



Appeal number: CA.2021-0010

**FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER
(CHARITY)**

**ANNE SIMPSON
(a Trustee of the Bronte Society)**

Appellant

- and -

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Respondent

BEFORE

DDJ Rebecca Worth (authorized to sit as a Tribunal Judge in the GRC),

DECISION

1. By Notice of Appeal dated 23 April 2021, Mrs A Simpson lodged with this Tribunal proceedings against the Charity Commission. She sought to appeal an email, which she is unable to print out, but which is titled "... Stage 2 response to Ms Simpson CRM:0254997" which was sent to her on 01 February 2021 at 15:53.
2. Mrs Simpson was asked to identify which provision of Schedule 6 to the Charities Act 2011 they says permits them to lodge this appeal at this Tribunal. It appears that she has not been able to do so.

Consideration

3. The Tribunal is a creature of statute, it can do what Parliament has given it power to do, no more or less than that. For appeals against decisions of the Charity Commission, Parliament has listed those matters which can come to the Tribunal in section 319 and Schedule 6 of the Charities Act 2011.
4. The appeal was lodged 1 month and 1 day outside the 42-day time limit imposed by the GRC Rules. The reason that she was late in lodging the appeal is persuasive.
5. However, it does not appear that this Tribunal has jurisdiction to consider her appeal; therefore it is inappropriate to extend the time limit and admit her appeal which is certain to be struck out due to lack of jurisdiction.

6. Therefore, I refuse to extend the time limit and Mrs Simpson's appeal is not admitted to the Tribunal.

DDJ Worth

Deputy District Judge Worth, authorised to sit as a Tribunal Judge in the GRC

Dated: 21 June 2021

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