

Our work in...

Lalgadh



Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital and Services Centre (LLHSC)

NLT has built and runs an extremely busy leprosy centre at Lalgadh in south-east Nepal where leprosy prevalence is highest. The centre receives over 100,000 patient visits per year and diagnoses over 1000 new cases of leprosy each year.

Community Work

Our commitment empowers marginalised people, particularly those affected by leprosy, to live more fulfilled lives. By initiating projects that benefit themselves and the wider community, participants 'reclaim' their dignity, their rights, and a better life in the community. This has directly benefited many thousands of people.

Village Alive

Village Alive supports villages beaten down by poverty and stigma in the area around LLHSC. By setting up women's groups and training volunteer Rural Health Facilitators, villagers learn to work together to support those most in need and improve village life.

How can you help?

To support our work, please consider...

- **Giving** by monthly standing order or by a one-off donation
- **Praying** for the work. Sign up to receive our monthly *praymail* via email
- **Sponsoring a child** for £15 per month, so that they can receive an education
- **Selling our handicraft products** to help raise funds for leprosy work.

Kathmandu



Himalayan Leather Handicrafts employs people cured of leprosy and other disadvantaged people. Their high-quality leather and cloth goods are sold locally and abroad.

Himalayan Batiks employs disadvantaged people who produce attractive wall hangings, bookmarks and cards for all seasons and celebrations.

The Felt Workshop produces colourful felt goods, that are decorative, practical and fun. They are made by disadvantaged women.

Social Support Programmes

Lydia Children's Fund sponsors children's education for about 80 children from very poor and needy situations.

A Monthly Support Scheme helps about 50 people who are vulnerable and have little or no other support. This can include sheltered accommodation.

Vocational training helps disabled and marginalised people to learn new skills such as tailoring, vegetable growing, animal husbandry, driving, jewellery making, felt making, etc.

- **Fundraising** for NLT through doing a sponsored "something"
- **Creating an opportunity** for NLT to give a presentation about the work
- **Leaving a legacy** for the work of NLT

You can send a cheque payable to "Nepal Leprosy Trust" to the address overleaf or donate online through our website. You can also request a standing order form.

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Beating leprosy, breaking stigma, building lives



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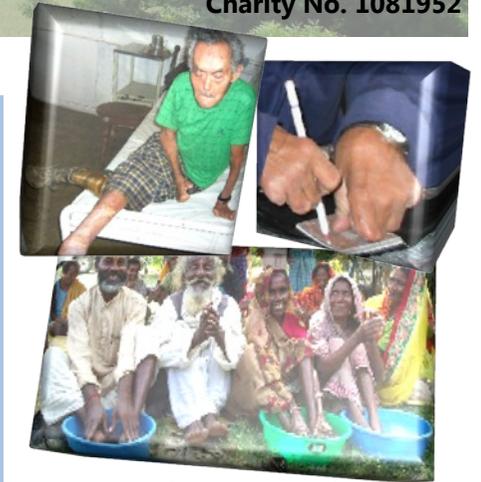
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What is leprosy?

Leprosy is a chronic disease, closely associated with poverty. Though not very infectious, it can cause severe and permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs and eyes if left untreated. This damage can result in hands, feet and eyes losing all sense of feeling and, without the safety net of pain, life becomes very difficult for people affected by leprosy.

In Nepal, most people earn a living with manual work. With insensitive hands and feet it is very difficult to avoid injury and the resulting burns and cuts often become infected leading to tissue and bone loss, and the deformity that people associate with leprosy. Often those affected by leprosy are cast out from their families and communities, due to the fear and social stigmatisation of the disease.



What we do

Nepal Leprosy Trust (NLT) works with people affected by leprosy and other disadvantaged people, to heal and empower them, without discrimination. We offer free healthcare, social support, education and employment, with the aim to restore health, dignity and active community membership.

Our work includes the running of a major referral centre in south-east Nepal. Staff have set up many self-help groups where those affected by leprosy learn to look after nerve-damaged limbs and support each other.

