

Outdoor development ministries

England & Wales · Charity number 1012007

Details

Other names	CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS TRUST, CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS (ODM) TRUST, CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS - O D M
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1992-06-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, TO ADVANCE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN INNER CITY AND URBAN AREAS.

Activities: Promoting the Christian faith through outdoor activities and sports in the UK

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£12,024	£22,740	-	-
2024-06-30	£37,585	£50,605	-	-
2023-06-30	£69,612	£49,552	-	-
2022-06-30	£127,998	£105,333	-	-
2021-06-30	£36,847	£40,346	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Henrik Batchelor		2020-01-20
Doug Green		2014-01-08
Keira Batchelor		2017-05-22
Ruth Christina Grant		2014-01-08
TOM BAKER		

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To achieve this a programme has been set up entitled "Outdoor Adventure Development Ministries" under which most of the work is taking place.

Below is a summary of the work undertaken during 2023-2024:

During this year Revds. Rob and Margaret Bianchi retired as officers of the charity and Revd. Ian Kent has taken on the role. ODM will buy services from Ian to fulfil the charity's objectives. Ian's wages are covered by a donation to ODM for youth work in local schools and churches. This has resulted in a change of direction focusing more on local projects. Ian has undertaken training courses to expand local work and is looking to do further courses, such as first aid training. He has organised his own insurance and is writing a safeguarding policy to cover the activities not under an existing organisation, such as a local school.

Money has also been provided for training leaders at the Blaithwaite youth camp and bursaries for children to attend the camp. The location of the camp has changed to Castlehead and Ian has become leader of the camp.

ODM continues to handle the funds from St George's Mission Bursary to ensure this money is used to achieve the most benefit. It continues to provide services for young people rather than assets.

A storage unit is being rented to store all the equipment, mostly for canoeing, which were previously stored by Revds. Rob and Margaret Bianchi.

During this year ODM sent the last donation to projects in Burundi, as support will end at the end of 2024 and they have been advised to find another source of income.

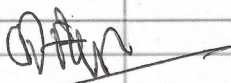
The original ODM website is offline and a new domain name has been purchased.

The name of the charity has been changed from 'Creative Communications Trust' to 'Outdoor Development Ministries' to better reflect the work undertaken by ODM. The name has also been changed on the ODM bank account. The Lloyds account was closed.

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The trustees meet 3 times per year, in person.

Finance Total income received amounted to £37,584.82 and expenditure was £50,605.56. A CafCash current a/c operates for current a/c transactions, the excess from the Lloyds/TSB deposit a/c being transferred into this a/c.

ODM Creative Communications		Income & Expenditure Accounts	
1-7-2023-30-6-2024			
Income			
		Bank Balances	
Romania		Caf Bank	€ 69,114.00
	Spirit Euxin	€ 1,100.00	
	Ovidieu	€ 1,680.00	
		Balances	
		Balance: 2022-23	€ 82,134.74
Burundi		Income: 2023-24	€ 37,584.82
		Total	€ 119,719.56
General Fund		Expenditue: 2023-24	€ 50,605.56
Gift Aid Tax Refund		Balance Over Year	€ 69,114.00
Newcastle NAST		€ 63.51	
Interest		€ 1,680.88	
Failed Transfer		€ 2,500.00	
Burundi Re-imbusement		€ 5,028.62	
Trans: Caf Bank to Lloyds Current		€ 10,000.00	
Trans: Lloyds Deposit to Current		€ 1,800.00	
Trans: Lloyds to Caf Cash		€ 6,299.81	
Total		€ 37,584.82	
Expenditure			
Burundi Transfer		€ 20,000.00	
Ovidieu Transfer		€ 2,000.00	
CPAS Ventures		€ 377.00	
St George's Church		€ 3,000.00	
Cheam Church (Moldova)		€ 285.00	
Ian Kent Support		€ 3,000.00	
Storage Rental		€ 1,062.50	
Premises Hire		€ 50.00	
Correspondent Fees		€ 20.00	
Failed Transfer		€ 2,500.00	
Bank Charges		€ 149.00	
Cheque Drawn Fees		€ 2.25	
Trans: Caf Bank to Lloyds		€ 10,000.00	
Trans: Lloyds Deposit to Current		€ 1,800.00	
Tans: Lloyds to Caf Bank		€ 6,299.81	
Caf Account Fees		€ 60.00	
Total		€ 50,605.56	
EXAMINED BY CHARLES DIXON FORSTER			
			
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Below is a summary of the work undertaken during 2022-2023:

ODM has continued to receive income higher than normal due to the fundraising for Ukrainian refugees in Romania and Moldova.

