

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			To	Period end date		
From	1	July	2023	30		June	2024	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Amarna Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1161292

Charity's principal address Newton Hall

Town Street

Newton, Cambridge

Postcode CB22 7ZE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Charity trustee at year-end
1	Dr Helen Fenwick	Honorary Chair		Yes
2	Mr Paul Docherty	Honorary Secretary		Yes
3	Ms Susan Kelly	Honorary Treasurer	Appointed trustee and treasurer 1 March 2024.	Yes
4	Dr Andrew Bednarski	Honorary Junior Treasurer	Trustee for the whole year. Treasurer from 1 July 2023 to 29 February 2024.	Yes
5	Dr Anna Garnett			Yes
6	Dr Pamela Rose			Yes
7	Dr Margaret Serpico		Appointed trustee 1 January 2024.	Yes
8	Dr Judith Shirley		Appointed trustee 1 July 2024.	No (appointed after year-end, but prior to filing this TAR)
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Trust is governed by a Constitution dated 23 February 2015.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, CIO, with the registered charity number 1161292.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed in accordance with Articles 9 and 10 of the Constitution. New trustees are recommended based on the role to be filled and their expertise. They are then officially appointed by a vote of the existing trustees, at the next meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustee induction and employees:

- All new trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution, the most recent annual report and statement of accounts, recent trustee meeting minutes, and the Charity Commission's guidance "The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know". Additional information is provided regarding key background topics and ongoing matters, as needed.
- The charity has no employees. The work of the Trust is carried out entirely by volunteers, to whom the trustees are truly grateful.

Related parties:

- Professor Barry Kemp, a former trustee, was awarded several grants from the charity in 2024, amounting to £20,100 (from restricted and unrestricted funds). These grants were for a) excavation and research at the Great Aten Temple and, b) contributions toward the cost of the permanent study facility in Cairo. In 2023, Professor Kemp received grants of £24,555.
- Ms. Vicky Kemp, a former trustee and daughter of Professor Kemp, produces the *Horizon* newsletter via her company 2g Ltd. In 2024 she was paid £903 (2023 - £298) for the printing and mailing costs related to this newsletter. She provides editing and type-setting services to the Trust pro bono.
- Several trustees (who are also archaeologists) contribute to the excavation fieldwork and research at Amarna as unpaid volunteers. They receive room and board in exchange, consistent with other volunteers.
- Several trustees make regular monthly unrestricted donations to the Trust.
- During the year, there was no remuneration or expenses paid to any trustee or related party, other than those specific items disclosed above.

Major risks:

- A major loss of, or damage to, data and documents. A large amount of the work generated by the charity (including excavation notes, photographs, plans, etc.) is held in an office located in Cairo, Egypt. There is an on-going process to digitise the archive for safe-keeping, with backups maintained in multiple locations around the world. This digitisation will allow for the future development of an online archive of Amarna materials, available freely to researchers globally.
- The political risk and uncertainty related to excavation and research work currently underway in Egypt. The trustees require all grant recipients to regularly review UK and other travel advisories for the region, to actively monitor the situation in Cairo and to maintain strong relationships with colleagues and stakeholders in Egypt to mitigate against these risks.
- Work at the ancient city of Amarna depends upon annually renewed agreements with the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) and responsible security agencies. Justification for granting permits is increasingly measured in terms of the public benefit to Egypt of the work of foreign expeditions. The Trust provides resources (via grant-making) to protect the site and to improve visitor experience. In this way we work to satisfy the expectations of the host country.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Amarna Trust exists to raise funds and provide financial support for archaeological fieldwork and research relating to the ancient site of Tell el-Amarna in middle Egypt.

The charity's objectives are: To advance public education and to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the ancient city of Tell el-Amarna, Egypt and the surrounding area for the benefit of the public in particular, but not exclusively, by:

- i. Creating a permanent facility for study (the research base – The Amarna Centre);
- ii. Supporting field research (and publishing useful results of such research);
- iii. Promoting training in archaeological field skills;
- iv. Providing, and assisting in the provision of, lectures and publications in furtherance of the stated objects;
- v. Developing displays and exhibitions at a site museum for the benefit of the public and an educational outreach programme for the benefit of pupils at schools; and
- vi. Working in partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA), to maintain the ancient city for the benefit of the public.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the year, the charity undertook the following activities in furtherance of its public benefit.

