



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1

April

2024

To

31

Mar

2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Kohima Educational Trust

Other names charity is known by

KET

Registered charity number (if any)

1188382

Charity's principal address

The Thatched Cottage

Newbury Road

East Hendred

Postcode

OX12 8LG

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	Mr S White	Chairman	1/4/24 to 3/7/24	
2	Maj (Retd) RM Lyman			
3	Mrs SM May	Managing Trustee		
4	Mr ADH Hunter	Treasurer		
5	Mr E Munro		From 25/11/24	
6	Mr R White		From 25/11/24	
7	Mr B Brownless		To 25/11/24	
8	Mr R Cook		To 25/11/24	
9	Mr A Barclay	Chairman	From 3/7/24	
10	Lt Col M Jones	Ex Officio, to full trustee		
11	Col I Hargreaves			
12	Dr R Clayton			
13	Rev Nigel Stock			
14	Mrs Charlotte Carty			
15	Lt Col T Skinner	Ex Officio		
16				
20				

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
President	Maj Gen R Gordon	

Name of managing trustee or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mrs SM May

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Declaration of Trust

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") (see below)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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.

The Trust works in close co-operation, through a Memorandum of Understanding, with its affiliate, the Kohima Educational Society ('KES'), which is based in Nagaland.

The Trustees have formed this Charitable Incorporated Organisation {registration number 1188382} to succeed a Trust also called 'Kohima Educational Trust ' (registration number 1102045). The Trustees transferred all the assets and activities of the former Trust to the new CIO on 1st April 2020.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Advancement of Education.

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)

Assisting the education of Naga people in commemoration of the support provided to the Allied forces by the Naga peoples during the Battle of Kohima in 1944.

When local law permits, (Foreign Contributions Regulation Act 'FCRA'), the provision of:

- Scholarships to assist disadvantaged children and children of veterans to receive better education in India
- Education in medical support for villagers

Also:

- Bursaries to tertiary level students permanently residing outside of India
- Book publication
- Writing workshops and awards for literature
- Remembrance and raising awareness of the Battle of Kohima

In carrying out these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

- Grants are made to Naga people only and are consistent with the Trust's objectives.
- The Trust has no investments other than a deposit account held in the UK.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our sister organisation in Kohima, KES, had its renewal application for their FCRA licence rejected in February 2025. At the present time, it is unclear when KES will be able to reapply.

While this is being assessed, KET has launched a new initiative which will offer financial assistance to tertiary level students of Naga heritage who are permanently residing outside India, with a focus on those studying in the UK. The bursary support will prioritise STEM subjects and professional qualifications in the trades and services sectors. Each bursary will be worth a total of £3,750 and will be paid to the successful applicant on a prorated basis across the terms or semesters of the course.

We have awarded the first two bursaries to two medical students living and studying in Wales, in early May just after the year end.

All the donors who have donated over the last 3 years specifically for the scholarship programme have been contacted and asked if they wish for us to keep their donation until such time as it can be utilised in Nagaland, or whether they are happy for their donation to be spent on the bursary programme. The choice is also theirs as to whether they wish their donation to be refunded.

Six Scholarship donors said they would be happy for us to use their donation towards the bursary programme. We also received a lump sum donation of £10,000 specifically for the bursary programme which allowed us to start seeking students at the end of 2024.

Of the £19,630 donated or pledged in 2024/'25 for bursaries, we have £12,130 remaining.

We are contacting Overseas Naga Associations inviting applications and we are hoping to be in a position to award further bursaries in the coming months.

We were extremely fortunate to receive a legacy of £259,251 in May 2024; it did not come with any stipulations on how it should be utilised. Having said that, the money came from a veteran and will be spent on assisting Nagas in some way.

Meanwhile, we have also continued with our webinar programme and our annual Kohima Service in York

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust maintains the bulk of its funds in a general reserve in order to have the resources available to support major projects as they are identified. We keep records of any donations targeted specifically for scholarships and/or bursaries.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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 Trust's funds come from charitable donations, sponsorship of individuals, legacies, standing orders, the sale of books and Naga goods, and miscellaneous fund-raising events and lectures. The Trust also organises an annual Kohima Day memorial event to raise awareness and promote fundraising.


The Trust pays its various marketing, operating & administrative expenses and is managed by a part-time Managing Trustee. All other funds disbursed by the Trust support its charitable objectives, through the provision of scholarships for Naga children in past years and, latterly, other education-related initiatives such as the bursaries.

No Trustee receives any payment for his/her work as a Trustee, but Trustees may claim reasonable expenses.

