



Summary of Activities and Achievements

**01 January –
31 December 2021**





Introduction

Kokrobite is a fishing community to the west of Accra, Ghana. There is a lack of education here with the greater part of the community depending on fishing for their livelihood. This is not reliable and does not guarantee an income. Many of the children in Kokrobite do not attend school due to the cost of uniforms, shoes, books and daily food. An additional problem is caused by the parents not appreciating the value of an education having had no formal education themselves. Parents are reluctant to send their children to school if there is an opportunity for them to do something that will help to generate income for the family. When this is not the case the children spend the greater part of the day hanging around the streets or on the beach.

Kokrobite Chiltern Centre (KCC) works with the parents and children and help to support the children so that they are able to attend school and gain an education. We also work with children aged 4 – 18 years out of school hours and provide additional classes to help them learn to read, write, speak English and be competent in basic Math procedures. We give them a place to do their homework and assistance with this when necessary. In addition, we offer the opportunity to play sport – football, volleyball and cricket are the current favourites! For the children attending school we provide them with uniform, shoes, school bags, books, stationery, at least one good meal every day and funds for medical care and haircuts when necessary.

2021 was our eighteenth year of operating as a Ghana registered NGO and our third as a UK registered charity. Schools reopened in Ghana after the prolonged closure due to the pandemic. We continued to review our services and the best way to support the children, schools and communities that we work with to ensure we continued to abide by Covid-19 protocols current at the time. One of our full-time team of three started a course of further study at university in May 2021 but continues to work with us during vacations and another has taken a leave of absence to pursue further study in graphic design.

In addition to providing educational sponsorship for individual children in need of support, we also provide teacher professional development, and support schools with the provision of educational resources as well as strategic planning. In line with Covid-19 protocols face to face workshops were not possible for much of the year so we continued online training as much as possible.

We continue to have three football teams registered with Ghana Football Association, the U13, U15 and U17's. Their training sessions resumed in February with matches recommencing in March 2021.



Attendance at our learning centre sessions continues to be completely free of charge and voluntary as well as being open to both sponsored and non-sponsored children who may or may not attend full time education. We provide breakfast or a snack for all attendees depending on the time of day the session takes place. Attendance numbers vary slightly depending on the session but typically Monday to Friday sessions will have 50 – 60 children with higher numbers, up to 160 on Saturday mornings. Our provision of learning sessions has been commended by both Ghana Education Services and the Municipal Directorate and we are grateful for their support.





Q1: January – March

KCC continued to deliver the UK Aid funded Tools for Teachers SEN Training Programme until the end of the first quarter when the funding came to a scheduled end. Funding had been extended by six months to enable us to continue running a revised programme that made allowance for Covid-19 restrictions in place at that time. The last twelve months of programme delivery was done virtually to comply with Covid-19 protocols. The Tools for Teachers Project ran for 2.5 years during which time we provided Special Educational Needs training using a literacy-based approach and support for over 200 teachers from every Ghana Education Services Primary and Junior High School (more than 150 schools in total) within the Ga South and Weija/Gbawe Municipalities.

Ghana schools reopened in January 2021 after ten months of closure due to the pandemic which meant that Learning Centre sessions reverted to the pre-pandemic schedule. Shoes, uniforms and school stationery items were shared with more than 150 children in preparation for the new term. KCC staff met with community members and parents of sponsored children to engage and encourage them to support the children in their return to school. Donated educational resources were also shared with four schools to support them with the resumption of classes.

Kokrobite Chiltern Centre were invited to participate in the Youth Form Switzerland Global Change Makers Programme. The KCC Directors were interviewed by international students and in turn KCC students had the opportunity to interview Global Change Makers from around the world.

We were pleased to restart our Library Box Project with boxes of graded reading books going into five schools in local communities. Each term the book boxes come back to KCC for checking and replenishment before going back out to schools enabling children and teachers to have daily access to levelled reading materials.





Q2: April – June

The first term at school went well overall for our students. However, there were some logistical issues for schools as they reopened and we were pleased to be able to support with supplies of face masks, hand sanitiser and Veronica buckets for over 30 schools.

The Learning Centre continued to open six days a week with typically up to 60 children attending each afternoon and 120 coming to the Saturday morning sessions.

After some initial issues we were able to make great progress with our prototype aquaponics system and deliver the first teaching sessions on how this works to our students. This was done with the support of volunteers from the International School of Zug and Lucerne, Switzerland.



We were invited to take part in a television programme called Spanish in the World which is shown in Spain. The film crew and producers were keen to show life as it is for children and families from fishing communities in Ghana and how we support them. The children loved taking part and were delighted to see themselves on the screen when we received a copy of the programme.



Q3: July – September

Good progress was made on the interior of our new learning centre. In addition, news of our bottle building has spread and following several enquiries, articles were published around the world featuring KCC and our work in this area. Example articles can be found here:

<https://newsbeezer.com/romaniaeng/architect-builds-library-with-45000-recycled-plastic-bottles-for-ghanas-poor-children/?fbclid=IwAR1hZFZrTiLZ8j99pAhXLAsQiVo59sZyzdWxu5r1gV93oi6N3JaH6rfRztg>
and

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-07/12/c_1310056965_2.htm

In addition to our usual sessions, we run additional morning sessions in the Learning Centre during the school holidays with a focus on developing and practising literacy skills.

We received considerable donations of clothes, shoes, sports kit, books, toys and stationery and began the process of sorting and sharing with schools, sports teams and individuals. It was particularly great to receive a significant donation of books which was divided between the Learning Centre and Library Box Project.