- The Trust's most significant contribution to public benefit is through its support (financially and otherwise) of ongoing archaeological work, reconstruction and safeguarding of the ancient city of Tell el-Amarna in Egypt. This site is of global heritage value and interest to academic researchers, foreign visitors and local communities. In the current year, the most significant grants were provided for a) work at the Great Aten Temple, b) the publication of results from the excavation of non-elite cemeteries and, c) upkeep of the Amarna Visitor Centre;
- The Trust contributed toward the costs of the permanent study facility located in Cairo, where the research records from work at Amarna are maintained and available to scholars for study;
- The Trust contributed to the publication and distribution of the annual newsletter, *Horizon*, which provides information on current research at Amarna;
- Lectures and other talks, often online and available to a global audience, were provided by trustees, former trustees or other volunteers associated with the charity, to further public understanding of ancient Egypt and the site of Amarna in particular; and
- The Trust supported the publication of two-volume set compiling all known statue fragments found at the site and currently located in Egypt and in museums around the world:
 - Thompson, Kristin and Marsha Hall (2024). *Statuary from Royal Buildings at Amarna*. Egypt Exploration Society.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act to ensure the charity provides public benefit. They have considered the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that they have followed its guidance in this area.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Policy on grantmaking:

- Grant applicants are required to submit a grant application which is then reviewed at the next trustee meeting. Applicants provide information about the work to be carried out, the team involved, publication plans, health and safety risk assessments (for on-site fieldwork) and a budget.
- Applications are reviewed by the trustees, with funds made available on the condition of the receipt of appropriate permits for work in Amarna (if on-site) and other conditions deemed appropriate by the trustees at time of grantmaking.
- Grant applicants are required to provide a post-fieldwork report to the trustees, accompanied by an accounting of the grant expenditure.

Contribution of volunteers:

The work of the Trust is entirely carried out by volunteers and the volunteer trustees. We are extremely grateful to everyone involved in the charity, without whom the work would quickly grind to a halt.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This was a year of two halves – a busy and fruitful autumn season and a disappointing spring season. The required permits for fieldwork at Amarna were available for 2023 but were not received in time for any onsite work in 2024.

The Trust is grateful for the continued assistance and co-operation of the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the police of el-Minia province whose responsibility it is to ensure the safety and security of all foreign missions.

Because of significant increases in funding and slightly lower expenditure than expected, the overall results for the year were positive. Total receipts were £45,338 for the year, of which 28.5% was unrestricted and 71.5% restricted (2023 - £32,766 total receipts, 39.6% unrestricted). The variation between unrestricted and restricted funds depends significantly on the particular year, on whether unrestricted fundraising events have taken place and on the success of restricted funding applications to grant-making bodies.

Payments were consistent with 2023 – in each year the Trust supported a single excavation season. Total payments for 2024 were £38,305 (restricted £30,045 and unrestricted £8,260) compared to £41,788 in 2023.

Net receipts for the year were £7,033 versus net payments of £9,022 in 2023. The current year positive result is the outcome of receiving funds in the current year, to be expended on future projects. At 30 June 2024, the Trust had cash funds available of £47,532, of which £20,673 was unrestricted (and included a £10,000 emergency reserve approved by the trustees).

The programme of work for the year aligned with the charity's objectives:

Maintaining a permanent facility for study: at the research office in Cairo, Egypt, the Trust provided financial support for office rent and other office costs. In 2024, the trust provided grants from unrestricted funds of £1,870 (2023 - £4,500).

