

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Return for 2022

1st January 2022 to 31 December 2022

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Section A: Reference and Administration details

Charity Name : Kesho UK The registered address is:

Registered Charity with the UK Charity Commission on 19th January 2012

Registered Charity Number: 1145531

Charity's Principal Address: Phoenix Cottage, Blacksmiths Lane, South Littleton, Evesham, WR11 8TW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Kate Nokes:	Chair
Ian Graham	Incoming Chair
Pauline Lowe:	Treasurer
Sally Bagenal	Secretary (Outgoing)
Angela Cary-Brown	Trustee (Outgoing)
Geoffrey Powell	Incoming Trustee

All Trustees are voluntary and receive no payment for their contribution.

Section B: Structure, governance and management

Kesho UK is governed by a Trust Deed and is constituted as a Trust. We currently have 4 Trustees who are selected and inducted according to the rules stated in our Trust Deed.

Kesho UK trustees are all volunteers, providing strong governance whilst holding non-executive roles. All have a personal connection with Kilifi, Kenya having lived, worked and or visited the area over many years. They also bring various specific areas of expertise to the organisation including IT plus financial and business management in the academic, business and charitable sectors.

Kesho UK is governed by the following policies which are reviewed annually:

- An MOU with Kesho Kenya giving guidelines on grant making, financial accountability and reporting schedules and data protection.
- A Privacy Policy.
- A clear reporting schedule and financial reporting template for beneficiaries.

- d. Data protection policies in line with GDPR requirements for Charities published on our website which include a Privacy Policy, Website Policy, Trustees Processes and a Sponsor Agreement.

Kesho UK supports educational activities in Kenya through receipt of donations mostly from individuals and also occasionally from other donors or grants. We arrange the award of funds to educational charities in Kilifi County, Kenya. Currently our main recipient of donations is the educational charity, Kesho Kenya of which our current chair was the Co-Founder in 2004. Kesho UK disperse funds periodically to Kesho Kenya. Kesho Kenya also receive funds directly in Kenya. Kesho UK has financial oversight of Kesho Kenya by receiving bi-monthly financial reports and annual transaction reports indicating total income and expenditure. We have found the accounting by Kesho Kenya to be accurate and transparent. Kesho UK also offer financial and managerial support through regular visits to Kesho Kenya by two Trustees. We have confidence in Kesho Kenya's ability to spend these funds according to the needs of the community and have an MOU in place to protect both parties.

Section C: A message from the Chair

Kesho UK was established in January 2012 with the aim of improving the lives of children living in Kilifi, on the coast of Kenya, through education. It does this by raising funds and providing financial support and administrative/ managerial advice as appropriate to charitable organisations with an education focus and working within in the coastal region of Kenya called Kilifi.

Kesho UK has a unique group of Trustees who believe passionately in its charitable aims, as we have all either lived, worked or visited the area many times and over many years. This close relationship with the coast of Kenya and the work of organisations working on the ground in the region means we are well placed to provide support to organisations which are having a visible and positive impact.

The principal recipient of funds in 2022 as in previous years is Kesho Kenya, a charity in which I was a co-founder back in 2004 and executive director until 2015. We also provide smaller ad hoc awards to organisations in the designated area of Kilifi, for example we have supported the Rotary Club of Kilifi provide emergency famine relief and also Moving the Goal Posts (MTG) which empowers and educates girls in the region through football. None of the organisations are solely reliant on the funds received from Kesho UK to support their administration development and outreach programmes.

As a result of these awards, organisations like Kesho Kenya, working at the front line in Kilifi, have been able to manage the impact of the pandemic on young people. By January 2023 the academic timetable has been reset to normal

I have taken the difficult decision to step down as chair from 1st January 2023 It has been an incredible 18 year journey and indeed a privilege to have been a co-founder with Zena Salim of Kesho Kenya and then, since 2015, Chair of Kesho UK. I am so thankful to have worked alongside such kind, positive, generous and supportive Sponsors and fellow Trustees for all these years.

