



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity name: Asantoa Foundation

Charity registration number: 1177192

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of the Ashanti region of Ghana in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in their own community.</p> <p>To advance the education of the pupils at Asantoa Model school in Kumasi, by providing and assisting in the provision of additional resources not required to be provided by the local education authority for education at the school.</p> <p>Developing Communities by bringing hope and transformation to people in poverty. Resourcing local partner organisations that work in the designated locations in the UK and abroad.</p> <p>Building community sustainability through user-led community enterprises.</p> <p>Support the growth of local community schools through the provision of materials and teaching expertise.</p>
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>The organisation currently works collaboratively with local Churches and other organisations in the UK and Ghana.</p> <p>We work in partnership with Churches and officials to develop strategies that identify areas of need, and initiatives that will contribute to meeting these needs. This is done through lead agents, Chiefs, Elders, and community leaders, who will hold consultations with citizens to secure their cooperation and commitment</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have	Para 1.18	For the public benefit, the prevention or relief of poverty [or financial hardship] in Ghana

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		and the UK by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	None
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>No direct missionary activities have delivered by Asantoa from England this year. Work has continued from the investment made to the running of the school by volunteers in Ghana.</p> <p>Volunteers from local Church's in UK have continued to promote the work of Asantoa seeking to raise its profile beyond the west midlands.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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 year the community Christmas party at Atwima Kwanwoma was delivered by the Ghanaian community themselves – building on the social capital i.e. organisation and community engagement skills learnt from previous interactions with the project manager. More than 250 children and their families benefited from this activity.</p> <p>The purchase of chairs and desks and the contribution of educational resources has enhanced the learning experience of children attending the school by providing them with their own individual resources, an outcome from this has been an increase in the number of children now attending the school.</p> <p>We have continued to see individuals in Ghana raise their standard of living through the creation, selling of jewellery, and knitting, skills we had shared on an earlier visit.</p>

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	<p>We continue to receive regular donations from individuals through charitable giving.</p> <p>In kind donations were also received from individuals and church groups across the West Midlands.</p> <p>All cash was raised in the UK and sent via secure transfer to our partners at Yahweh Church.</p>
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 is still not in a position to implement the reserves policy.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	None as yet. The organisation is not yet in a position to determine a reserves policy. It remains an aspirational objective.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	See above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	The principal source of funding has been via voluntary in-kind donations and regular monetary donations from within the UK this year.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	A key part of the fundraising strategy continues to be from in-kind donations – volunteer time and skills to leverage finance from within Ghana itself.
		The principal risk is the lack of personnel to

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>support the work in Ghana. Whilst there is currently a small team in Ghana committed to the vision of the project, the lack of financial support is hampering the progress towards delivery.</p> <p>As the profile of the project increases in the UK this is not being met with volunteer time, and there is still insufficient funds to employ staff. The trustees recognise the potential for burn out of the volunteers and is looking at contingencies to mitigate this.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution. Memoranda & Articles of association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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 trustees	Para 1.25	Election to post.

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	NONE
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Seeking to partner with local Churches in UK and in Ghana to further the work of the Charity
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Asantoa Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177192
Charity's principal address	5 Low Wood Road Erdington Birmingham B23 6HE

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	Frances Thomas	Chair		
2	Dwayne Neveu	Vice chair		
3	Marcia Neveu	Secretary	Jan – September 2023	
4	Richard Hayden		September 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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)



Full name(s)

Frances Thomas

Dwayne Neveu

Position (e.g. Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Vice Chair

Date

20th December 2024