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)	Andrew Hunter	Sylvia May
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Managing Trustee
Date	22/8/25	



The Kohima Educational Trust

Charity Commission no. 1188382

			Year	Year
			31 March 2024	31 March 2025
				£
INCOME	All Giving	Donations	11,253	8,737
		Trustee expense donations	5,912	10,425
		Scholarships	(735)	2,744
		Bursaries		12,100
		Gift Aid	6,047	4,600
		Standing Orders	6,747	5,589
		Sponsored Events	0	4,467
		Legacies	0	255,999
		Collection Tins	0	0
		<i>sub-total</i>	<u>29,225</u>	<u>304,661</u>
	Commemoration	York Memorial Service	<u>12,756</u>	<u>20,241</u>
	Commercial	Shop including books	3,346	1,995
		Christmas Cards	0	0
		<i>sub-total</i>	<u>3,346</u>	<u>1,995</u>
	Interest	Interest on Savings/Deposit A/Cs	<u>1,114</u>	<u>11,030</u>
TOTAL INCOME			<u>46,441</u>	<u>337,927</u>
(EXPENDITURE)				
	Costs of Collection	Sponsored Events	(53)	(301)
		Fundraising	0	0
		<i>sub-total</i>	<u>(53)</u>	<u>(301)</u>
	Commemoration	York Memorial Service	<u>(7,320)</u>	<u>(20,974)</u>
	Commercial	Shop including books	(822)	(4,390)
		Christmas cards	(114)	0
		<i>sub-total</i>	<u>(936)</u>	<u>(4,390)</u>
	Communication	Newsletters and Leaflets	(1,450)	(2,514)
		Post, Packaging and Freight	(3,378)	(1,163)
		Website	(80)	(577)
		Webinars (from 9/24)		(386)
		Hospitality	(30)	(78)
		Marketing	(18,890)	(19,110)
		<i>sub-total</i>	<u>(23,828)</u>	<u>(23,828)</u>
	Administration	Administration and Secretarial	(11,543)	(10,910)
		Legal costs		
		Trustee expenses (see notes below, next page)	(12,469)	(14,999)
TOTAL (EXPENDITURE)			<u>(56,149)</u>	<u>(75,402)</u>
UK NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<i>All UK Activity</i>		<u>(9,708)</u>	<u>262,525</u>
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS	<i>Transfers to Beneficiaries</i>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<i>All Activities, UK & abroad</i>		<u>(9,708)</u>	<u>262,525</u>
BANK ACCOUNTS			£	£
		Opening Bank Balances	110,350	100,642
		<i>All Activities, as above</i>	(9,708)	262,525
		Closing Account Balances	<u>100,642</u>	<u>363,167</u>
	Comprising:-	Main Current Account	2,087	2,073
		Instant Access Savings Account	93,300	67,649
		Fixed Term Deposit		292,063
		Shop float	110	190
		Paypal balance	5,145	1,193



The Kohima Educational Trust

Charity Commission no. 1188382

	Year 31 March 2024 £	Year 31 March 2025 £
Assets:-		
Main Current Account, Paypal & float	7,342	3,455
Instant Access Savings Account	93,300	67,649
Fixed Term Deposit	0	292,063
	<u>100,642</u>	<u>363,167</u>

As at 31/3/25, we were due a refund of c.£2,650 for an incorrect debit from our account in February, (thus overstating the Admin & Secretarial expenditure above); it was refunded in April.

As at 31/3/25, Gift Aid estimated as owing to KET but not yet claimed amounted to £3,640.

Liabilities:-

As at spring 2025, the annual award of scholarships has had to be postponed for a third year following the rejection of KES' application to renew its FCRA licence. However, the Bursaries project has been set up to take its place. At 31/3/25, a total of £12,100 had been received, specifically for the project; and a sum of £7,530 previously pledged for Scholarships, had been notified as transferable to Bursaries.

At 31/3/25, £1,500 was owing to M Furness for marketing consultancy in March, settled in June.

Trustees:-

Mrs Sylvia May, in her former capacity as CEO, was paid £5,250, on the authority of the Board of Trustees, for the administrative work she performed, over and above the work she performed as a Trustee; and payments totalling £10,914 were made to Mrs May to reimburse administrative expenses incurred in the course of her duties.

Of these combined sums, after tax & NIC, she donated 42% back to the charity.

Since November, her role has been Managing Trustee, claiming valid expenses only and not paid remuneration.

During the year, seven trustees (including Mrs May) were reimbursed a total of £14,999 for travel & other expenses.

Of this, 70% was donated back to KET, on which Gift Aid was claimed.

Charity Address:-
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Newbury Road
East Hendred
Oxon
OX12 8LG



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Kohima Educational Trust

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1188382

Set out on pages

6 and 7

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ~~[insert name of applicable listed body]]~~. ~~Delete [] if not applicable~~. Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date: 25th August 2025

Name:

George H Young BA CA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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