



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	Period start date			T o	Period end date	
	01	01	2023		31	12
From						

## 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

Postcode

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

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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

## 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)**

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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.

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.

## 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 2023, 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 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)

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.

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>).

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)**

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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 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

## 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

Date 27/10/2024

CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE KITE TALES FOUNDATION

1174176

## 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	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	-	34,281.00	11,563.00
From GoFundMe	291.00	-	-	291.00	3,374.00
Fee refunds from Wise	26.00	-	-	26.00	-
Dr. Jeno Staehelin Foundation	-	-	-	-	17,839.00
American Friends of Prospect Burma	-	-	-	-	993.00
Direct donation	-	-	-	-	220.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	317.00	34,281.00	-	34,597.00	33,989.00
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	317.00	34,281.00	-	34,597.00	33,989.00
<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>	-	12,610.00	-	12,610.00	29,349.00
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	12,610.00	-	12,610.00	29,349.00
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	317.00	21,671.00	-	21,987.00	4,640.00
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	4,505.00	620.00	-	5,125.00	485.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	4,822.00	22,291.00	-	27,112.00	5,125.00

## 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>4,822.00</b>	<b>22,291.00</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	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	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:

*Wilcox*

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.**