In Romania, ODM continues to be a conduit to send money to support local projects, this includes supporting Ukrainian refugees and running youth camps.

In Moldova, most financial support has come from churches in the Cheam area (in Surrey), in future all support will come from them and not through ODM.

In Burundi the money sent out is used to provide wages for 2 people so they can run camps for young people, train people (such as fisherman) on water safety and run a minibus. It was agreed that Rob Bianchi would no longer visit Burundi, due to the cost, and the money donated would all go to supporting the local projects. It was also agreed that ODM would only support the projects in Burundi until the end of 2024, after which they will need to find another source of financial support. In the UK, the youth camps were successful at their new site and the bursary fund was used to help several young people attend camp.

Plans have been put in place during this year for when Rob and Margaret retire in Autumn 2023.

There will be more focus on local rather than international projects, in accordance with the overall aims of ODM. Ian Kent will take over running activities locally, when he steps back from being a Methodist minister.

ODM has received a donation for youth work in local schools and churches. Going forward this will be used to cover Ian's wages and training. ODM will also handle funds from St Georges Mission bursary to ensure this money is used to achieve the most benefit. It was agreed that this will provide services for young people in the church rather than assets.

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risk assessment, the trustees agreed that any risk is related to activities for which Rob Bianchi is insured, and that this therefore presents little financial risk to the trustees.

The trustees meet 3 times per year, in person and no longer on Zoom. Sadly one of the trustees, Christopher Nuefeld died early 2023.

Finance Total income received amounted to £69,612.24 and expenditure was £49,552.50. This is higher than in previous years due to the money raised for Ukranian refugees. A CafCash current a/c operates for current a/c transactions, the excess from the Lloyds/TSB deposit a/c being transferred into this a/c.

27th February 2024

ODM Creative Communications		Income & Expenditure Accounts		
1-7-2022-30-6-2023				
Income				
			Bank Balances	
Romania			£ 74,212.98	
	Spirit Euxin	£ 1,500.00	Lloyds Current A/c	£ 6,516.88
	Emaus	£ 80.00	Lloyds Deposit A/c	£ 1,404.88
	Ovidieu	£ 1,480.00	Total	£ 82,134.74
Moldova				
	Arca	£ 4,260.59	Balances	
	Refugees	£ 5,565.88	Balance: 2021-22	£ 62,075.00
	Cheam Support	£ 285.00	Income: 2022-23	£ 69,612.24
	Holercani	£ 434.70	Total	£ 131,687.24
Burundi		£ 1,642.58	Expenditue: 2022-23	£ 49,552.50
General Fund		£ 3,683.00		
Blaithwaite Bursery		£ 160.00	Balance Over Year	£ 82,134.74
St George's Bursary		£ 20,000.00		
Ian Kent Support		£ 30,000.00		
Interest		£ 520.49		
Total:		£ 69,612.24		
Expenses				
	Moldova Refugees Transfer	£ 15,059.00		
	Spirit Euxin Refugees Transfer	£ 9,396.00		
	Burundi Transfer	£ 10,000.00		
	Ben Wells Support	£ 1,230.00		
	Ovidieu Church Transfer	£ 2,000.00		
	Arca Transfer	£ 10,000.00		
	Just Giving Expenses	£ 110.00		
	CPAS Ventures	£ 875.00		
	Consultants' Fees	£ 250.00		
	Bank Charges-International Trans.	£ 99.50		
	Monthly Account Fees	£ 63.00		
	Blaithwaite Bursery	£ 470.00		
Total:		£ 49,552.50		

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In Romania ODM continues to be conduit to send money to support local projects. In Moldova, most financial support comes from churches in the Cheam area (in Surrey). This has been divided into 3 categories for donations (rural, Arca and support of Eduard). When the war broke out in Ukraine, in February 2022, ODM raised nearly £100,000 to support Ukrainian refugees in both Romania and Moldova. In Romania, Spirit Euxin used the money to help find schools for refugee children, make appointments for adults and coordinate support for refugees in the area. In Moldova, £500 a day was given by ODM to buy essential supplies for refugees and fuel to take these resources where they were needed.

In Burundi, financial support by ODM continues to be used to provide lifesaving and first aid training. The money also continues to pay the wages of 2 members of staff, run a minibus and youth camps. It has been agreed that ODM will continue to support the projects in Burundi for another 5 years, using money from the general fund as well as donations specifically for Burundi, after which the project will need to seek alternative funding.