Supporting field research:

a. The Great Aten Temple: grants of £18,230 (2023 - £20,692), including £15,627 from restricted funds, were provided to a grant applicant / related party. These funds supported one research and excavation season, in fall 2023. Excavations were carried out in the central offering court and at the back of the temple. Researchers studied materials from prior seasons, including the stone fragments. The project to mark out the main outlines of the temple in modern stonework continued. This will help visitors to better understand the scale and layout of the temple, as well as guarding against encroachment from a modern cemetery located just to the north.

b. Non-elite cemeteries: grants of £4,557 (2023 - £13,935) were awarded to support ongoing research and publication work following excavations at multiple non-elite cemeteries across the ancient city.

c. During the year, visiting academics joined various excavation and research teams at Amarna to work on scholarly projects.

d. A new restricted fund was launched in support of future excavations at an elite housing-workshop complex. £16,052 has been raised to date. Work is expected to begin in 2025-2026.

Lectures, publications and local outreach:

a. Current year expenditure included £9,422 awarded for the publication of *“Statuary from Royal Buildings at Amarna”* by Kristin Thompson and Marsha Hill. These funds had been held in reserve for several years and the Trust was immensely pleased to see the culmination of a significant effort by the authors.

Section D

Achievements and performance

- b. A £1,106 grant was awarded for upgrades at the Amarna Visitor Centre, ensuring the viability of this space for engaging local audiences, including school groups, and raising awareness of the site.
- c. Professor Barry Kemp, trustee and grant recipient, and Dr Anna Stevens, grant recipient, gave many online lectures during the year to members of the public, as well as providing guided tours of Amarna to interested groups.
- d. The charity contributed £903 (2023 - £298) to the printing and publication of the *Horizon* newsletter, available online at www.amarnaproject.com.
- e. The web site www.amarnatrust.com was maintained and updated.

Maintaining the ancient city: the Trust continues to contribute to grant recipients who oversee activity at the site of Amarna and support local antiquities inspectors. Those inspectors actively monitor areas of possible encroachment and assist in the repair and maintenance of the site for tourism purposes throughout the year.

In total, the charity provided grants of £35,185 in 2024 (2023 - £39,990).

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy of the Amarna Trust is that all funds raised will be spent on its charitable objectives, with no significant reserves. Since the work of the grant applicants takes place at specific times of year, the trustees calculate levels of funding raised during the previous period and available to spend, and tailor grantmaking accordingly.

The trustees hold a balance of £10,000 unrestricted funds as a reserve to cover unexpected contingencies and risks, especially as it relates to the Egyptian fieldwork of our grant recipients. The adequacy of this reserve is reconsidered on a regular basis. This reserve was maintained throughout the current and previous financial years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There were no funds materially in deficit during the year.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity’s principal sources of funds in 2024 were:

- general unrestricted and restricted donations;
- restricted donations from fundraising campaigns to support a) the publication of “*Statuary from Royal Buildings at Amarna*”, b) the Amarna Visitor Centre, used for local outreach and, c) overall site management of the ancient city;
- grants from the Amarna Research Foundation, USA in support of Professor Barry Kemp’s ongoing work at the Great Aten Temple and future excavations of an elite housing-workshop complex.

Details of the charity’s grant and other expenditure, as it relates to support of key objectives, are provided in the section above “Achievements and performance”.

Section F Other optional information

In May 2024, the Trust was profoundly saddened to report the death of Professor Barry Kemp, a former trustee, friend and mentor. Barry spent his life dedicated to the study of Amarna and ancient Egypt. He left behind a legacy that will endure through his scholarly work, his family, his friendships and the many students he mentored and encouraged.

The Trust will continue to support work at Amarna, through financial grants for ongoing projects and new endeavours. Our priority is expanding scholarship and understanding, while also ensuring the protection of this ancient city.

Please see the attached Accounts and Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	signed: "H. Fenwick"	signed: "S. Kelly"
Full name(s)	Dr. Helen Fenwick	Susan Kelly
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Honorary Chair	Honorary Treasurer
Date	22.Feb.2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Amarna Trust

