



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	October	2022		30th	September	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Shuktara Trust (UK)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1112303

Charity's principal address

7 Lily Close

London

Postcode W14 9YA

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	Adam Thompson	Chair		
2	Michael Tungay	Deputy Chair		
3	Susan Tungay	Secretary		
4	Kamau Lyon			
5	Alyson Rose			
6	Judith Harris			
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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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust, minimum of three trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees for five years

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.

Shuktara Trust (UK) supports the work of shuktara, India, providing a safe home in Kolkata for 16 young disabled men and eight young disabled women who have lost their families and cannot live independently. Shuktara is now reaching out to families in the remote Purulia and Cooch Behar districts in West Bengal who have disabled children, by providing physiotherapy, mobility assistance and medical appointments.

Shuktara Trust (UK) also supports Shuktara Cakes Kolkata, which is a bakery and training project that was set up in 2013 by Cojean Foundation of France. Six young men from shuktara, Kolkata are using their baking and patisserie skills to produce French cakes for sale. There is now a Shuktara Cakes shop which sells coffee and is an outlet for patisserie from the bakery.

A Trustees' Induction Pack is available to thoroughly equip new trustees with the workings of the Trust. The charity's current account is with Santander Business Banking and is managed online by one trustee with two other trustees having view only access.

Shuktara Trust (UK) is the fundraising arm for shuktara, Kolkata. The trustees acknowledge they have a responsibility to all our donors that the children and young people in shuktara, Kolkata are kept safe and to this end the UK trustees agree with the Child Protection Policy that the Indian charity has in place. This document is displayed in both houses and all staff have agreed to abide by the stated policies. Details of the policy can be viewed by going to this link:

<https://shuktara.org/wp-content/uploads/Shuktara-Kolkata-Child-Protection-Policy.pdf>. Staff are regularly reminded of the safeguarding policies for both houses and are given the opportunity to say if they are concerned about a colleague's behaviour.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To provide income and direction for disadvantaged persons in India but particularly supporting the work of shuktara in Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

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)

To raise money to support the work mentioned above by fundraising and recruiting individual and corporate donors.

Directing money raised to projects in India to further this work.

All the UK trustees have read the Charity Commission's section on Public Benefit. It will be seen in Sections D and F that we are overseeing the provision of housing, welfare, education, employment and care for young, abandoned or lost disabled people in Kolkata. Also, to provide support for families who live in remote parts of West Bengal who are raising disabled children with very little medical assistance.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Grant Making

Shuktara Trust (UK) makes grants in favour of shuktara, Kolkata in order to support the maintenance of the two homes: Lula Bari, the home for young women and Anna Bari, the home for young men. This covers utilities, food, staff, transport, education, clothing, medical expenses, repair and maintenance of the buildings, communication, office costs and administration. The grant also helps support Shuktara Cakes Bakery and Shop and since autumn 2022 the outreach projects to families living in the Purulia and Cooch Behar districts.

Investment

Shuktara Trust (UK) makes every effort to keep its deposits in low-risk savings accounts at around £85,000, which is the maximum covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Shuktara Trust (UK) (STUK) has now been operating and supporting shuktara, Kolkata, India for eighteen years.

STUK trustees have met four times during the year. They implemented a matched fundraising Christmas appeal to boost revenue as there had been a drop in income in the past few years and expenditure had increased. This raised £30,000. One trustee completed a 10K run and raised just under £1,500. She also managed to fit in a visit to shuktara, Kolkata, while on a work trip to India. She gave very encouraging feedback on all that is happening in Kolkata and the outreach projects, in particular highlighting the need to install solar panels in the Lula Bari house.

A fundraiser was employed for three days, generously paid for by a trustee. She set up a comprehensive plan and a template for making grant requests, listed potential trusts and made a first grant application. Unfortunately, STUK had not been successful but the trust encouraged us to reapply. The fundraiser has since been employed by STUK to work for a further 6 days over a 3-month period beginning in October 2023 and will be making grant applications on behalf of STUK.

The grant support for shuktara, Kolkata and its projects for 2023/24 of £77,281 was sent to shuktara's FCRA account in June 2023.

