

# THE KITE TALES FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1174176

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-08-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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22 Great James Street  
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**Website** [www.kite-tales.org](http://www.kite-tales.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A BI-LINGUAL WEBSITE AND DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF THE SOCIAL HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF MYANMAR/BURMA AND PROMOTING ITS CONTENT THROUGH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING TRANSLATIONS INTO ETHNIC MINORITY LANGUAGES, EXHIBITIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN MYANMAR AND INTERNATIONALLY.

**Activities:** The Kite Tales Foundation is the charitable arm of the Kite Tales project (<https://kite-tales.org>). Its activities focus on the advancement of education by establishing and maintaining a bi-lingual website and digital archive of the social history and cultural heritage of Myanmar/Burma and promoting its content through outreach activities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£301	£18,935	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,597	£12,610	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,989	£29,349	-	-
2021-12-31	£485	£379	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£260	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Isla Jane Glaister		2024-06-24
Saw Marlar Soe		2022-09-01
Sophie Louise Barry		2024-07-30

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name** The Kite Tales Foundation

**Other names charity is known by** N/a

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1174176

**Charity's principal address**

Gordons Partnership LLP	
22 Great James Street	
London	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>WC1N 3ES</b>

**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	Isla Jane Glaister	President	From 24 Jun 2024	
2	Saw Marlar Soe	Treasurer		
3	Sophie Louise Barry	Secretary	From 30 Jul 2024	
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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)**

Co-directors and founders Kelly Macnamara and Thin Lei Win
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**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 trustees

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## 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.

The Foundation changed trustees in the middle of 2024 because the previous trustees had completed their terms. The new trustees are very familiar with Myanmar, having lived and worked in the country and/or continue to do so from either the border areas or from the UK.

The organisation has co-directors, Kelly Macnamara and Thin Lei Win, both working on a voluntary, unpaid basis. There are no other volunteers or paid staff.

The directors held monthly meetings with the donor Firetree Philanthropy, whose funds continued to be spent in 24/25 to share best practices and to ensure activities aligned with the terms of the donation.

The directors continued to conduct due diligence procedures before taking on any new fellows, who received support from the Foundation. A detailed explanation of how they are selected and supported can be found in Section C.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of education for the public benefit by establishing and maintaining a bilingual website and digital archive of the social history and cultural heritage of Myanmar/ Burma and promoting its content through outreach activities, including translations into ethnic minority languages, exhibitions and partnerships with education providers in Myanmar and internationally.

**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)**

In 2024, The Kite Tales continued its support for storytellers from Myanmar through what is internally referred to as “The Kite Tales Digital Storytellers Fellowship”.

The aims behind this fellowship were three fold:

1. To contribute to international understanding of Myanmar in the wake of the 2021 military coup by chronicling the lives of ordinary people living under the regime
2. Supporting journalists and storytellers who lost their jobs, sometimes overnight, as a result of the political upheaval
3. To continue to contribute to the digital archive of the historical and cultural heritage of Myanmar.

The Kite Tales continued to disburse the funds received from the previous philanthropic foundation and raised a small amount of money from the public. This allowed the Foundation to continue supporting a total of eight journalists and illustrators (fellows) to produce monthly diaries. In doing so the trustees had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Fellows from Myanmar were selected from across a diverse set of voices and cultural backgrounds, in line with our mission statement. The selection process was made through trusted news organisations and contacts. Particular care was taken for their security.

The fellows stories were shared to people in the UK and globally online and through social media. In December 2024, Thin Lei Win, co-director of The Kite Tales, organised outreach activities with talks and exhibitions in Thailand (one in Bangkok and another in Chiang Mai) to raise awareness about the plight of Myanmar’s storytellers.

**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.

The Kite Tales has no investments.

New trustees were inducted and received a handover from the outgoing trustees.

**Section D**

**Achievements and performance**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In line with the educational and public benefit purposes of the Foundation set out in our governing document, we have a specific area of our bi-lingual website to publish these first person accounts (<https://kite-tales.org/en/article-category/resistance-diaries-life-after-myanmar-coup>).

Both our website and our social media presence continue to grow, and The Kite Tales provided crucial, first-person accounts of what is happening in Myanmar, particularly as global attention shifted away from the country.