No (if any)
1161292

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.Jul.2023		30.Jun.2024

Section A: Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	12'359	9'375	-	21'734	25'558
Grants	-	23'030	-	23'030	6'493
Gift Aid	574	-	-	574	715
Interest and miscellaneous receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12'933	32'405	-	45'338	32'766
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12'933	32'405	-	45'338	32'766
A3 Payments					
Website	840	-	-	840	-
Costs of fundraising - Horizon	903	-	-	903	298
Costs of fundraising - Other	-	-	-	-	102
Insurance	597	-	-	597	597
Software and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest and other charges	780	-	-	780	801
Grants paid - Fieldwork, research, publication and travel	3'270	30'045	-	33'315	35'490
Grants paid - Amarna Project Cairo	1'870	-	-	1'870	4'500
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8'260	30'045	-	38'305	41'788
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8'260	30'045	-	38'305	41'788
Net of receipts/(payments)	4'673	2'360	-	7'033	- 9'022
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16'000	24'499	-	40'499	49'521
Cash funds this year end	20'673	26'859	-	47'532	40'499

Section B: Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance - NatWest Bank	20'673	26'859	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20'673	26'859	-
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None		-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Website hosting invoices	Unrestricted	942	04.Nov.2024
	No other invoices paid in FY2025 relating to FY2024		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>signed: "S. Kelly"</i>	Susan Kelly, Honorary Treasurer	22.Feb.2025
		<i>signed: "H. Fenwick"</i>	Dr. Helen Fenwick, Honorary Chair	22.Feb.2025

Section C: Notes to the Accounts

1. Required disclosure for Charitable Incorporated Organisations:

Particulars of any guarantee given by the CIO:

The Amarna Trust has not provided any guarantees in 2024 and there are no potential guarantee liabilities at 30 June 2024.

Particulars of any debt outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities:

The Amarna Trust did not have any debt outstanding or any other liabilities at 30 June 2024.

2. Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The trustees of the Amarna Trust elected to prepare receipts and payments accounts under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 30 June 2024, consistent with the previous two fiscal years. The trustees have prepared the receipts and payments accounts following relevant legislation and guidance, including Charity Commission guidance CC15d Charity accounting and reporting – the essentials – November 2016 and CC16 Receipts and payments accounts. This method of preparation includes the account of receipts and payments - summarising all money received and paid out in the financial year - and a statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 June.

3. Restricted funds details:

The detailed restricted fund receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities are presented on the following page.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01.Jul.2023

To

Period end date
30.Jun.2024

Section A Receipts and payments - Restricted fund details

		Restricted - Cemeteries Publication Fund	Restricted - Statuary Publication Fund	Restricted - Great Aten Temple Fund	Restricted - Outreach Fund, Amarna Visitor Centre	Restricted - Outreach Fund, Site Management	Restricted - Workshop Excavation Fund	Total Restricted funds	Last year
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts									
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations		-	-	7'936	431	1'008	-	9'375	13'307
Grants		-	785	6'193	-	-	16'052	23'030	6'493
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		-	785	14'129	431	1'008	16'052	32'405	19'800
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).									
None		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		-	785	14'129	431	1'008	16'052	32'405	19'800
A3 Payments									
Grants paid - Fieldwork, research, publication and travel		3'890	9'422	15'627	1'106	-	-	30'045	17'627
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		3'890	9'422	15'627	1'106	-	-	30'045	17'627
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)									
None		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		3'890	9'422	15'627	1'106	-	-	30'045	17'627
Net of receipts/(payments)		- 3'890	- 8'637	- 1'498	- 675	1'008	16'052	2'360	2'173
A5 Transfers between funds									
A6 Cash funds last year end		6'978	8'637	1'906	1'978	5'000	-	24'499	22'326
Cash funds this year end		3'088	0	408	1'303	6'008	16'052	26'859	24'499

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period - Restricted fund details

		Restricted - Cemeteries Publication Fund	Restricted - Statuary Publication Fund	Restricted - Great Aten Temple Fund	Restricted - Outreach Fund, Amarna Visitor Centre	Restricted - Outreach Fund, Site Management	Restricted - Workshop Excavation Fund	Total Restricted Funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance - NatWest Bank	3'088	-	408	1'303	6'008	16'052	26'859
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3'088	-	408	1'303	6'008	16'052	26'859



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Amarna Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1161292

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2024.

**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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

"Nana Opoku Barfi"

Date:

22 February 2025

Name:

Nana Opoku Barfi

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

1. Member - Association of Charity Independent Examiners (MCIE)
2. Fellow - Association of Certified Public Accountants (FCPA)

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.