



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	14 11 2020	To	13 11 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge**

Other names charity is known by **TEECH**

Registered charity number (if any) **1074765**

Charity's principal address **Robin Brown**

79, Madeira Road,
Holland on Sea,
Clacton on Sea,
Essex.

Postcode

CO15 5NE

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	Robin Brown	Chair		
2	Robert Standley	Treasurer		
3	Vic Tallowin		To: 15-02-21	
4	Steve	Hance	From: 15-02-21	
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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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Model Declaration Trust
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	By majority vote of TEECH trustees.

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.

The TEECH motto is 'to help those less fortunate create a better future for themselves' and we do this by providing aid and improving basic living conditions for the lives of the young and the elderly. Over the years we have worked with many schools, hospitals and homes for the aged. By sparking enthusiasm with the local people we hope to enable and encourage self-help and enterprise to continue after we have left.

Every year the TEECH trustees visit possible projects and decide which would best benefit from help and how they could be made self-sufficient. A team of approximately 20-40 volunteers armed with tools travel overland by coach to complete the project. We also deliver aid to various contacts in the local area (for example beds and medical supplies to hospitals, clothes and shoes for orphanages). TEECH trustees and volunteers are unpaid and all donations go towards our project

TEECH was established in 1998 when a group of people who worked together near to Ipswich took up the challenge from a colleague to help repair two hospitals in Bucharest. About fifty volunteers traveled to Bucharest under the banner of 'Aid to Romania' in August that year and set about painting, plastering, providing lighting and generally making the hospitals cleaner, safer and brighter places.

After the success of this trip, seeing the need to be more structured the volunteers organized into a Registered Charity and hence TEECH was born. TEECH is an independent organisation, which welcomes volunteers from all walks of life who are not afraid of hard work.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For such charitable purposes in Eastern Europe as the Trustees shall from time to time decide

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)

Provision of material aid and practical support to Eastern Europe. To date the countries visited are Romania and Moldova. This normally takes the form of one or two aid drops during the year as well as renovation/repair work to schools/orphanages/hospitals carried out by up to forty volunteers who travel by lorry, coach or air.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- 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

Gradinita & Slobozia-Sirauti Project 2021

A team of 13 UK and 2 Swedish volunteers travelled over to the Republic of Moldova in August 2021, in what became a daily challenging trip but nothing dampened spirits or the determination to achieve set goals, from getting to the country and completing the required projects.

The team set off on Thursday 12th August from Dover 2021. We arrived at our destination, first stop, the village of Gradinita, Causeni district. The school project had already started, with the support of Romeo and his labour team, who had plastered and tiled flooring. Team TEECH had bought the toilet cubicle partitions, sanitary ware and lighting to install. Within the two days on site the installations had been completed. The project in Gradinita was funded by Rotary clubs in Essex and Suffolk. Thanks go to Barry Howe for seeking funding from Rotary and adding another project to 2021.

Whilst in the region the Ambulance was delivered to the hospital in Causeni. A request was made, as mentioned in the [June newsletter](#), for an ambulance and TEECH took up the challenge to source and drive one across Europe. Donation day was a celebratory affair with Deputy UK Ambassador Gary Davies in attendance and the local TV crew. TEECH received 2 plaques in gratitude, one for David and Ann Griggs who paid for the Ambulance, following the passing of their daughter Samantha, who was a supporter of the charity. David and Ann wanted a lasting donation to be made in memory of Samantha. The second plaque was for TEECH to thank the charity and its supporters for the donation. We heard from the hospital staff how important the ambulance would be. Causeni is over an hour from the capital Chisinau and if patients do need to go to the city for care/operations/treatment then an ambulance from Chisinau is usually called upon, to drive out to Causeni. Now the town have their own ambulance they can take patients themselves which will cut down on hours of waiting time, which will really benefit patient care.

Once the project in Gradinita was finalised the team moved north to the village of Slobozia-Sirauti in the tip of Moldova. The project in Slobozia was TEECH volunteer funded, and once again preparations had occurred prior to arrival. The rooms to be converted into bathrooms had walls removed, plastering completed and concrete flooring laid, along with waste pipe to the outside installed. Team TEECH, took on the painting, lino floor laying, plumbing, cubicle partition erection, septic tank installation and new lighting in the rooms and corridor. All in 7 days. A great team effort, coordination and achievement.

Whilst in both villages, free shops were set up with the donated clothing the charity has been gathering for the prior 12 months. Families from the villages could then visit and pick out items. Not only was the clothing popular, but bed sheets and towels seem to be in favour in Slobozia. Many of the volunteers also spent time out in the village delivering food parcels door to door.