In **shuktara, Kolkata**, solar panels have been installed on Lula Bari house as well as Anna Bari house which helped reduce costs considerably.

A small premises nearby to Anna Bari was purchased to sell coffee and cakes made by the six young men who work in the Shuktara Cakes Bakery. Two of these young men now live independently with their own family, after growing up in shuktara. The shop is staffed by one or two of the young men from shuktara and is open from 10am until 9pm.

An ambulance has been donated and is being used to help local people with emergency hospital visits.

Recently an American film crew, who are making a documentary about shuktara, visited and were taken to see the ongoing work in the Purulia district, of West Bengal. Shuktara is working in six villages in the region, supporting 19 families who between them have 20 disabled children or young people. Eight children have been provided with callipers and one girl with an adapted wheelchair. This work of support is ongoing and it is intended to reach further afield to a more northern area of West Bengal called Cooch Behar.

For the residents of the shuktara homes, staff provide a number of activities outside of school, including home tuition, dance classes and physiotherapy enabling our residents to feel engaged and stimulated.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees' reserve policy is to have a minimum of one year's running costs, currently this is £80,000.

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.

Principal Source of Funds:

Individual donations, both regular and one-off giving; grants from Trusts. The 2022 Christmas appeal raised £30,000.

Expenditure:

It will be noted in Section D that expenditure has supported the ongoing maintenance of the two homes and provided care and education of those living at shuktara, Kolkata. Expenditure contributed to the purchase of solar panels and is supporting outreach work in the remote parts of West Bengal.

Investment Policy:

STUK's cash assets are spread between Santander, Cambridge & Counties Bank, The Hampshire Trust Bank and The Redwood Bank.

Section F**Other optional information****Plans for 2023/2024**

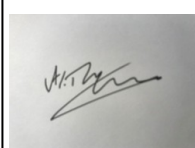
To apply to a number of trusts and grant making bodies, with the help of a professional fundraiser, to raise in the region of £45,000. To encourage shuktara, Kolkata to continue gaining more local financial support. To highlight the new outreach project to Cooch Behar, West Bengal with UK supporters.

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)

Adam Thompson

Susan Maureen Tungay

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

10th January 2024



**shuktara
Trust (UK)**

**End of Year Financial Statements
Year ending 30 September 2023**

• Introduction

This last year, October 2022 to September 2023, has seen a great improvement in income equating to an 82% increase over the previous year. This is due to flagging up projects with our supporter base. In December 2022 Shuktara held a matched fundraiser for the new outreach project in the Purulia district of West Bengal which raised £30,000. One of our trustees was able to fit in a visit to shuktara, Kolkata while on a work trip, and reported that our Lula Bari home wanted to install solar panels. Sharing this with our supporters raised £2,500. In addition, a regular celebrity donor raised £8,600 by winning ITV's 'The Weakest Link' programme. The amount of grant sent to shuktara, Kolkata was £4,500 less than the previous year and shuktara, Kolkata has seen more support locally.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	66,030	—	—	66,030	37,720
Investment income	3,729	—	—	3,729	1,378
Other incoming resources	7,878	—	—	7,878	3,511
Total income	77,638	—	—	77,638	42,610
Resources used					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	216	—	—	216	216
Charitable activities	83,082	—	—	83,082	87,650
Governance costs	25	—	—	25	25
Total expenditure	83,323	—	—	83,323	87,891
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(5,685)	—	—	(5,685)	(45,281)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	(5,685)	—	—	(5,685)	(45,281)
Total funds brought forward	161,104	—	—	161,104	206,385
Total funds carried forward	155,418	—	—	155,418	161,104
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	142,930	—	—	142,930	146,494
Designated					
Cafe	—	—	—	—	2,396
Lula Bari	12,488	—	—	12,488	12,213

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
1402	Office equipment	406	406
	Total Fixed assets	406	406

