



## **Alma Group**

**Trustee Annual Report for the Period: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

### **Aim and purpose**

Alma Group aims to advance the conservation and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the benefit of the public in any part of the world by providing capacity building activities, advancing environmental education, raising awareness and carrying out scientific research.

### **Objectives and activities**

During the planning of our objectives and activities for the year, the board of trustees specifically considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, the 'Objectives and activities' and 'Achievements and performance' sections provide a brief summary of the efforts undertaken for the overall aim to improve the physical and natural environment, together with a confirmation that the board of trustees have had regard to our guidance on public benefit.

The primary objectives during this period were to:

- Establish a website to raise the charities profile
- Identify partners with shared goals
- Identify and apply for project grants and wider fundraising activities

### **Achievements and performance**

During the previous year, Alma Group had successfully applied to run this course at a UK Higher Education institution as part of their summer school in June 2020. The course would act as an educational tool that would develop capacity within the UK, but the funds of which would be used for future projects. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the summer school at the UK institution was cancelled and no face-to-face courses were run.

This year, we have been successful in establishing a website to raise the charities' profile. Both website hosting and a domain name ([www.alma-org.co.uk](http://www.alma-org.co.uk)) were purchased in November for the period of 24 months. Subsequently, content for the website has been produced and is now live. Further content including a blog on various environmental topics is planned for the next year.

Alma Group also successfully identified the Sierra Leone School Green Club as a potential partner. The Sierra Leone School Green Club is an indigenous Community Based Organization which prioritizes education, agriculture, and protecting the environment and as such, our organisations share common goals and objectives. A Memorandum of Understanding providing a general framework for collaborative efforts for the period of the next 2 years was subsequently agreed to by the board of trustees of both organisations.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Alma Group and the Sierra Leone School Green Club applied for the British Council's open call for creative commissions, in response to climate change and

COP26. The idea for this commission was to produce a radio drama series that directly addresses environmental sustainability. It will explain the impacts of climate change and the mitigation, adaptation and resilience strategies to Sierra Leoneans and get them to react positively to present-day environmental challenges. We have also identified UK Aid Direct's Small Charities Challenge Fund, as the next project grant application for this partnership.

### **Financial review**

The balances carried forward on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 201 on unrestricted funds totalled £100. Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £100. This was through a single donation from a private donor.

In order to create a website, a total of £28.78 was spent on the domain name [www.alma-org.co.uk](http://www.alma-org.co.uk) for the period of 24 months, and security and protection of this domain for the next 12 months. A further £121.24 was spent on hosting the website for the next 24 months. Between the period in questions, total expenditure was £150.02.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts by £-50.02.

Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 on unrestricted funds total £49.98

### **Structure, governance and management**

Alma Group is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its constitution. The board of trustee's consists of three members who are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the charity including on how any funds are spent. The method of appointment to the board of trustees is set out within the constitution. The board of trustee's met a total of four times during this period. During these meetings all trustees were present. In June, during one such board of trustees meeting a resolution was passed to re-appoint Maria Potouroglou as a trustee for a further 2 years.

### **Reference and administrative details**

Charity name: Alma Group

Registered charity number: 1183977

Charity's principal address: 76 The Courtyard, Castle Brewery, Newark on Trent, NG24 4FF.

### **Current Board of Trustees:**


Alexander Kent


Maria Potouroglou

Samuel Fletcher

### **Declarations**

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

Signature(s):   
Full name(s): Alexander Kent  
Position: Head Trustee  
Date: 25/06/2021

Signature(s):   
Full name(s): Samuel Fletcher  
Position: Trustee  
Date: 25/06/2021

Signature(s):   
Full name(s): Maria Potouroglou  
Position: Trustee  
Date: 25/06/2021

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Alma Group

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/02/2020

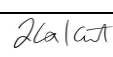

To

31/01/2021

### 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>					
Donations	100	-	-	100	100
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	100	-	-	100	100
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	100	-	-	100	100
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bluehost.com	121	-	-	121	-
Godaddy.com	29	-	-	29	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	150	-	-	150	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	150	-	-	150	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 50	-	-	- 50	100
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	100	-	-	100	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	50	-	-	50	100

## 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>	Current Account Balance	50	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	50	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alexander Kent	25/06/2021	
		Maria Potouroglou	25/06/2021	