We held the first in our series of 'You are your own Champion' sessions designed to encourage and empower children and young people aged 10 – 14 years to look at themselves and their communities, consider community, national and international issues and the action they can take to resolve challenges and bring about change.



Q4: October – December

Work continued at the new learning centre and the electricity was connected making it possible to work longer days there when needed and providing essential security lighting for the site.

We continued to provide schools and individual students with supplies of hand sanitiser and face masks in order to support them adhering to the ongoing Covid-19 protocols.

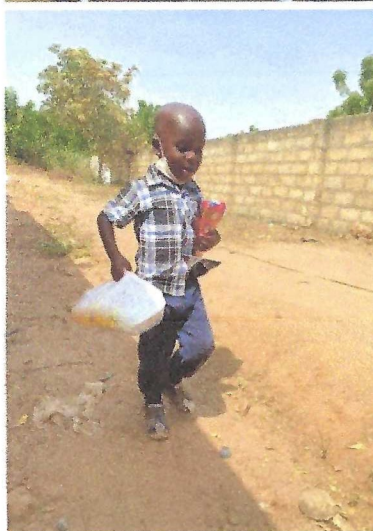
The 'You are your own Champion' sessions were popular and very well attended. Sessions cover topics such as 'What makes me unique?', 'My aspirations and what can I do to help me achieve them?', 'Adversity and how to overcome challenges' and 'My community and what I can do to support its development'.

We celebrated the International Day of the Girl by donating sports kit to local schools-based girls' football and netball teams.

We received donations of medical supplies including wound dressings, Covid-19 test kits, face masks and medication from a supporter in Germany and were pleased to be able to share these with Bortianor Clinic and Kokrobite Clinic.

The termly exam results for our sponsored students were good overall with all children showing varying levels of improvement in at least three subjects. Our learning centre sessions continue to underpin and support the syllabus that is taught in Ghana schools as well as looking to broaden the subject matter and encourage our students to think critically about the topics they are studying.

After a challenging fund-raising campaign and in line with Covid-19 regulations current at the time it was great to be able to deliver such a special Christmas celebration with more than 1200 children receiving a hot meal, soft drink, ice cream and wrapped gift.



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Kokrobite Chiltern Centre

Accounts

31 December 2021

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- 4 Paul Prentice - Treasurer
- 5 Mark Williams - Trustee
- 6 Lucy Anne Holmes - Trustee
- 7 Philip Liverpool - Trustee

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Report to the Trustees and officers on the preparation of the unaudited financial statements of Kokrobite Chiltern Centre for the year ended 31st December, 2021.

We have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2021 which comprise the enclosed financial statements, and the related notes. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

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20 October 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Sponsorship of children	1	4,362			4,362
General donations	2	2,972			2,972
Donations for Christmas activities	3	1,158			1,158
Donations through JustGiving	4	1,413			1,413
Other donations	5	23,602			23,602
Total incoming resources		33,508	0	0	33,508
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Fees for JustGiving Platform	6	216			216
Charitable activities:					
Donations to KCC Ghana	7	25,894			25,894
Shipping Costs	8	4,941			4,941
Other expenditure	9	1,537			1,537
Cost of grant making		32,372	0	0	32,372
Governance costs	10	0			0
Total resources expended		32,588	0	0	32,588
Net (outgoing) incoming resources before transfers		920	0	0	920
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds	11	0	0	0	0
Net (Outgoing) Incoming resources before other gains and losses		920	0	0	920
Other recognised gains and losses:					
Realised and unrealised (losses) on investment assets	12	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		920	0	0	920
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		4,121			4,121
Total Funds carried forward		5,041	0	0	5,041

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	UF Unrestricted Funds	RF Restricted Funds	EF Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	11	0			0	0
Investments	12	0			0	0
Total fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors		0			0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		5,041			5,041	4,121
Total Current Assets		5,041	0	0	5,041	4,121
Liabilities						
Creditors falling due within one year		0			0	0
Net Current assets		5,041	0	0	5,041	4,121
Total Assets less current liabilities		5,041	0	0	5,041	4,121
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		0			0	0
Net assets		5,041	0	0	5,041	4,121
The funds of the charity	11					
Endowment funds						
Permanent endowment					0	0
Expendable endowment					0	0
<u>Restricted income funds</u>			0		0	0
<u>Unrestricted income funds</u>		5,041			5,041	4,121
Total charity funds		5,041	0	0	5,041	4,121

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Notes to the Accounts

- 1 Donations to sponsor the education of specific (named) children. Majority of contributions are paid by monthly standing order

- 2 Donations to cover general expenses, and to be used at the discretion of management.

- 3 Donations to fund the the annual christmas party (typically food and gifts for children)

- 4 Donations received through the JustGiving website

- 5 Other donations, usually targeted for specific uses, such as payment to cover expenses of visitors from schools or football clubs visiting KCC Ghana

- 6 Monthly subscription fee of £18 for JustGiving website, used to raise donations

- 7 Donations to fund the operations of KCC Ghana

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Notes continued.

8 Cost of shipping books, gifts for children and other donated or purchased items to KCC Ghana

9 Exceptional costs, such as refunds of advance contributions made for visits to KCC Ghana

10 Costs for governance of the charity were borne by the trustees in 2021

11 In 2021, the charity held no other funds than a current account with Barclays Bank in the UK

12 The charity had no investments in 2021