The co-founders also spoke at multiple events and discussions on Myanmar.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

Since the fellowship was costed for one year and the co-directors have returned to working on a voluntary basis, the charity's policy is to ensure that it retains enough reserve funds for the continued operation of the website.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

### 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 Kite Tales Foundation continued to disburse funding received from Firetree Philanthropy, registered in Singapore.

This enabled the Kite Tales to continue to support Myanmar storytellers and to grow the bi-lingual website that is a crucial part of our activities.

Please see attached accounts for further details of donations and expenditures. The 2024 income for The Kite Tales Foundation was £301.00, which is below the threshold needed for an independent examination.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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## **Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE KITE TALES FOUNDATION

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from

Period start date

To

Period end date

01.01.2024

31.12.2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
From Firetree Philanthropy	-	-	-	-	34,281.00
From GoFundMe	-	-	-	-	291.00
Fee refunds from Wise	53.32	-	-	53.32	26.00
Dr. Jenö Staehelin Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
Paypal	0	-	-	0	-
Direct donation	248	-	-	248	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>301.31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>301.31</b>	<b>34,597.00</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>301.31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>301.31</b>	<b>34,597.00</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
To fellows (include part-timer)		17,406.88	-	17,406.88	11,848.00
Bank charges		114.90	-	114.90	92.00
Website cost		265.48	-	265.48	250.00
Account examination		556.46	-	556.46	420.00
Photo Exhibition Costs	-	592	-	592	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18935.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18935.37</b>	<b>12,610.00</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18935.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18935.37</b>	<b>12,610.00</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>301.31</b>	<b>-18935.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-18634.06</b>	<b>21987</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>317.00</b>	<b>26,795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5125.00</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>618.31</b>	<b>7859.63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8477.94</b>	<b>27,112</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>618.31</b>	<b>7859.63</b>	<b>-</b>



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# Accounts

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### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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2 Sandar Hla	Treasurer		
3 Tara Dermott	Secretary		
4 Saw-Marlar Soe			

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Co-directors and founders Kelly Macnamara and Thin Lei Win

## **Section B                      Structure, governance and management**

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**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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Trustees considered risks involving the security of fellows and payments made to them. Procedures were set up to use secure communication (Signal app), ensure anonymity and to provide guidelines for fellows to ensure their security. Payments were made directly where possible or through a known and trusted third party and verified with the receiving fellow.

The directors held monthly meetings with the donor Firetree Philanthropy, to share best practice and to ensure activities aligned with the terms of the donation.

The directors also enhanced due diligence procedures in the second half of 2023 to verify none of the fellows, the trusted third parties through whose accounts the payments were made, and the trustees are on any U.N., U.S. or EU sanctions list.

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- The aims behind this fellowship were two fold:
1. To contribute to international understanding of Myanmar in the wake of the 2021 military coup by chronicling the lives of ordinary people living under the regime
  2. Supporting journalists and storytellers who lost their jobs, sometimes overnight, as a result of the political upheaval

The Kite Tales received donations from a philanthropic foundation which also donated to its cause in 2023. This, in addition to money raised from the public through Go Fund Me, allowed us to continue supporting a total of five journalists and illustrators to produce monthly diaries. In doing so the trustees had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Fellows were again selected from across Myanmar to highlight a diverse set of voices and cultural backgrounds, in line with our mission statement. The selection process was made through trusted news organisations and contacts in the country. Particular care was taken for their security, including the use of secure communications.

The often harrowing accounts by reporters from different regions in Myanmar documented the situation both for those who have chosen to continue working in secret in the country, and for those forced to flee.

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**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

The Kite Tales has no investments.

Both Kelly Macnamara and Thin Lei Win work on a voluntary, unpaid basis.

A priority for this year was to identify and bring on board new trustees, a process that was completed after the reporting period (in 2024).

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In line with the educational and public benefit purposes of the Foundation set out in our governing document, we have a specific area of our bi-lingual website to publish these first person accounts (<https://kite-tales.org/en/article-category/resistance-diaries-life-after-myanmar-coup>).

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**Section E****Financial review**

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

Since the fellowship was costed for one year and the co-directors have returned to working on a voluntary basis, the charity's policy is to ensure that it retains enough reserve funds for the continued operation of the website.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/a

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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- 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 Kite Tales Foundation received funding from Firetree Philanthropy, registered in Singapore.

