



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

UK Supporters of Born in Africa

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1169743

Charity's principal address

14 Fernlea

Bookham

Surrey

KT23 3NN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nick Brooks			
2	Penny Brooks			
3	Kevin Pocock			
4	Alan King			
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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


### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity' s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Board of 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.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance education in Bitou, South Africa amongst children and young adults in education who are financially disadvantaged in particular but not exclusively by supporting Born in Africa, Plettenberg Bay (SAN PO number - 060-686 - NPO, hereinafter BiA) by such means which are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales

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 course of the reporting period UKBiA raised funding in the UK to support a number of activities to be undertaken in South Africa by the sister charitable organisation, Born in Africa. There were five transfers during the reporting period:

1. £2,475 in February 2025,
2. £5,366 in June,
3. £6,999 in July,
4. £1,204 in October,
5. £3,532 in December.

The four main activities aligned with UKBiA objectives were:

- a) Godparenting support for children sponsored under the BiA programme to provide schooling-associated costs, including fees, extra-curricular support and development, and uniform support. The number of godchildren sponsored increased from 19 at the beginning of 2025 to 21 by the end of 2025. This totalled £5,947 of income during the reporting period, slightly down on 2024 because of the phasing of the new godparents vs the loss of 2 godparents.
- b) Funding costs associated with the purchase and installation of a solar facility at one of the BiA classrooms.
- c) The funding of a new leadership camp for 16-17 year old BiA students.
- d) The purchase of laptops for Born in Africa pupils matriculating and moving into higher education.

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.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the ninth year of operation it was the objective of the Trustees to continue to increase awareness of the charity, attract in further godparents, and raise sufficient funds to ensure the sustainability of the charity. 2025 was a good year for the charity, with net growth in the number of godparents, and two specific significant donations from Octopus Energy, enabling a solar installation and reduced reliance on the unreliable grid, and John Laing Foundation, which enabled a leadership camp to be run for the first time.

We are delighted to report that we successfully raised more than £19,000, the second highest annual amount raised, and an increase on 2024.

Event activity was the same as 2024, where we repeated holding a South African wine-tasting event in Surrey, which was well-attended and well-supported by local businesses. Further fund-raising events are being planned to be held in 2026, which will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the charity.

Based on the experiences of this year of activity the Trustees are confident that the experiences learned will lead to a successful tenth year of operations.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trustees have agreed to manage the cash in bank so that a minimum of £50 be maintained at all times, and that the frequency of transfers to South Africa will be determined by the phasing of receipts of income and trying to minimise bank charges for fund transfers. Transfer frequency has settled around 5-6 transfers per year.  
The Trustees are confident that the current cash position of the Charity is sufficient to cover any unexpected calls on its reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

#### 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.

There are four main sources of income to the Charity.

1. Godparenting. Income from this source totalled £5,947 in 2025, down marginally against 2024 in spite of the net number of godparents increasing as a consequence of the phasing of new godparents vs the full year loss of two godparents.
2. Fund-raising events - a wine-tasting event was held in November, which generated £2,509.
3. Individual and corporate/foundation donations £9,684
4. Gift Aid, totalling £962 claimed during 2025 (a second claim for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2025 was made in January 2026, which totalled £663). Whilst the total value of donations in 2025 increased vs 2024, the increase was predominantly in non-Gift Aid eligible sources, hence the reduction in Gift Aid vs 2024.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## 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)

Nick Brooks	Penny Brooks
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Co-Chair

Co-Chair

Date



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Supporters of Born in Africa

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/1/2025	To	12/31/2025
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	9,684	-	-	9,684	1,140
Godparenting	5,947	-	-	5,947	6,427
Gift aid	962	-	-	962	2,116
Events	2,509	-	-	2,509	3,104
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	19,102	-	-	19,102	12,787
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	19,102	-	-	19,102	12,787
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank fees	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Born in Africa	19,577	-	-	19,577	20,206
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	19,577	-	-	19,577	20,206
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	19,577	-	-	19,577	20,206
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 475	-	-	- 475	- 7,419
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	9,508
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	- 475	-	-	- 475	2,089



## 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	Cash funds at year end	1,614	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Money to be paid to Born in Africa in future		1,614	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Nick Brooks		
		Penny Brooks		