

Responsible Travel UPDATE

We support a number of charities across the world and it is always thrilling to hear back from them with news of successes or future projects.



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Villagers in front of the bio-gas unit



New bio-gas stove



Cooking prior to the bio-gas unit

Update from Kenya

On the edge of the Masai Mara there is a village called Kolong, in the Talek area – this was the location chosen to benefit from the bio-gas unit that was built and installed through Friends of Conservation with money raised from one of our charity treks. This is all up and running and the gas has been connected to the homes of several of the families in the village. In the past local women had to venture out into the bush to collect

firewood in an area where predators, in the form of lion, leopard and others were rife. Not only has the gas (which is made from cattle manure) meant that they no longer have to take this risk, but it also helps to prevent deforestation as the plants and trees can be left to mature naturally.

(Images courtesy of Tribal Voice Communications)

Partying for charity

Every year Audley has an annual staff Christmas party. This is obviously a good opportunity to get together and celebrate the festive period, but this year it also had a positive benefit for one of our charities as we raised £435 in ticket sales. Audley supports 13 charities in total across all our destinations so the decision of where to send this money was quite a difficult one. Each regional programme has a Responsible Travel Executive and they each submitted a proposal of a project that this could be used for. We then put it to the vote and all staff chose their favourite. With the option of sponsoring children in Mongolia through the winter, protecting spirit bears' habitat in Canada and much more, the choice was very difficult. However, there was one clear favourite, CINI, the Child in Need Institute's project in Calcutta to help young girls avoid the dangers of the street.

£435 is half a year's salary for a house mother at CINI's girl's shelter in Calcutta. For girls living on Calcutta's streets and at threat from child trafficking, the shelter means the difference between a life of abuse and poverty, and an opportunity to gain education, healthcare and a home. The house mother provides love, care and support for young girls who have known only abuse, trauma and pain. She will help them get their lives back on track so they can be registered in local schools, access healthcare, and escape life on the streets where they are at constant risk of trafficking. They learn the skills they need to live independently in later life, gain employment, and escape the cycle of poverty and abuse.

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