



## **Alma Group**

### **Trustee Annual Report for the Period: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.**

#### **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:

- o Establish a project
- o Raise awareness of the project and charity using communication channels

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the previous year, Alma Group and the Sierra Leone School Green Club (SLSGC) 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. This application was not successful. Alma Group and SLSGC remain in contact and will continue to look for further funding opportunities.

This year, Alma Group successfully applied to the International Coral Reef Initiative Small Grants Programme 2021 in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Wildlife Management (DPWM) of The Gambia. The \$80,000 project entitled Ba Nyamo Tanko – meaning 'conserving seagrass' in Mandinka, a Gambian dialect, is a pioneering community-led seagrass protection intervention in The Gambia. The specific objectives of Ba Nyamo Tanko are to: -

- Restore degraded seagrass areas through community participation
- Enhance ecosystem services provided by seagrasses, including improved fisheries, biodiversity, carbon sequestration and coastal protection
- Integrate seagrass conservation into national regulations and sectoral laws
- Act as a demonstration programme showcasing community-led seagrass conservation and influence national and regional policy

For Ba Nyamo Tanko, Alma Group will provide continuous scientific support on the training workshop and ongoing use of seagrass restoration techniques. It will also lead the project communications, and assist with the technical requirements of reporting (i.e. GIS mapping). To date, Alma Group has successfully established a dedicated webpage for the project ([Ba Nyamo Tanko — ALMA \(alma-org.co.uk\)](http://BaNyamoTanko—ALMA.alma-org.co.uk)), in addition to a twitter page ([Ba Nyamo Tanko \(@BaNyamoTanko\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/BaNyamoTanko)). Furthermore, Alma Group assisted with the logo design, and creation of the restoration handbook to be used at the restoration workshop.

## **Financial review**

The balances carried forward on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 on unrestricted funds totalled £49.98. Between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £505.00. These funds were obtained through two donations of £200 and £300 from one of the trustees on the 13<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> of December respectively. A further £5.00 was donated through the Amazon smiles scheme on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May.

A total of £300.00 was spent on the design of the project logo and outreach material (e.g., flyer and restoration handbook) for Ba Nyamo Tanko. A further £194.40 was spent on transferring the hosting of the website to Squarespace Inc. Between the period in question, total expenditure was £494.40.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments by £10.60.

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 £60.58

## **Structure, governance and management**

Alma Group is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its constitution. The board of trustees 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 six 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 Sam Fletcher as a trustee for a further 2 years. Following the successful application of Ba Nyamo Tanko, in October 2021 trustees unanimously agreed to install a fourth trustee, Patricia Arenas Gonzalez to the board for the initial period of 1 year, to broaden the boards technical skills.

## **Reference and administrative details**

Charity name: Alma Group

Registered charity number: 1183977

Charity's principal address: 77 Rosedale Avenue, York, YO26 5LH.

## **Current Board of Trustees:**

Alexander Kent

Maria Potouroglou

Samuel Fletcher

Patricia Arenas Gonzalez

### Declarations

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



Signature(s):

Full name(s): Alexander Kent

Position: Head Trustee

Date: 25/06/2022

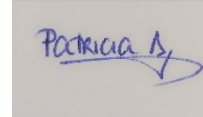


Signature(s):

Full name(s): Maria Potouroglou

Position: Trustee

Date: 25/06/2022



Signature(s):

Full name(s): Patricia Arenas Gonzalez

Position: Trustee

Date: 25/06/2022

Signature(s):

Full name(s): Samuel Fletcher

Position: Trustee


Date: 25/06/2022



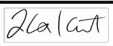

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY 2022



 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Alma Group			1183977	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	100	-	-	100	N/A
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	100	-	-	100	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	100	-	-	100	
A3 Payments					
Bluehost.com	121	-	-	121	-
Godaddy.com	29	-	-	29	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	150.02	-	-	150	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	150	-	-	150	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 50	-	-	- 50	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	100	-	-	100	
Cash funds this year end	50	-	-	50	

## 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