This, together with donations from the public via Go Fund Me, enabled the Kite Tales to set up the fellowship scheme and continue to grow the bi-lingual website that is a crucial part of our activities.

Please see attached accounts for further details of donations and expenditures.

## Section F Other optional information


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## 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)

Sandar Hla	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date

27/10/2024
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from

Period start date  
01.01.2023

To

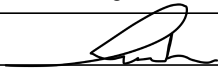
Period end date  
31.12.2023

**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>					
From Firetree Philanthropy	-	34,281.00	-	34,281.00	11,563.00
From GoFundMe	291.00	-	-	291.00	3,374.00
Fee refunds from Wise	26.00	-	-	26.00	-
Dr. Jenö Staehelin Foundation	-	-	-	-	17,839.00
American Friends of Prospect Burma	-	-	-	-	993.00
Direct donation	-	-	-	-	220.00
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>317.00</b>	<b>34,281.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,597.00</b>	<b>33,989.00</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>317.00</b>	<b>34,281.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,597.00</b>	<b>33,989.00</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
To fellows (include part-timer)		11,848.00	-	11,848.00	25,655.00
Bank charges		92.00	-	92.00	168.00
Website cost		250.00	-	250.00	279.00
Account examination		420.00	-	420.00	-
Thin Lei Win (administration)	-	-	-	-	3,127.000
Photographer	-	-	-	-	120.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,610.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,610.00</b>	<b>29,349.00</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,610.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,610.00</b>	<b>29,349.00</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>317.00</b>	<b>21,671.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,987.00</b>	<b>4,640.00</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,505.00</b>	<b>620.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,125.00</b>	<b>485.00</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,822.00</b>	<b>22,291.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,112.00</b>	<b>5,125.00</b>

**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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	<b>Total cash funds</b>	4,822.00	22,291.00	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Sandar Hla		28/10/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
The Kite Tales Foundation

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1174176

**Set out on pages**

Above

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*milox*

**Date:**

30/10/2024

**Name:**

Tomas Wilcox

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

FCIE

**Address:**

Counterculture Partnership LLP

Bank Chambers, Main Street

Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3QL

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.**

**THE KITE TALES FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174176

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	01	01	2022	31	12	2022
<b>From</b>				<b>T</b>		
				<b>O</b>		

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**Other names charity is known by** N/a

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2	Sandar Hla	Treasurer		
3	Tara Dermott	Secretary		
4	Saw-Marlar Soe		September, 2022 onwards	
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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

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Co-directors and founders Kelly Macnamara and Thin Lei Win

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees considered risks involving the security of fellows and payments made to them. Procedures were set up to use secure communication (Signal app), ensure anonymity and to provide guidelines for fellows to ensure their security. Payments were made directly where possible or through a known and trusted third party and verified with the receiving fellow.

The directors held monthly meetings with the donor Firetree Philanthropy, to share best practice and to ensure activities aligned with the terms of the donation.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of education for the public benefit by establishing and maintaining a bi-lingual website and digital archive of the social history and cultural heritage of Myanmar/ Burma and promoting its content through outreach activities including translations into ethnic minority languages, exhibitions and partnerships with education providers in Myanmar and internationally.

**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)**

In 2021 The Kite Tales Foundation decided to contribute to international understanding of Myanmar in the wake of the 2021 military coup by chronicling the experiences of ordinary citizens and show how the political upheaval was affecting marginalised communities and those with different cultural and social histories.

The Kite Tales began work to raise funds in 2021 to support journalists who lost their jobs in the aftermath of the coup and received donations from two philanthropic foundations in 2022. This, in addition to money raised from the public through Go Fund Me, allowed us to set up a small stipend for ten storytellers - seven journalists and three illustrators - to produce monthly diaries. In doing so the trustees had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Fellows were selected from across Myanmar to highlight a diverse set of voices and cultural backgrounds, in line with our mission statement. The selection process was made through trusted news organisations and contacts in the country. Particular care was taken for their security, including the use of secure communications.

The often harrowing accounts by reporters from different regions in Myanmar documented the situation both for those who have chosen to continue working in secret in the country, and for those forced to flee.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The Kite Tales has no investments.