Resigning was of course a very difficult decision to take but I feel confident that the time is right for Kesho UK to benefit from new leadership. I am very pleased to announce that Kesho UK Trustees have appointed Mr Ian Graham as the new Chair. Ian brings a wealth of experience in the education sector having lived in Kilifi and raised funds to support a local primary school for many years. He also has a long and successful association with the Rotary Club and is extremely committed to guiding Kesho UK in the years to come.

May I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your long-standing support of Kesho UK and Kesho Kenya. Over 140 children each year continue to be financed through school directly as a result of your generous contributions; students who would otherwise not be able to reach their potential in their educational journey.

I am confident that Ian's experience and commitment to education in Kenya will ensure both Kesho UK and Kesho Kenya will continue to thrive under his leadership and thus ensure the continuity and potential expansion of the provision of educational support to children and young adults in Kilifi.

Dr. Kate Nokes

Kesho UK Chair

Message from Incoming Chair

I was so honoured to be asked if I wished to join Kesho UK as the Chair of the Trustees. It did not take long for me to say yes. So, who is this new Chair? I am a retired Royal Air Force aircraft engineer. I first had a holiday on the Kenyan coast in 1966 but was not able to return until 2000. Since then, I have visited each year for varying lengths of time until some years ago I moved out there and lived there for three years. I am now back in the UK but still aim to visit as regularly as I can.

I started to get involved with supporting underprivileged children in 2000 by sponsoring a five year old with his schooling until he finished secondary school. I also at that time began supporting Mnarani primary school on the outskirts of Kilifi. I still carry out some of this work, especially partnering with some Rotary International clubs but now mainly concentrate on helping Special Needs children in the Kilifi area.

I first became involved with Kesho Kenya around 2010 ,I have seen the wonderful progress that, with the assistance of the Kesho UK supporters, Kesho Kenya has made, growing from just being concerned with secondary education to have a much wider brief, including the very important work of child protection.

I wish to build on the excellent work that Kesho UK has carried out into the future.

Kind Regards

Ian Graham

Incoming Chair

As the change of Chair was at the end of 2022 the exiting Chair has not prepared the 2022 Annual Report so Ian Graham has prepared the report due to be submitted by September 2023.

Section D: Objectives and activities

The objectives of Kesho UK were developed having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. These are as follows:

- e. To advance education among children and young people in Kilifi, Kenya. In particular but not exclusively, through the provision of grants to Kesho Kenya and other charities or organisations to advance education in Kenya and by such other means as the Trustees determine.
- f. To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities, not for profit and voluntary organisations working to advance education in Kenya for the benefit of the public by provision of management advice and practical support.
- g. For the purpose of this clause charities are organisations which are established exclusively for charitable purposes in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

The main activities undertaken by Kesho UK in 2022 for the public benefit were in relation to these objects:

- Funds were collected from individual donors, Rotary Clubs and schools in spite of the pandemic.
- Gift aid was claimed on those donations.
- Grants were awarded to Kesho Kenya to support education in Kenya.
- Three trustee meetings were held in the UK.
- Two trustees visited Kesho Kenya Organisation to:
 - Offer financial support and guidance and help mitigate the impact of the pandemic.
 - Validate the impact on the community of the funds received from Kesho UK.

Kesho UK does not have any official volunteers although we do acknowledge the incredible voluntary efforts of our sponsors who occasionally visit us, who offer encouragement to students, skills such as teacher training and undertake fundraising events to raise additional funds.

Section E: Achievements and performance

E1: Kesho UK's main achievements in 2022

1. There are 49 regular sponsors from UK
2. Through donations to Kesho Kenya Organisation of £29,000 a total of 131 children were directly financed to go to school for another year. Of these 13 Secondary and 14 Primary School children were supported collectively by sponsors contributing to the Education Fund. The remaining were supported by individual sponsors, companies and clubs. Kesho UK also contributes towards the holistic support offered to all students by Kesho Kenya through their enrichment and child protection activities.
3. Two of our four Trustees visited Kesho Kenya several times during the year and held meetings with the ED, staff and Board members as well as meeting students.

E2: The impact of our donations to Kesho Kenya

Funds donated to Kesho Kenya were used to improve educational and employment opportunities for vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Kilifi County in Kenya.

