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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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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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 2022, the Trustees set a budget for 2022, as follows:

- Salaries for workers in Romania £1,800
- Sponsorship of 1 week's Camp at Boga: a further £500 was sent – money from 2021 was available because there were no camps in 2021.
- Team retreat and Men's week-end £1,000 – this money wasn't used because these retreats didn't take place because of the ongoing Covid situation.

- Two A & O students £500 – money to help with their daily living costs.
- Bank charges £200
- Gift Aid support £85
- Legacy projects £5,000

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

The Trustees met four times in 2022, one of which was via Skype. The other three were in-person meetings.

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-end would again be postponed.

Achievements and Performance

In spite of all the restrictions the Team in Oradea continued to supply food boxes to 60+ families, although contact with them continued to be minimal. They started to go into the homes where appropriate. A lot of contacts continued to be 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 have worked for many years.

The Team leaders in Oradea have been providing a home for two girls, one of whom is studying at the Christian University in Oradea. The other girl started at Iasi (pronounced Yash) University which is close to the Romania / Moldova border. She has had a successful year.

Although the Covid situation in Romania was still active the 3 Boga Camps were held with reduced numbers of children at each camp and a reduced number of leaders. ORT sponsored one of the camps. The camps were very successful. They catered for about 93 children – 31 in each camp. They split them into 3 age groups unless there were brothers / sisters.

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. 65 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 continues to grow.

In June ORT hosted a Coffee Morning at one of the local churches. The theme was 'Buy a Brick' as all the money collected went to the new Emanuel Hospice being built in Oradea. This has been an ongoing project for years because of 'red tape'. The Hospice serves severely ill people in their homes in and around Oradea. The new build, once completed, will enable patients to come into the Hospice for respite and end-of-life care. There will also be a few beds for children.

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

Financial Review

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

The main 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 – the Trustees are in discussion with the team in Oradea as to projects to be covered by the legacy money.

Receipts during the year amounted to £52,407 (2021: £44,706) including a legacy of £7,545 (2021: £nil). The money expended during the year amounted to £52,499 (2021: £45,966).

2023

During the next financial year the Trustees are looking to produce a video presentation which can be taken to local churches.

ORT have created a new website which is still in the development stage. We hope to finalise this so that we can make it available to people through the Updates letter.

ORT was invited to take a service in one of the local churches – we would like to get more openings in our churches to inform the people of the work of ORT.

ORT would like to add new Trustees to the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees are grateful to everyone who has supported the ORT Mission and we look forward to the next year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



R Purdom (Chairman)

27th April 2023

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 £
Receipts				
Donations & specific gifts	2,750	12,240	14,990	14,725
Legacy	7,545	-	7,545	-
Family support	-	25,153	25,153	25,649
Tax refund - Gift Aid	10	4,697	4,707	4,330
Bank interest	12	-	12	2
Total receipts	10,317	42,090	52,407	44,706
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Gifts sent to Romania	9,783	41,147	50,930	45,547
Drugs & medical supplies	-	1,241	1,241	-
	9,783	42,388	52,171	45,547
Other Expenditure				
Computer programme & support	-	-	-	85
Bank charges	141	187	328	334
	141	187	328	419
Total payments	9,924	42,575	52,499	45,966
Net receipts/(payments)	393	-485	-92	-1,260
Cash funds last year end	15,222	17,171	32,393	33,653
Cash funds this year end	15,615	16,686	32,301	32,393

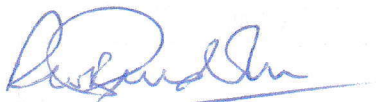
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 £
Cash funds				
Lloyds Bank - Current account	620	-	620	999
Lloyds Bank - Sponsorship account	-	8,981	8,981	9,394
Lloyds Bank - Deposit account	14,995	7,705	22,700	22,000
	15,615	16,686	32,301	32,393
Other monetary assets				
Gift aid recoverable	-	297	297	345
	-	297	297	345
Liabilities				
Computer programme & support	85	-	85	-
	85	-	85	-

The accounts on pages 5 and 6 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 April 2023

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 2022.

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: 12 May 2023