	Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	From		Period start date			Period end date	
			6	April	2024	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.

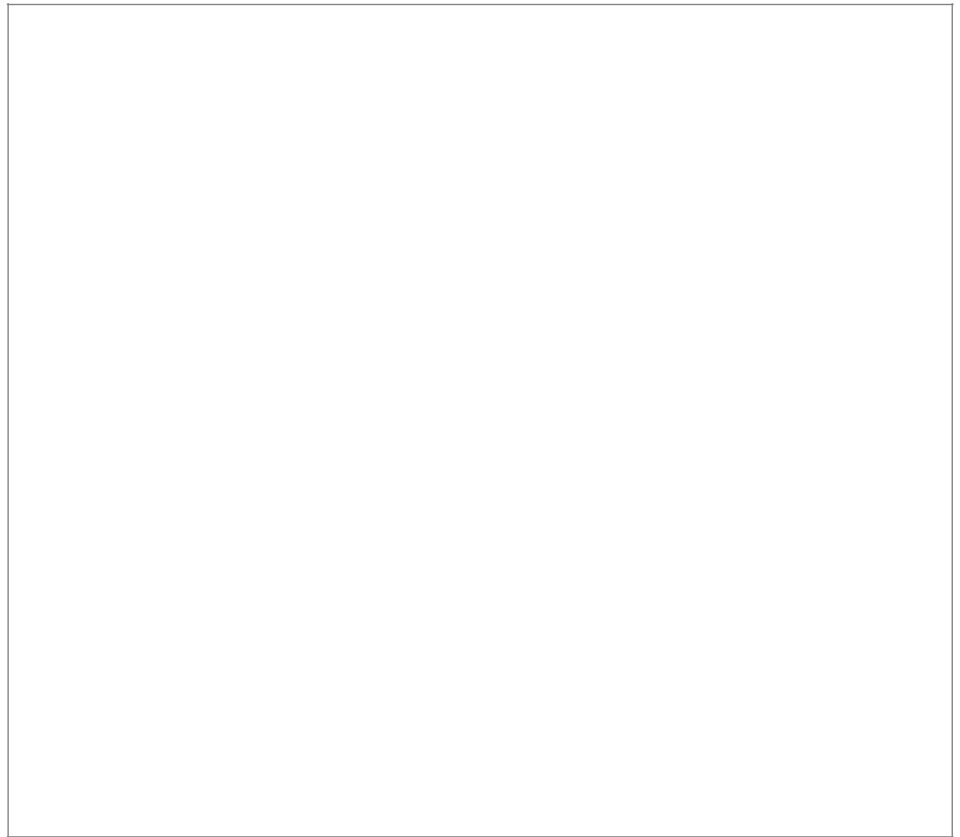
Section C Objectives and activities

<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 2024/25 we were able to visit our overseas partners in Romania (October).

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.

We are actively working towards ACV becoming independent of DT , financially and managerially, by December 2025.

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. The changes that were implemented in 2023 have reduced the amount of admin needed by having just two updates each year instead of four.

The Water Harvesting Projects continue to provide water. However, new government legislation has meant that parishes have to offer the water to the local community without charge. This makes the WHP Scheme redundant.

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

The Tamworth Men's Breakfast / Extra continues to meet each month. Numbers have remained small but stable and allows for more interaction between members.

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.

We have also set up an audio teaching page on the website that will provides short and longer teaching series for download. This will be developed over the coming years.

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 26.11.25

	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 2024		5th April 2025		

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	10,845	4,341	-	15,186	20,992
Gift Aid Donations	8,380	9,510	-	17,890	17,195
Sales	404	-	-	404	340
Interest	398	-	-	398	475
Tax reclaim	6,549	-	-	6,549	9,119
Overseas	6,382	-	-	6,382	1,355
Other	76	-	-	76	74
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	33,034	13,851	-	46,885	49,550
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	33,034	13,851	- 0	46,885	49,550
A3 Payments					
Staff workers	25,920	-	-	25,920	25,920
Post & Print	275	-	-	275	150
Vehicles / Travel	1,310	-	-	1,310	1,573
Telephone	120	-	-	120	287
Literature & Study materials	- 0			-	30
Office / Admin	39	-	-	39	400
Professional fees / costs	1,648	-	-	1,648	1,556
Overseas	10,184	11,259	-	21,443	19,690
Equipment	750	-	-	750	91
Other	286	-	-	286	298
				-	
				-	
				-	
Sub total	40,532	11,259	-	51,791	49,995
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	40,532	11,259	- 0	51,791	49,995
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,498	2,592		- 4,906	- 445
A5 Transfers between funds	1,077	- 1,077	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,352	3,175	-	45,527	45,972
Cash funds this year end	35,931	4,690	-	40,621	45,527

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	30,320	-	-
	Coop	433	4,492	-
	Lloyds	5,079	200	
	Petty Cash	98	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,931	4,692	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	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 to the trustees of The Damascus Trust on accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2025.

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

13 December 2025