

Khumbu Sherpa Project SCIO

Scottish Charity No – SC050559

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ending 30 November 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ending 30 November 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ending 30 November 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name

Khumbu Sherpa Project SCIO

Charity no

SC0050559

Address

Invercauld Road
Braemar
AB35 5YP

Current Trustees

Colin Bruce
Kirsty Bruce
John Aitchison

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO). It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees may be appointed by way of a resolution by a majority vote at a board meeting. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of five trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The aims of the charity are:

- To advance culture, arts and heritage in Nepal and the Himalayas, by preserving traditional buildings whose owners cannot afford this preservation, promoting traditional architecture and skills, and improving standards through modern means and training.
- To advance environmental protection and improvement in Nepal and the Himalayan mountains.
- To prevent or relieve poverty in Nepal and the Himalayan mountains, including through education and support to improve the ability of people living there to earn a living.
- To relieve those in need by reason of financial hardship.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the charity assisted with basic fire training and gas safety in Lukla, a major tourist town in the Everest region. This is a considerable task as awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning in gas powered showers remains low.

At higher elevations, fatalities can occur due to a lack of available oxygen. The charity has sourced a free supply of oxygen, together with training, which is used for humanitarian purposes.

The charity also provided safety improvements including safety audits and smoke alarm installations at Lukla school. Training of the Lukla fire and rescue crew continued with emphasis on crash rescue, trauma care and firefighting. Higher up, fire safety and first aid in Namche, Pangboche and Dingboche were also provided.

During the summer, donations of safety equipment were collected for Nepal from a number of Scottish mountain rescue teams. Much of this is now in use in Khumbu.

Autumn is the main trekking season and residents have limited time to attend safety training, and so multiple short evening sessions were undertaken with great success. The charity continues to work alongside Fire Aid with community trainers and village helipad safety being key priorities.

Finally, thanks to all our supporters, particularly Scottish Fire & Rescue, Fire International and Mountain Equipment.

Financial review

The charity continues to receive donations and has settled expenses outstanding from the previous year.

The Trustees are planning to fund raise for future projects.

Plans for future period

Further training is planned for fire safety training around Lukla with further first aid sessions. The charity also plans to provide further safety training for local accommodation providers.

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ending 30 November 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Receipts				
Donations	4,000	-	4,000	3,850
Fund raising	10,035	-	10,035	-
Total receipts	<u>14,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,035</u>	<u>3,850</u>
Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	792	-	792	28,352
Family support	-	-	-	4,162
Admin costs	100	-	100	569
Freight costs	135	-	135	1,411
Total payments	<u>1,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>34,494</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>13,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,008</u>	<u>(30,644)</u>

Statement of Balances
As at 30 November 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Opening cash at bank	9,554	-	9,554	40,198
(Deficit) Surplus for the period	13,008	-	13,008	(30,644)
Closing cash at bank	<u>22,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,562</u>	<u>9,554</u>

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ending 30 November 2025

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the club.

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Personal	3,200	-	3,200	2,000
Corporate	800	-	800	1,850
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,850</u>