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**Trustees**

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Mr D Millidge  
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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**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

Mrs M Millidge

Mr R Purdom (Chairman)

Mr A Terrell

Mr K Varney

Miss M Wilkinson (Treasurer)

**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.



At the Trustees' Meeting in January 21, the Trustees set a budget for 2021, as follows:

- Salaries for workers in Romania £1,800
- Sponsorship of 1 week's Camp at Boga £2,100
- Team retreat and Men's week-end £1,000
- Back to School project £1,500
- Bank charges £200
- Computer support £90
- The total of this budget for 2021 was £6,690

The Trustees were very aware that a lot of this money would possibly not be spent because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The annual coffee morning in a local church was postponed.

The Trustees met four times in 2021, one of which was an in-person meeting. The other three were via Skype.

As for 2020, the Trustees realised 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 the Team in Oradea continued to supply food boxes to families, although contact with them was minimal. They didn't go into the homes and nor did they ask for a signature from the families. A lot of contacts were made and maintained by phone. Money was given to families for transport to and from school. Medicines were distributed in consultation with the doctors with whom the Team has worked for many years. There were times when the team were accompanied by the local mayor or local police to enable them to safely go into some of the villages and distribute the food or other aid.

The Team leaders in Oradea have been providing a home for two girls, one of whom is studying at the Christian University in Oradea and the other at the High School in Oradea before going on to a University near the Romania/Moldova border. ORT sent some of the general fund money to help the Team leaders with expenses.

The Covid situation in Romania meant that the camps at Boga couldn't go ahead. However, the site was used by some other small groups, one of which commented on what a 'special place' it was.

The Back-to-School project was able to continue as ORT sent out the money to buy the school bags and the contents of those bags. 100 packs were purchased. The team linked in with the schools so that relevant equipment was put into each bag. Children and young people in primary and high schools would benefit from their particular bag.

At the end of this reporting year ORT had 64 families being sponsored and 12 students. The sponsoring of students has grown over the past few years.



There has been an ongoing issue with sending medicines from the UK which, in part, is linked to the UK having withdrawn from the EU. This issue has now been resolved and money is sent out for them to buy medicines.

Through the year the Board has produced two News Updates, keeping our many supporters informed of the various projects the team are supporting. The two Updates were focused on the Team in Oradea and the work being done by the team. Both were appreciated by the supporters as they were given an insight into those on the team who are doing the ongoing practical work of the charity.

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**

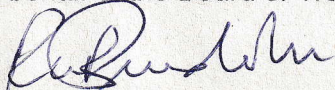
The principal sources of funding were:

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 £44,706 (2020: £53,285) including a legacy of £nil (2020: £8,415).

The money expended during the year amounted to £45,966 (2020: £43,142).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



R Purdom (Chairman)

13 April 2022



## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations & specific gifts	3,730	10,995	14,725	15,148
Legacy	-	-	-	8,415
Family support	-	25,649	25,649	24,057
Tax refund - Gift Aid	87	4,243	4,330	5,660
Bank interest	2	-	2	5
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>40,887</b>	<b>44,706</b>	<b>53,285</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>				
Gifts sent to Romania	6,101	39,446	45,547	42,126
Drugs & medical supplies	-	-	-	625
	<b>6,101</b>	<b>39,446</b>	<b>45,547</b>	<b>42,751</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Computer programme & support	85	-	85	85
Bank charges	105	229	334	306
	<b>190</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,291</b>	<b>39,675</b>	<b>45,966</b>	<b>43,142</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-2,472</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>-1,260</b>	<b>10,143</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,694</b>	<b>15,959</b>	<b>33,653</b>	<b>23,510</b>
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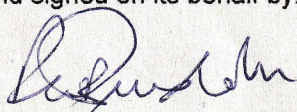
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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Lloyds Bank - Current account	999	-	999	938
Lloyds Bank - Sponsorship account	-	9,394	9,394	9,015
Lloyds Bank - Deposit account	14,223	7,777	22,000	23,700
	<u>15,222</u>	<u>17,171</u>	<u>32,393</u>	<u>33,653</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid recoverable	11	334	345	300
Sponsorship paid in advance	-	0	0	500
	<u>11</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>800</u>

The accounts on pages 5 and 6 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 April 2022

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**

**Charity Registration Number: 1053406**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Operation Romania Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**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).

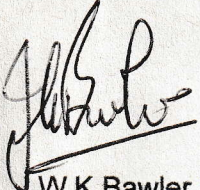
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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: 20 April 2022