

Shimshal Trust newsletter – March 2018

Greetings to all our supporters! This is just a short note to welcome our 28 new supporters and to report back on WOMAD 2018.

WOMAD

This year we applied for a stall at WOMAD to sell Trust merchandise and raise money. We had failed to gain a place in the previous three years, so we were delighted with this year's successful application.

Bureaucracy and requirements have increased since our last stall: certificates for electrical appliances, a fire blanket and extinguisher, earlier reporting times, insurance.

The worst of these was the earlier reporting times; we didn't have time for a swim in the sea or a visit to the Len Lye gallery. New Plymouth has so much to offer!

However wonderful supporters sent us items to raffle and paid the cost of our stall: thanks Jeremy, Anne and Brenda. And brilliant volunteers staffed the stall with enthusiasm, selling 200 raffle tickets as well as about \$1800 worth of merchandise. They loved talking to people about Shimshal and the Trust's association with the village: Vicky, Karen, Stephen, Alison, Sue, Pauline, Judith, and Shelley.

As part of setting up we make displays using maps, photographs and posters.





Sarah won the quilt that was first prize in the raffle.

And Jacky won \$100 worth of petrol vouchers.



Here are some of the volunteers:



As part of our WOMAD effort we also collect new supporters. This is their first communication from us.

The Trust

The Trust has two main aims: to increase sympathy and understanding in Pakistan and New Zealand about each other's culture, and to support education financially in the village of Shimshal.

Money

We have a small number of automatic payment supporters and others who donate in response to specific requests. The APs give us a modicum of security and the one off donations give us delightful surprises. Each year we award about \$10,000 in scholarships to students from Shimshal. We focus on young women with good grades, and we help quite a few young men as well. We also need money to cover bank charges, charities commission fees, and occasionally postage. Nearly all the money collected goes directly into scholarships.

Your ongoing support in the form of an AP would be very welcome. APs are easy to set up by electronic banking. SHIMSHAL TRUST Account number: 38-9001-0596230-01

For most of the people on our mailing list the newsletters are a source of information about the Trust and its work and fulfil our first aim.

Regards, Pam Henson, Secretary, Shimshal Trust