	Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	From		Period start date			Period end date	
			6	April	2023	To	5

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Damascus Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1013236

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 December 2023, Grace Bryers retired from her role as SAP Coordinator after nearly 20 years of service! We are very grateful for the work that Grace has done and the way in which she helped develop the SAP Programme. The work of coordinating the SAP Programme will now be done by the DT Office.

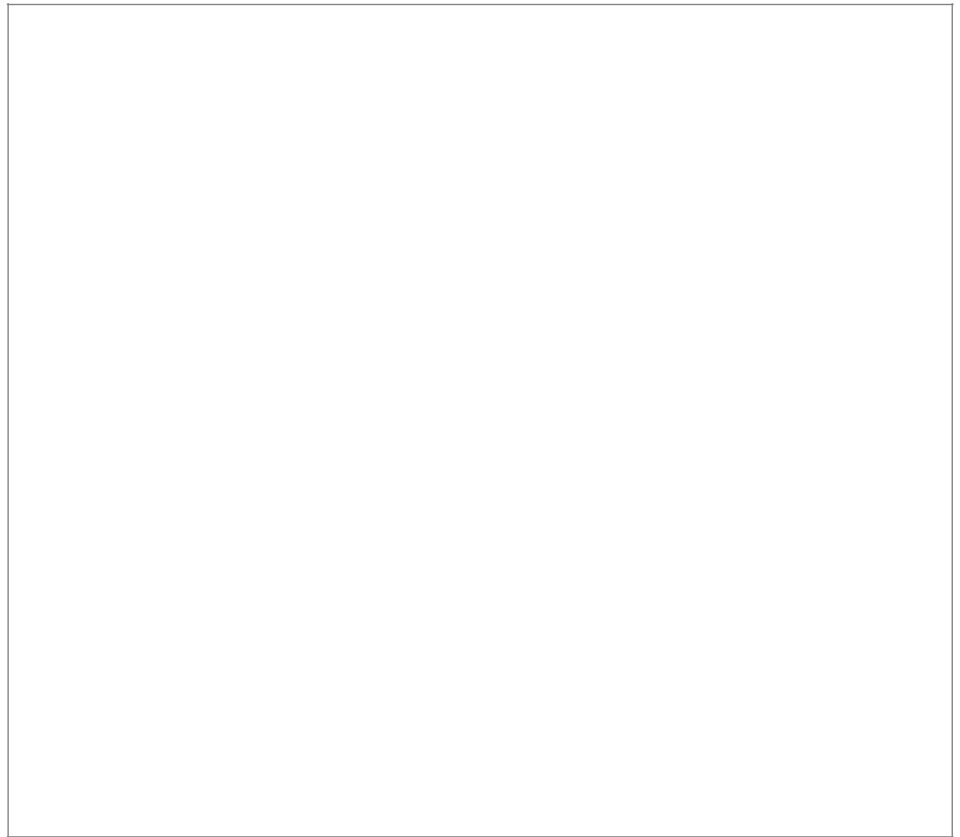
Section C Objectives and activities

<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

In 2023 we were able to visit our overseas partners in Romania (April & October) and in Rwanda (August).

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 20 Apprentices. There has been a very good response with some of the Apprentices wanting to follow Jesus and be baptised.

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.

In Rwanda, the Support A Parish programmes has continued in partnership with our CPOs. DT supports 20 parishes in Byumba diocese and 8 parishes in Gasabo diocese. We have implemented some general administrative changes which we hope will improve the running of the programme.

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, 33 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 each month. 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 produced 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) Andrew J Paine

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary to Trustees

Date 11.9.24

	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 2023		5th April 2024		
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	16,692	4,300	-	20,992	19,015	
Gift Aid Donations	8,005	9190	-	17,195	24,507	
Sales	340	-	-	340	1,281	
Interest	475	-	-	475	122	
Tax reclaim	9,119	-	-	9,119	6,522	
Overseas	900	455	-	1,355	4,800	
Other	71	-	-	71	5	
Petty cash	3	-	-	3		
		-	-	-		
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	35,605	13,945	-	49,550	56,252	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-		
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Total receipts	35,605	13,945	- 0	49,550	56,252	
A3 Payments						
Staff workers	25,920	-	-	25,920	25,920	
Post & Print	150	-	-	150	347	
Vehicles / Travel	1,573	-	-	1,573	1,427	
Telephone	287	-	-	287	368	
Literature & Study materials	30			30	2	
Office / Admin	400	-	-	400	146	
Professional fees / costs	1,556	-	-	1,556	1,722	
Overseas	8,617	11,229	-	19,846	32,653	
Equipment	91	-	-	91	87	
Other	142	-	-	142	-	
					-	
					-	
				-	-	
Sub total	38,766	11,229	-	49,995	62,672	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-		
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-		
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	
Total payments	38,766	11,229	- 0	49,995	62,672	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,161	2,716	-	- 445	- 6,420	
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,609	11,363	-	45,972	79,177	
Cash funds this year end	31,448	14,079	-	45,527	72,757	

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	30,041	-	-
	Coop	499	1,556	-
	Lloyds	12,758	630	
	Petty Cash	44	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,342	2,186	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
	Details	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
		Andrew J Paine		11.9.24

Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of The Damascus Trust on accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2024.

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

22 October 2024