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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of EPIC – registered charity no: 1057592**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 as set out on the attached two pages.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2)) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent audit is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)b of the 2011 Act and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report:**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
- Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs. W S Bayliss

29<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**EPIC - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1057592**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31/07/2022**

	31/07/2022			31/07/2021		
Income	Undesignated Funds	Restricted or Designated funds	Total	Undesignated Funds	Restricted or Designated funds	Total
Receipts	44976	140982	185958	17895	76659	94554
Interest			0			0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44976</b>	<b>140982</b>	<b>185958</b>	<b>17895</b>	<b>76659</b>	<b>94554</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Administration	1092		1092	1055		1055
Travel & Motor Expenses		1177	1177	543	224	767
Rent	1440		1440	1440		1440
Wages & PAYE	156	2196	2352	156	2410	2566
Trip Expenses	1678		1678			0
Vsitor Expenses	1168					
<b>Total</b>	<b>5534</b>	<b>3373</b>	<b>8907</b>	<b>3194</b>	<b>2634</b>	<b>5828</b>
<b>Fund Expenditure</b>						
Gifts via transfer	19965	114366	134331	21446	36989	58434
Gifts via Trips	1171		1171			0
Church Fund Gifts		26876	26876		28361	28361
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21135</b>	<b>141242</b>	<b>162377</b>	<b>21446</b>	<b>65350</b>	<b>86795</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18306</b>	<b>-3632</b>	<b>14674</b>	<b>-6745</b>	<b>8675</b>	<b>1930</b>
Fund Balances Forward	6856	15755	22611	13601	7080	20681
Interfund Transfers			0			0
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>25162</b>	<b>12123</b>	<b>37285</b>	<b>6856</b>	<b>15755</b>	<b>22611</b>

**EPIC - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1057592****Balance sheet for year to 31/07/2022**

	Notes	31/07/2022	31/07/2021
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Account		26464	11008
Deposit Account		10821	11603
Cash			
		<u>37285</u>	<u>22611</u>
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<b>Assets</b>			
		<u>37285</u>	<u>22611</u>
<b>Represented By :</b>			
Undesignated Funds	1a	25162	6856
Restricted Funds	1b	1302	4152
Churches Funds ( Restricted )	1c	10821	11603
		<u>37285</u>	<u>22611</u>

**Notes :**

1a Funds held which are unrestricted .

1b Funds held for restricted use

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## **EPIC - Chairman's Report: 2021-2022**

### **Mission Statement:**

*European Partners in Christ (EPIC) exists to promote links between churches in Britain and Eastern Europe, providing spiritual and material support through prayer, fellowship, teaching and financial aid, enabling church buildings to be available as centres of Christian worship and witness.*

**Trustees:** Rodney Sexton (Chair) Bryan Hilton (Treasurer), Sheila Hilton, Maureen Morris, and Heather Sexton

**EPIC employee:** Chris Fox.

### **Review of the 12 months: August 2021-July 2022**

The principle aim of EPIC is as outlined in previous annual reports: to link churches in the UK with churches in Eastern Europe on a one-to-one basis, and to support the English churches, once they are linked, by helping to arrange exchange visits and to provide information and updates on what is happening with the churches in Europe. In similar fashion the churches in Eastern Europe are given support materially, spiritually and by the mutual visits. New links are no longer established but EPIC continues to fulfil a vital role in servicing the current links and in identifying various needs within the European churches as they arise.

Donations come from UK churches supporting their partner churches, from churches giving into the general fund and from individual donors. There has been an increase in support for various projects undertaken by Eastern European churches; for example, in the construction of buildings and work amongst young people and refugees.

During the year in view, restrictions imposed due to the coronavirus pandemic were eased. This enabled Chris Fox to make visits once more to partner churches in Eastern Europe, all of which have survived the pandemic and continue to function.

An added dimension to the work of EPIC has been the extra financial support given to partner churches, as they, in turn, have supported refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. We have given considerable funds to three churches, two in Romania and one in Poland. Money was given to buy a passenger van so that food, clothes and medical aid could go into Ukraine and refugees brought out and helped with obtaining visas and flights to the UK, and to other European countries. In addition, we have been helping a residential school for deaf children in Ukraine with practical things such as hearing aids, a commercial dishwasher, and a generator, as well as gifts for all the children at Christmas.

Apart from a special appeal regarding Ukraine, income this year has been sufficient to maintain the same level of support as in previous years. The amount of money distributed to churches and individuals in Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Poland, and Bosnia was £86,796.00. The need in many areas remains great. A summary of financial activities for the year to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and a financial statement for the same period accompany this report.

Ways of promoting EPIC include speaking engagements, regular reports and letters to churches, magazine articles and newsletters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Sexton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rodney Sexton  
Chair, EPIC Trustees

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