The children Kesho Kenya supports are among the most vulnerable members of the community

Kesho Kenya continues to employ over 25 permanent members of staff and have continued to expand their projects with key achievements in 2022 once again, worthy of celebration.

Access to Education

Kesho UK provided financial support for 131 (Table 1) students in 2022. Financial support is the gateway through which students, once with Kesho are offered a holistic programme of support tailored to their needs including child protection, leadership opportunities, reproductive health advice and literacy support.

Table 1: Number of children sponsored to access education.

Educational level	Number supported through Kesho UK funds 2022	Number supported through Kesho UK funds 2021
Primary	60	85
Secondary	71	61
University	1	1
Total	132	147

Kesho Kenya decided not to recruit any additional students so they could provide financial security for the existing students to ensure fees could be paid for 4 terms rather than the usual 3, for the next two years. Out of the 63 Sponsors last year, 14 withdrew their regular support during 2022 having sponsored for over 10 years. We are truly grateful for their incredible generosity and long-term commitment, without which many students would not have had an opportunity to complete their educational journey.

Additional Programmes

Kesho's holistic support includes a range of programmes and opportunities for students include the following programmes.

- Enrichment and Training
- Adult Literacy Classes
- Tusome (Let's Read)
- Safeguarding
- Wasichana Wetu Wafaulu (Let our girls succeed)
- Students Acting for Honesty , Integrity and Equality (SHINE)
- Tackling Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- Youth Development

This work is mostly funded by other donors; Kesho UK provides a small contribution towards enrichment and safeguarding.

Section F: Financial Review

F1: Principal Funding Sources

Kesho UK funds are mainly derived from individuals who make a long-term commitment to education in the Kilifi and Ganze area of Kenya by setting up monthly direct debits.

Owing to school closures resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Kenyan Government made the decision to increase the number of School Terms from 3 to 4 in 2021 and 2022 to help students catch up from the time missed. This impacted on the reporting cycle with Kesho Kenya and also meant shorter holidays for students and a significant increase in School Fees. The normal cycle of 3 terms will return in January 2023.

F2: Principal Expenses

Kesho UK awarded a total of £29,000 to Kesho Kenya Organisation The funds were sent to Kesho Kenya for financing the education of children to attend school or college. Kesho UK trustees offer their services on a voluntary basis and do not take a salary or expenses for their management of Kesho UK charity. We spent just £376.04 for non-programme expenses incurred from bank charges of £55 and website services of £321.04

F3: Kesho UK Income & Expenditure statement

Kesho UK financial period 1.1.22 to 31.12.22		
Income sources	Income (£)	
Individual donations	16,933.54	
Grant making bodies	7,000.00	
Fund raising activities	25.74	
HMRC	1156.75	
Sub-total		
Beneficiaries		Expenditure (£)
Kesho Organisation		
Programme costs		
- Individual sponsorship		22,000
- Education fund		7,000
Non-programme costs		
Website and email support		321.04
- Sub-total		
- Kesho UK Administration		0
Audit fees		0
Bank charges		55
Sub-Total	25,116.03	29,376.04
Grand Total	25,116.03	29,376.04

F4 :Kesho UK statement of balances

Kesho UK statement of balances 1.1.22 to 31.12.22	
Opening balance	£10,876.81
Income	£25,116.03
Expenditure	£29,376.04
Closing balance	£6,616.80


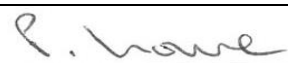
Kesho UK keeps a reserve of £2000 and aims to broadly balance income and expenditure in each financial year. Any increase or decrease in balances held between the start and end of any year is therefore typically a function of timing differences between receiving income and awarding grants.

Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Ian Graham	Pauline Lowe
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Position

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

September 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2022

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Funds for sponsorships account for 72% of our total income, all these funds are used exclusively for support of individual students.

An award of £7,000 from Oakdene is for an administrators salary.

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kesho UK Trust**Charity No. 1145531**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Kesho UK Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: C Millard

Name: Christine Millard

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Chairperson of Management Company (non professional)

Address: 1 Bibsworth Ave,

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Date: 4th September 2023