

Charity Registration Number: 1053406

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Deed of Trust and those holding office during the year were:

Mr C Beckhurst
Mr D Millidge
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Mr R Purdom (Chairman)
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Risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to hold in reserves a minimum of 4 months average operational expenditure plus designated amounts for known projects for the reporting year.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are the relief of poverty, the advancement of health, education and training and the advancement of the Christian religion within the Republic of Romania by the provision and distribution of medical and other aid and supporting and encouraging Christian Churches. Operation Romania Trust (ORT) is a local charitable trust based in the South of England. The trustees work with and support a team in Oradea, which is in North West Romania near the Hungarian border. This team is known as Alfa & Omega (A&O) and has five members. The team in Romania also work with a team from Holland.

In the Trustees' Meeting in December 2019, the Trustees set a budget for 2020, as follows:

- Salaries for workers in Romania £1,800
- Sponsorship of 1 week's Camp at Boga £2,000
- Team retreat week-end £500
- Men's week-end £750
- Bank charges £200
- Computer support £90

The total of this budget for 2020 was £5,340.

The Trustees would look at the Back-to-School project to determine how many school bags were needed and how much the Trust could afford.

Little did the Trustees realise that much of this would not be spent because of the lockdown restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Other activities were planned – two coffee mornings in local churches were abandoned.

The Trustees met three times in 2020, all of which were on Skype. It became clear that there would be no visits to Romania by the UK Trustees. This meant that the Team retreat and the Men's week-ends would be postponed.

Achievements and Performance

In spite of all the restrictions we are able to report that a lot of the work out in the north-west of Romania continued as best as the team there could manage. We know that the food boxes, medicines and monetary gifts were distributed. Normally the team would get a signature for each delivery but this was abandoned because of the no-contact rules in Romania.

Money was transferred from the UK to Romania for these activities so the outcomes for the public benefit were still realised, thanks to the dedication of the team in Romania. At one point their travel was restricted geographically but they were able to get to some of the outlying villages with the help of local Mayors and local Police.

The Back-to-School project was able to continue as the UK team transferred money to Oradea for the team to buy the necessary bags and equipment, books, writing utensils etc. 62 packs were purchased and distributed to very happy children and parents. There was an issue over the sending of medicines from the UK but that was eventually resolved satisfactorily.

At the end of this reporting year there were 91 sponsors around the UK who were supporting 58 families plus 3 with medical needs and also 9 students, some at High School and others at University.

The Trust continued to send medicines to a doctor in Oradea, providing much needed quality relief for many patients who couldn't afford them.

The Summer Camps at Boga were cancelled this year, much to the frustration of the team and many disappointments to the children and young people who would have benefited.

Through the year the Board has produced three News / Prayer Updates, keeping our many supporters informed of the various projects the team are supporting.

The Board has continued to be aware of their responsibilities for various policies and a number have been updated during the year.

This annual report of activities demonstrates the public benefit of the various aspects of the work – providing much needed food for families in Oradea and the surrounding villages; enabling children to go to school; supporting students in secondary and higher education; providing medicines as requested.

The Trust is grateful to all those supporters who regularly give to the work.

Financial Review

The principal sources of funding were:

1. Sponsorship money for families, many of which are gift aided
2. Other gifts from supporters
3. Annual coffee mornings
4. Gifts from churches.
5. Legacies received

Receipts during the year amounted to £53,285 (2019: £43,678) including a legacy of £8,415 (2019: £nil).

The money expended during the year amounted to £43,142 (2019: £44,856).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



R Purdom (Chairman)

5th March 2021

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Receipts				
Donations & specific gifts	6,967	8,181	15,148	15,894
Legacy	8,415	-	8,415	-
Family support	-	24,057	24,057	22,796
Tax refund - Gift Aid	252	5,408	5,660	4,982
Bank interest	5	-	5	6
Total receipts	15,639	37,646	53,285	43,678
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Gifts sent to Romania	1,900	40,226	42,126	43,826
Drugs & medical supplies	-	625	625	625
	1,900	40,851	42,751	44,451
Other Expenditure				
Computer programme & support	85	-	85	85
Bank charges	125	181	306	320
	210	181	391	405
Total payments	2,110	41,032	43,142	44,856
Net receipts/(payments)	13,529	-3,386	10,143	-1,178
Cash funds last year end	4,165	19,345	23,510	24,688
Cash funds this year end	17,694	15,959	33,653	23,510

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Cash funds				
Lloyds Bank - Current account	938	-	938	661
Lloyds Bank - Sponsorship account	-	9,015	9,015	8,149
Lloyds Bank - Deposit account	16,756	6,944	23,700	14,700
	17,694	15,959	33,653	23,510
Other monetary assets				
Gift aid recoverable	-	300	300	1,314
Sponsorship paid in advance	-	500	500	-
	-	800	800	1,314

The accounts on pages 5 and 6 were approved by the Board of Trustees on2021

and signed on its behalf by:

R Purdom (Chairman)

Miss M Wilkinson (Treasurer)

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
OPERATION ROMANIA TRUST**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Operation Romania Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Trust'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.



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Date: 16 March 2021