Current assets			
1502	Santander UK plc	10,226	34,377
15041	Cambridge & Counties Bank	91,211	88,311
15043	Hampshire Trust Bank #11070303/CLOSED	—	38,008
15044	Hampshire Trust Bank #11584595	38,475	—
15045	Redwood Bank	15,098	—
Total Current assets		155,012	160,697
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(5,685)	(45,281)
Z01	Starting balances	161,104	206,385
Total Reserves		155,418	161,104
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	142,930	146,494
	Designated	12,488	14,609
	Restricted	—	—
	Endowment	—	—
Total		155,418	161,104

Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
Office equipment		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	406	406
	406	406
Total for Tangible assets	406	406
Cash at bank and in hand		
Santander UK plc		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	7,737	29,768
Lula Bari (Designated) -	2,488	2,213
Cafe (Designated) -	—	2,396
	10,226	34,377
Cambridge & Counties Bank		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	81,211	78,311
Lula Bari (Designated) -	10,000	10,000
	91,211	88,311
Hampshire Trust Bank #11070303/CLOSED		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	—	38,008
	—	38,008
Hampshire Trust Bank #11584595		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	38,475	—
	38,475	—
Redwood Bank		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	15,098	—
	15,098	—
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	155,012	160,697
Grand total	155,418	161,104

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	146,494	77,363	80,927	—	—	—	142,930
Sub-total for General	146,494	77,363	80,927	—	—	—	142,930
LulaBari - Lula Bari							
Designated	12,213	275	—	—	—	—	12,488
Sub-total for LulaBari	12,213	275	—	—	—	—	12,488
Cafe - Cafe							
Unrestricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated	2,396	—	2,396	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Cafe	2,396	—	2,396	—	—	—	—
Grand total	161,104	77,638	83,323	—	—	—	155,418

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

1101 – Gift Aided Donations	30,508	275	—	—	30,783	14,070
1108 - Non-Gift Aided Donations	23,072	—	—	—	23,072	13,092
1109 - Income via JustGiving	8,644	—	—	—	8,644	5,113
1111 - Income via PayPal	909	—	—	—	909	1,870
1113 - Income via Give As You Live	38	—	—	—	38	52
11131 - Income via Amazon Smile	32	—	—	—	32	20
1117 - Income from Trusts	2,550	—	—	—	2,550	3,500
Total	65,755	275	—	—	66,030	37,720

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

1154 - Interest income	3,729	—	—	—	3,729	1,378
Total	3,729	—	—	—	3,729	1,378

Other incoming resources

1159 - Tax recovered	7,878	—	—	—	7,878	3,511
Total	7,878	—	—	—	7,878	3,511
INCOME TOTAL	77,363	275	—	—	77,638	42,610

EXPENDITURE

Costs of generating funds - Costs of generating voluntary income

1305 - Just Giving Website	216	—	—	—	216	216
Total	216	—	—	—	216	216

Charitable activities

1313 - Shuktara India	74,885	2,396	—	—	77,281	83,000
1316 - Supply of services	5,651	—	—	—	5,651	4,320
1326 - Office costs	150	—	—	—	150	200
1328 - Communications costs	—	—	—	—	—	130
Total	80,686	2,396	—	—	83,082	87,650

Governance costs

1321 - Bank Charges	25	—	—	—	25	25
Total	25	—	—	—	25	25
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	80,927	2,396	—	—	83,323	87,891
GRAND TOTAL	(3,564)	(2,121)	—	—	(5,685)	(45,281)

- Conclusion**

Total Reserves in all funds at 30 September 2023 stands at **£155,418**.

Total Receipts received during 2022/2023 were **£77,638**.

Total Payments amounted to **£83,323**.

During the past year a concerted effort was made to increase donations by highlighting specific shuktara projects. These included the outreach project to Purulia district, West Bengal, the need for solar panels at Lula Bari (the young women's home) and a new outreach initiative to Cooch Behar, also in West Bengal. Donors much prefer to give to projects but we have also reminded them of the need to support ongoing running costs.

This report dated: **10 January 2024**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Shuktara Trust (UK)

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1112303

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/09/2023**.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Douglas Tweddle

Date:

11.01.2024

Name:

Douglas Tweddle CBE

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(if any):

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