nepal this project is now fully funded. Construction of the birthing centre commenced at the end of 2013 and we expect to be ready to bring it into service by late summer 2014. Refurbishment of our existing clinic at Sarkegad is part of the plan and will progress in parallel this summer.

We are hoping to organise a trek team to visit Sarkegad this September to assist with the work there and inauguration of the centre. The team will fly into Simikot and after a short acclimatisation period walk to Sarkegad, inspecting a number of our health, education and renewable energy projects on route. It will be an excellent opportunity to see at first hand the work of the Nepal Trust and life and times in this very remote part of the world. The return trip will be through Gothi and over the stunning Margola pass, in total a 4 week expedition with 10 days of walking on the trails.

If you are interested in joining us or know of others who would be, please make contact or put them in touch with Anna at annaclutterbuck@gmail.com.



Gothi Micro Hydro Project



The Birthing Centre at Sarkegad

NAMASTE

We have confirmation the Social Welfare Council of Nepal has accepted our 5 year plan, which carries through to early 2019 and currently the plan is being finalised with the respective ministries of Nepal.

Details of the plan will be shared in the next edition of Namaste, which should be published in the summer and will be available from our web site. Namaste is also available in hard copy to members and supporters. To send you a copy we need to be sure of your correct postal address: if you received last years copy and have not moved house it should be fine. If not please let Anna have your address.

CALLING YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

Next year we hope to start the Trek-to-Teach Programme, a programme offering young people a real and meaningful experience in the Hidden Himalayas as part of their gap year. Are you able to help put us in touch with potential participants? As always the contact point is Anna.

MUCH PROGRESS, BUT AS ALWAYS MUCH TO DO...

A lot of what we do these days is in partnership with other organisations and aid agencies. As an INGO with a long track record for completing our projects and programmes with a strong contribution from local communities, we are often approached by other organisations to support projects being delivered into Nepal, and in particular Humla, as programme managers. The synopsis below on some of these projects will be 'fatted out' in the next edition of Namaste: so do make sure we have your postal address.

GHT Trail

The story of the Great Himalayan Trail project has been written about many times in both e-news and Namaste: our participation in the project finished at the end of 2013 and for sure it has made a lasting and positive contribution to those earning their living along the trail.

Thehe school

Currently we are working with the Dutch aid agency overseeing the construction of a new school at Thehe village: under the active leadership of the Thehe school committee and Sagar the work is progressing well and the school should open this year. Thehe is one of the poorest villages in Humla and apart from upping the delivery of education, the new school will work with the Nepal Trust helping teach the basis of hygiene and healthcare. We still need more long term support for our Little Doctors programme.

Kailash Humla Children's Home

At Muchu we are working with John Armstrong of the Kailash Humla Children's Home to run a hostel for young children attending the school from remote villages. John is looking for additional funding support to keep the hostel going for the next 3 years.

Kaskikot Water Supply Project

Outside of Humla we have been supporting the Kaskikot water supply project in Kaski district, Nepal's biggest tourism area. The 40km transmission line is now complete and the first water tests at the end point have been successful. Currently plans are prepared for the distribution part of the water supply scheme, which will include pipe laying, establishment of public water taps and sanitation education programs at local schools.

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