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Working in some of the most deprived areas through trusted Nepali intermediaries, Nepalrvt aims to increase food security and quality in Khotang, eastern Nepal.



*Villagers in Dolpu, Jaleshwari, Khotang,  
with Nepalrvt trustees*



*Jaleshwari girl with donated goat and kid*

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### UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



*Jaleshwari couple with NRVT goats*

This May, trustee Pasang made the long journey to Jaleshwari on behalf of Nepal Remote Villages Trust. He fitted the trip in between his work as a trekking guide and tending his farm on the outskirts of Kathmandu. As usual the first leg was a difficult 12 hour jeep trip followed by an overnight stop in Nele and then the very long walk. Because he was alone, Pasang decided to do the walk in one day, getting up early and completing the last stretch by the light of his headtorch.

He spent about three weeks in the village, helping his parents on their small farm and trekking over the hills in search of

suitable livestock to buy for families in need. This job takes considerable time and effort in an area where every trip has to be made on foot.

Eventually eight goats all either with kids or expecting soon, and two cows also expecting were located, purchased and donated. Four goats and one cow to families in Tuhure (upper Jaleshwari) and four goats and one cow to families in the lower part, Dolpu. Photos are above and to the left. Others may be seen on the website, [www.nepalrvt.org](http://www.nepalrvt.org)

Unfortunately the NRVT Goat Farm plan has been put on the back burner for the time being as the land that we planned to buy was taken off the market and no other suitable land could be found. This area of Khotang is quite densely populated and it seems that good land is in short supply so this project may not prove viable even in the long term

Whilst in Jaleshwari Pasang also visited the local schools. There are three in the area, a small primary school in Tuhure, a middle school (which also has primary-age children), and a high school. Despite its remoteness and inaccessibility, the population of Jaleshwari is growing and there are plenty of children and young adults who would benefit from improved educational resources. Education is seen by everyone as the key to increased opportunities and living standards. Also Nepal urgently needs to improve the skill set among the young generation to enable the country to move forward.



*Pupils at Jaleshwari Middle school*



*BTS students with Mme Destruels and Alison Burns*

In April, BTS students from Lycée JBD in Alès, France presented a cheque for 300€ to NRVT secretary, Alison Burns. The students already donated medical supplies and school books which trustees Chris and Alison took with them to Jaleshwari in December 2015. When the lycéens saw photos from the trip they decided they must do more to help and organised a tombola. Thank you to all who took part and to English teacher Nathalie Destruels for initiating the project.



Manager Phil (above) from Cotswold Outdoor, Bicester Avenue has kindly agreed to continue supporting NRVT during 2016.

Thanks to everyone who has an NRVT collection tin in their shop or office. They make a real and valuable contribution to the charity.

However, at present neither the primary school nor the middle school has any electricity, buildings are very basic and books are limited and very old-fashioned. Frankly it's impressive that they manage to teach anything at all let alone anything relevant to the modern world. Shree Simile High School does have solar panels but these are lacking vital parts to make the conversion to electric power. Consequently morale is very low amongst the teachers and educational standards have dropped to the extent that last year no one at the High school passed the School Leaving Certificate. This makes it very hard for students to feel motivated to make the long daily trips (often over an hour of steep climbing each way) to school and back each day.

When Mark, Alison and I visited the schools last December they asked if Nepalrvt could offer assistance. And Pasang recently brought back letters from the schools requesting solar panels and books. Technology in the area does not yet support internet but with the help of Himel and Pasang in Kathmandu, we are currently sourcing appropriate solar power packages, laptops, printers and screens. We hope to be able to send this equipment to the Jaleshwari this autumn or winter.

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## GREAT FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

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### *Autumn Quiz and Dinner*

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**Your Quizmaster; the renowned Peter Curtis  
Venue; Château du Fraissinet**

Details and date to be decided.  
More info to follow soon!

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### *NRVT Garden Party & BBQ*

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This event held on 21<sup>st</sup> May was a great success and raised just over 850€ to help families and schools in Jaleshwari. The weather was beautiful and local band DaddyPop played great music all afternoon.

Thanks to all the friends who helped out with the teas, donated books and bric-a-brac to sell and manned the cack-handed golf. And thanks too to everyone who attended. The welly-throwing contest was the highlight of the afternoon. Congratulations to Maureen Gugerty and Philip Barnard Brown, ladies and men's champions respectively!

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