Kelly Macnamara continued to work on a voluntary basis, while Thin Lei Win was paid a small fee on a freelance basis for her work co-ordinating the fellowship one day a week.

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

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

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In line with the educational and public benefit purposes of the Foundation set out in our governing document, we created a specific area of our bilingual website to publish these first person accounts ([https://kite-  
tales.org/en/article-category/resistance-diaries-life-after-myanmar-coup](https://kite-<br/>tales.org/en/article-category/resistance-diaries-life-after-myanmar-coup)).

Both our website and the our social media presence continue to grow, and The Kite Tales provided crucial, first-person accounts of what is happening in Myanmar, particularly as global attention shifted away from the country.

The co-founders also spoke at multiple events and discussions on Myanmar.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

Since the fellowship was costed for one year and the co-directors have returned to working on a voluntary basis, the charity's policy is to ensure that it retains enough reserve funds for the continued operation of the website.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

### 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 Kite Tales Foundation received funding from two philanthropic organisations during the period, the Swiss registered Dr. Jenö Staehelin Foundation and Firetree Philanthropy, registered in Singapore.

This, as well as donations from the public via Go Fund Me, enabled the Kite Tales to set up the fellowship scheme and continue to grow the bi-lingual website that is a crucial part of our activities.

Please see attached accounts for further details of donations and expenditures.

## 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)



Full name(s)

Sandar Hla

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)**

Treasurer	
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**Date**

31 October 2023
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

**CC16a**

For the period  
from

Period start date

01.01.2022

To

Period end date

31.12.2022

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Dr. Jenö Staehelin Foundation	- 0	17,839.00	-	17,839.00	-
Firetree Philanthropy	- 0	11,563.00	-	11,563.00	-
Go Fund Me Fundraiser	3,374.00	-	-	3,374.00	485.00
American Friends of Prospect Burma	993.00	-	-	993.00	-
Direct donation	220.00	-	-	220.00	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,587.00</b>	<b>29,402.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,989.00</b>	<b>485.00</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,587.00</b>	<b>29,402.00</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>33,989.00</b>	<b>485.00</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Stipends to Fellows	- 0	25,655.00	-	25,655.00	-
Thin Lei Win (administration)		3,127.00	-	3,127.00	-
Website costs	279.00	-	-	279.00	-
Photographer	120.00	-	-	120.00	-
Bank fees	168.00	-	-	168.00	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>567.00</b>	<b>28,782.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,349.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>567.00</b>	<b>28,782.00</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>29,349.00</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,020.00</b>	<b>620.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,640.00</b>	<b>485.00</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>485.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>485.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,505.00</b>	<b>620.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,125.00</b>	<b>485.00</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,505.00</b>	<b>620.00</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Ok	Ok	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>

	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Sandar Hla	31st October 2023	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Kite-Tales Foundation

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/12/2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1174176

**Set out on pages**

Above

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**.

**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 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:**

*Tomas Wilcox*

**Date:**

31st October 2023

**Name:**

Tomas Wilcox

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

FCIE

**Address:**

Counterculture Partnership LLP

Unit 115 Ducie House, Ducie Street

Manchester, M1 2JW

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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.**

**THE KITE TALES FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174176

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2021 Period start date To 31/12/2021 Period end date

Charity name: The Kite Tales Foundation

Charity registration number: 1174176

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education for the public benefit by establishing and maintaining a bi-lingual website and digital archive of the social history and cultural heritage of Myanmar/ Burma and promoting its content through outreach activities including translations into ethnic minority languages, exhibitions and partnerships with education providers in Myanmar and internationally.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>After navigating a difficult year due to the coronavirus pandemic, The Kite Tales Foundation, like many other organisations working on Myanmar, had to confront a very challenging period after the country's military forcibly took power in a coup on Feb 1, 2021.</p> <p>This meant the co-founders had to again suspend activities and planned trips.</p> <p>As the situation in Myanmar worsened, with large-scale protests followed by armed clashes across vast swathes of the country, the co-founders decided to contribute to the international community's understanding of Myanmar by chronicling the experiences of ordinary citizens taking part in the protests (or) are affected by the coup.</p> <p>In line with the educational and public benefit purposes of the Foundation set out in our governing document, we sought to highlight a diverse set of voices and how the political upheaval was affecting marginalised communities and those with different cultural and social histories.</p>

