	Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	From		Period start date		To	Period end date	
			6	April		2022	5

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

27 Prospect Street	
Tamworth	
Staffordshire	
Postcode	B79 7EU

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 Robin Swan	Chair		
2	Mr Peter Harrington			
3	Mr Floyd Davis			
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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	
Accountant	Mr Nigel Smith		
Bankers	Lloyds		
	Cooperative Bank		
	Virgin Money		
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)			

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)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment by resolution passed by trustees meeting where there is a majority of trustees present

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.

In 2022, both Sue Duffin and Stephen Lloyd stepped down from being Trustees, in July and September respectively. We are grateful to them both for all that they have given to help develop the work of DT over many years of service.

In September 2022 we welcomed Floyd Davis as a Trustee. He has been a long-time partner of DT and brings a fresh perspective to the work.

Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>In accordance with the Trust Deed section 4.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Bible teaching in partnership with the local Church both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Providing online Bible teaching courses for people in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Evangelistic activities in partnership with the local Church both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Providing teaching and training resources for the local Church both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Teaching, training and support for Christian workers through partner organisations both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Inclusion of volunteer team workers both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Providing help and relief from hardship and poverty in other countries through partner organisations.</p> <p>Working with partners on new initiatives to help people socially and spiritually both in the UK and overseas.</p> <p>Financing the provision and installation of Water-Harvesting Projects in Rwanda.</p> <p>Sale of hand-made cards, baskets and bags in the UK in support of widows, orphans and related projects in Rwanda.</p>

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have been able to resume our face-to-face meetings in the UK as well as our visits to overseas partners.

We were able to visit our partner ministry in Romania in October 2021.

In Romania, Path of Life Association continues to work with young people in teaching guitar as well as Bible teaching ministry. Numbers attending fluctuate but two classes are held each week to provide guitar tuition for both beginners and advanced levels.

Path of Life has been running their mentoring programme in Oradea Prison with around 18 Apprentices. There has been a very good response with some of the Apprentices wanting to follow Jesus.

The Path of Life team continued to distribute food and essentials on a regular basis to some of the poorest families. They also provide practical help and support as well as share the Christian gospel through Bible readings / teaching, testimony and prayer for individual needs.

The Support A Parish programmes have continued in partnership with our CPOs in Rwanda. This has increased and DT now supports 20 parishes in Byumba diocese and 8 parishes in Gasabo diocese.

The Water Harvesting Projects continue to develop, both in the income generated as well as the number of participating parishes. In the diocese of Byumba, 29 parishes are now signed up for the DT WHP Scheme.

DT Bible teaching continues online. DT now runs a Bible teaching course online in the spring and autumn. Attendance continues to grow, which is encouraging.

The Tamworth Men's Breakfast / Extra continues to meet bi-monthly. Numbers at the main TMB have dropped off since the pandemic but numbers attending the TMB Extra have been stable.

It has been good to visit various churches over the year and to share news of the work as well to preach and teach from the Bible.

Regular mailings have been printed and mailed to partners in the UK and abroad. The majority of our mailing is done electronically so saving paper and postage.

'ENGAGE with the Bible' in both text and audio versions, continues to grow as more people subscribe. We continue to get positive feedback from subscribers. It is now available on the DT website.

The website continue to provide a 'shop window' for the work and ministry of DT. We continue to make slight adjustments and developments as time and skills allow.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In accordance with the Trust Deed sections 7 & 8.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

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)


Andy Paine

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

06.12.23

	Charity Name			No (if any)		CC16a
	The Damascus Trust					
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date		
		6th April 2022		5th April 2023		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest	£	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
General Donations	14,855		4,160	-	19,015	16,159
Gift Aid Donations	14,647		9860	-	24,507	21,199
Sales	1,281		-	-	1,281	434
Interest	122		-	-	122	66
Tax reclaim	6,522		-	-	6,522	7,712
Overseas	4800			-	4,800	5,481
Other	5		-	-	5	23
			-	-	-	
			-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	42,232		14,020	-	56,252	51,074
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	- 0		- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0		- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0		- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	42,232		14,020	- 0	56,252	51,074
A3 Payments						
Staff workers	25,920		-	-	25,920	25,920
Post & Print	347		-	-	347	342
Vehicles / Travel	1,427		-	-	1,427	70
Telephone	368		-	-	368	404
Literature & Study materials	2				2	-
Office / Admin	146		-	-	146	2
Professional fees / costs	1,722		-	-	1,722	853
Overseas	18,032		14,621	-	32,653	33,945
Equipment	87		-	-	87	36
Insurance			-	-	-	553
Ubushuti Costs						26
Other						-
					-	-
Sub total	48,051		14,621	-	62,672	62,151
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	- 0		- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0		- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0		- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	48,051		14,621	- 0	62,672	62,151
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,819		- 601	-	- 6,420	- 11,077
A5 Transfers between funds	3,955		- 3,955	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,473		15,919	-	52,392	90,254
Cash funds this year end	34,609		11,363	-	45,972	79,177

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Virgin	39,721	-	-
	Coop	- 679	3,142	-
	Lloyds	- 4,500	8,221	
	Petty Cash	67	-	-
	Total cash funds	34,609	11,363	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Office equipment	4,000	-	-
	Other equipment	1,400	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of The Damascus Trust on accounts for the year ended 5 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust, 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

N K Smith FCA

19 Highbury Way, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0HE

4 January 2024