



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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	
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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.	Para 1.20	<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:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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

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	Jan 1 - Sep 1	
2	Sandar Hla	Treasurer		
3	Tara Dermott	Secretary		
4	Aela Streiff	Outreach (relationships)	Jan 1 - Sep 1	
		President	Sep 2 onwards	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

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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