		<p>This was done through secure communication channels with people in Myanmar so that their safety is not compromised.</p> <p>The co-founders also spoke at multiple discussions on Myanmar.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	This is to confirm the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Kite Tales did not provide grants in the year 2021.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		<p>The Kite Tales began work to raise funds in 2021 to support journalists who lost their jobs in the aftermath of the coup. This was done through Go Fund Me as well as approaching philanthropic foundations.</p> <p>The income declared came through individual donors who contributed through Go Fund Me.</p>

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>This was a difficult year for any organisations working in Myanmar. However, the co-founders of The Kite Tales, particularly Thin Lei Win, was interviewed by international media and civil society groups to speak out on Myanmar.</p> <p>The personal, anonymous stories by ordinary people, which we published in both Burmese and English, were widely shared across social media.</p> <p>The co-founders were also invited by The Organization of Asian American Sisters in Service (OAASIS) and Students for Myanmar, set by up Harvard University Students, for a virtual discussion about Myanmar and The Kite Tales on April 17, 2021.</p> <p>Both our website and the our social media presence continue to grow, and The Kite Tales provided crucial, first-person accounts of what is happening in Myanmar, particularly after the global attention had shifted away from the country.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has 106 GBP left at the end of the period (donations minus the cost of operating the website and the e-mail accounts).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainty as the co-founders work on a voluntary basis and do not receive any remuneration.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations via Go Fund Me.  This is the first time The Kite Tales Foundation has embarked on fundraising of this nature due to the extraordinary situation in Myanmar.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	Appointed by trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		Ingeborg Moa ended her term as the President of the charity's trustees on Sep 1 and was replaced as acting president by Aela Streiff.

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Kite Tales Foundation
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1174176
Charity's principal address	GORDONS PARTNERSHIP LLP , 22 GREAT JAMES STREET , LONDON , WC1N 3ES



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

### Additional information (optional)

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

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

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information


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## Declarations

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)

Sandar Hla	
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date

24/10/2022
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**THE KITE TALES FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174176

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

22 Great James Street	
London	
<b>Postcode</b>	WC1N 3ES

### 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	Ingeborg Moa	President		
2	Sandar Hla	Treasurer		
3	Tara Dermott	Secretary		
4	Aela Streiff	Outreach (relationships)		
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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)**

Co-founders/directors: Thin Lei Win and Kelly Macnamara

## **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 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.

The board of Kite Tales underwent a change during 2020, when treasurer Thiri Thant Mon stepped down. Sandar Hla has taken this responsibility and we plan to bring in a new board member when the health crisis relaxes.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The advancement of education for the public benefit by establishing and maintaining a bi-lingual website and digital archive of the social history and cultural heritage of Myanmar/Burma and promoting its content through outreach activities including translations into ethnic minority languages, exhibitions and partnerships with education providers in Myanmar and internationally.

The Kite Tales Foundation, like many other organisations, had to navigate a very difficult year in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The co-founders had to suspend a number of planned trips and activities due to multiple lockdowns and travel bans, which affected and restricted their ability to create more content for the bi-lingual website ([www.kite-tales.org](http://www.kite-tales.org)).

Despite this, the co-founders of the Kite Tales continued to promote the website and create some new content, to further our goal of advancing education for the public benefit with this digital archive of the social history and cultural heritage of Myanmar/Burma.

**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)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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The website continues to grow through the work of co-founders Kelly Macnamara and Thin Lei Win, whose work on the project is on a voluntary basis.

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

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We continued to grow our social media presence, raising awareness of the website and sharing ideas and stories on several platforms, both in English and Myanmar language.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

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## Section F Other optional information

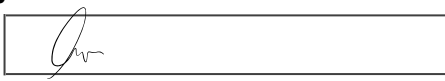
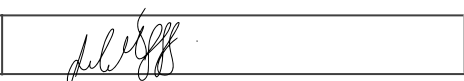
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## Section G Declaration

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) 

Sandar Hla	Aela M. Streiff
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) 

Treasurer	Outreach
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Date 

29/10/21
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