In the UK, the Blaitwaite camps have moved to a new site. The bursary fund continues to operate and 3 places were funded at a cost of £750. Money was also provided for minibus training for one of the leaders. A parent asked if they could donate to the fund so it is hoped other parents may donate in the future.

Also no schools work took place this year, Ian Kent would like to expand this area of work in the future when time permits. There were no other work/events supported by ODM in the UK.

Trustees

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The trustees meet 3 times per year, twice virtually on Zoom and once in person. It was agreed Rob and Margaret Bianchi should receive a 6% pay rise to cover the rise in the cost of living,

Administration jobs, previously completed by Margaret Bianchi, are being allocated to other trustees before Margaret retires.

Finance

Total income received amounted to £127,997.79 and expenditure was £105,332.90. This is significantly higher than in previous years due to the money raised for Ukrainian refugees. A CafCash current a/c operates for current a/c transactions, the excess from the Lloyds/TSB deposit a/c being transferred into this a/c.

16th March 2023

	Spirit Euxin	£ 100.00	Lloyds Current A/c	£ 22,730.68
	Refugees	£ 12,310.35	Lloyds Deposit A/c	£ 1,909.69
	Emaus	£ 1,440.00	Total	£ 62,075.00
	Ovidieu	£ 980.00		
Moldova			Balances	
	Arca	£ 1,469.56	Balance: 2020-21	£ 39,410.11
	Holercani	£ 2,072.80	Income: 2021-22	£ 127,997.79
	Refugees	£ 84,899.17	Total	£ 167,407.90
	Eduard Support	£ 250.00	Expenditure: 2021-22	£ 105,332.90
Burundi		£ 2,842.00		
General Fund		£ 6,721.00		
Blaithwaite Bursery		£ 400.00	Balance Over Year	£ 62,075.00
Rickleton School Week		£ 325.71		
Gift Aid Tax Refund (2020-21)		£ 5,645.25		
Gift Aid Tax Refund (2021-22)		£ 8,468.75		
Sale of Burundi Cards		£ 50.50		
Interest		£ 22.70		
Total:		£ 127,997.79		
Expenses				
	Moldova Refugees Transfer	£ 80,080.00		
	Romania Refugees Transfer	£ 6,000.00		
	Burundi Transfer	£ 10,250.00		
	Ben Wells Support	£ 2,000.00		
	Ovidieu Church	£ 1,000.00		
	Consultants' Fees	£ 3,000.00		
	Blaithwaite Bursery	£ 1,000.00		
	Blaithwaite Training	£ 400.00		
	Course Fees: Rev Ian Kent	£ 500.00		
	Bank Charges-International Trans.	£ 336.00		
	Monthly Account Fees	£ 96.00		
	Venue Booking: ODM	£ 30.00		
	Website Fees	£ 146.60		
	Moldova Flight/Car Hire	£ 308.33		
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The effects of the Covid pandemic continued to be felt throughout the year, with many of the charity's normal activities being severely restricted, especially the UK based ones. The trustees themselves were only able to meet via Zoom meetings.

Overseas

In **Romania**, following the resolution of the legal issues surrounding the management of the Spirit Euxin, positive steps have been taken for future development of the project. Whilst no camps were able to be run because of the pandemic future management of the centre has been progressing. A local Romanian, Razvan, who has been trained in outdoor activities and has a long association with Spirit Euxin, has returned from Holland with wife and three children to live in Romania. Potentially he will take over running the centre and hopes to turn it round for 2022.

In **Moldova**, construction work on the guest house was completed, and a few bookings came in before covid forced it to close. Working within government restrictions Arca was still able to run summer youth camps in 2020 with an encouraging number of participants. Eduard was also able to continue delivering food parcels to several of the families with whom they have contact, which has been hugely appreciated. Due to travel restrictions, Nic Bianchi's planned three-month sabbatical working alongside Eduard had to be postponed until next year, but the partnership between Moldova and Cheam Baptist church has been strengthened during this period.

In **Burundi** it has been less easy to analyse the extent of the impact of covid, and, although they were able to run the youth camps and the regular youth groups, the staff had to operate under covid

restrictions. They have also continued to deliver training in first aid, water safety and epilepsy management. Further flooding in Bujumbura led to staff using canoes to transport people to safety. Evariste, who manages the project, was hospitalised for a period of time but now appears to be fully recovered. Communications are not always easy but they report regularly and maintain regular contact.

The trustees have encouraged Rob and Margaret Bianchi to continue developing these overseas projects and fund them to this end. Their function is largely to act as a catalyst in enabling the projects to progress, however the projects themselves are not funded by the Trust. The Trust channels funds raised specifically for this work, as this work is broadly in line with the objectives of the Trust. We continue to pursue possible contacts to partner in these projects and discussions are still ongoing.

UK

As expected, **Blaithwaite** Christian youth camp had to be run as a virtual event in 2020 with 39 youngsters participating. The camp spread over several days was highly interactive, take up tended to be with the older age group, who very much appreciated all that was done to encourage them. The leaders committed to ensuring they delivered the best possible programme under the circumstances. Plans are in place to run an in-person camp again next year, and ODM trustees agreed to provide four full bursaries for youngsters who cannot afford the fees for 2020.

Local work was largely put on hold this year, though it was hoped that by the summer of 2020 an activity week programme for a local primary school might be feasible. Having postponed the planned next stages of the long-distance Hadrian's Way walk, because of covid and because there seems to be no indication when/if it will be possible to re-start the programme, it was agreed to cancel this project and re-imburse participants. The Lads and Dads programme also remained in abeyance and the revision of the ODM website still awaits completion.

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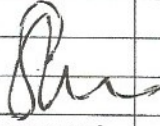
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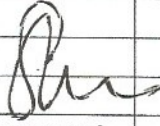
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Finance

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March 23rd 2021

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1-7-2020 - 30-6-2021				
Income		Bank Balances		
Child Sponsorship	Spirit Euxin	£ 50.00	Caf Cash Bank	£ 26,387.87
	Moldova	£ 13,087.32	Lloyds Current A/c	£ 10,507.85
	Burundi	£ 3,309.53	Lloyds Deposit A/c	£ 2,514.39
Interest		£ 3.95	Total	£ 39,410.11
Emaus		£ 1,440.00		
Ovidieu Church		£ 1,730.00	Balances	
Sale of Cards		£ 205.00	Balance: 2019-20	£ 42,909.87
General Fund		£ 11,504.00	Income: 2020-21	£ 36,846.55
Gift Aid Tax Refund		£ 5,516.75	Total	£ 79,756.42
			Expenditure: 2020-21	£ 40,346.31
Total:		£ 36,846.55	Balance Over Year	£ 39,410.11
Expenses				
Child Sponsorship				
	Moldova	£ 16,181.00		
	Burundi	£ 11,100.00		
Paddle Boards		£ 2,688.00		
Ovidieu Church		£ 2,000.00		
Consultants' Fees		£ 3,000.00		
Ben Wells Support		£ 2,766.00		
Walking Marathon Re-imburse.		£ 2,055.00		
Walking Marathon Expenses		£ 119.00		
Bank Charges-International Trans.		£ 359.31		
Monthly Account Fees		£ 78.00		
Total:		£ 40,346.31		
S.Lamb FCA				
Murray and Lamb Accountants Ltd				
Date :	16/8/21			

ODM Creative Communications		Income & Expenditure Accounts		
1-7-2020 - 30-6-2021				
Income		Bank Balances		
Child Sponsorship	Spirit Euxin	£ 50.00	Caf Cash Bank	£ 26,387.87
	Moldova	£ 13,087.32	Lloyds Current A/c	£ 10,507.85
	Burundi	£ 3,309.53	Lloyds Deposit A/c	£ 2,514.39
Interest		£ 3.95	Total	£ 39,410.11
Emaus		£ 1,440.00		
Ovidieu Church		£ 1,730.00	Balances	
Sale of Cards		£ 205.00	Balance: 2019-20	£ 42,909.87
General Fund		£ 11,504.00	Income: 2020-21	£ 36,846.55
Gift Aid Tax Refund		£ 5,516.75	Total	£ 79,756.42
			Expenditure: 2020-21	£ 40,346.31
Total:		£ 36,846.55	Balance Over Year	£ 39,410.11
Expenses				
Child Sponsorship				
	Moldova	£ 16,181.00		
	Burundi	£ 11,100.00		
Paddle Boards		£ 2,688.00		
Ovidieu Church		£ 2,000.00		
Consultants' Fees		£ 3,000.00		
Ben Wells Support		£ 2,766.00		
Walking Marathon Re-imburse.		£ 2,055.00		
Walking Marathon Expenses		£ 119.00		
Bank Charges-International Trans.		£ 359.31		
Monthly Account Fees		£ 78.00		
Total:		£ 40,346.31		
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