Team Sweden had bought medical items to donate, including mattresses, walking frames, surgical instruments and clothing, which were taken to a hospital in Briceni, close to Slobozia. The appreciation of the staff was very clear on their faces.

As they say, pictures speak louder than words, so we invite you to take a look at the projects completed and the donations made during the trip, by going to this URL:

[Slobozia-Sirauti, Moldova 2021 - TEECH.ORG \(weebly.com\)](http://Slobozia-Sirauti, Moldova 2021 - TEECH.ORG (weebly.com))

The project would not have been possible without donations from suppliers, who are shown here:

[Sponsors 2021 - TEECH.ORG \(weebly.com\)](http://Sponsors 2021 - TEECH.ORG (weebly.com)).

And all those who generously donated to the project to help fund not only supplies but the fuel, ferry and road toll costs which come with transporting aid and supplies across Europe.

2020 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL - THE TRIP

A team of 4 volunteers took a trip across Europe to Romania and Moldova, having left just after Christmas. The trip took them across the waters to Holland, before the drive through to Romania, making shoebox and food parcel drop offs to the villages of Tilegd, Miercurea-Nirajului, Marculeni, Sercaita and Sinca. To ensure entry and customs clearance in Moldova prior to the new year, the lorry went ahead of the van for one day. They would join up again, ready for Moldovan deliveries to commence on the 1st January. Thanks goes to Slavic and Vova for ensuring a smooth entry into Moldova for the team.

During their time in Moldova they were joined by Romeo and also Iulia, who has joined TEECH on every trip since 2015 to not only help with deliveries but work her magic with translation. Visits to the villages of Berlinti, Hasnasenii Noi, Moldoveanca, Chetrosu, Baccealia and a childrens centre in Anenii Noi were made. At each village shoebox gifts were handed out to the children, either outside or with the team all wearing masks and gloves. It was unseasonably warm during the two weeks, without a flake of snow in sight. In Moldova the team also took time to visit the elderly, delivering food parcels, again with precaution due to the pandemic.

On return to England, Romania is now experiencing some snow and this can be seen in a few photos which were taken by the school teachers with which some boxes were left, to hand to the children on their return to school after the Christmas break.

TEECH would like to thank the volunteers for making the journey, plus all those who donated shoeboxes and food parcels to make the trip a huge success even in difficult times, with more rules and restrictions imposed on plans and execution.

Thank you once again to:

Rotary Club of Ipswich

Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower

Mandy Bainbridge and friends in Ipswich

Many, many individuals – you know who you are

Nicholas Church, Beverley

Old Bucklesham School, Suffolk

The team from Hale Newsagents & Woodfalls Post Office

Jay and Pratap and the Sathya Sai Organisation - Region 2 UK

ChristChurch, Clacton

Pauls Road Primary, Plymouth

SLP Autos, Chelmsford for 'winter preping' the van for the trip

To view photos from the trip then please click here:

<https://teechorg.weebly.com/christmas-20201.html>

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Funds remaining after a major aid trip to Eastern Europe in the summer are held in Co-op and Barclays bank accounts. Funds are needed on an on-going basis for the next year's aid trips.

Funds beyond our day to day working needs are transferred to an interest bearing Barclays Bank deposit account.

Co-op Bank debit cards are used to provide day to day provisions whilst abroad on aid trips. During this period the Co-op funds beyond immediate requirements are transferred to a separate Barclays Bank current account to avoid possible loss of funds through misuse of a Co-op debit card outside the UK.

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.

Funds are raised by volunteers contributing from their own resources and from sponsored events which they organise themselves.

We are also grateful for the support of **The Daniel Foundation** our partner organisation that work in Moldova all year round.

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)

RS Standley

Full name(s)

ROBERT Standley

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair,
etc.)

TREASURER

Date

3/8/22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge.

No 1074765

Receipts and payments accounts

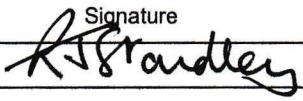
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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	14/11/2020		13/11/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	33,451	-	-	33,451	28,809
VAT Refund	2,436	-	-	2,436	999
Gift Aid	2,477	-	-	2,477	4,383
Bank Interest/Other Income	3	-	-	3	42
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,367	-	-	38,367	34,233
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,367	-	-	38,367	34,233
A3 Payments					
Project materials & Travel costs	28,929	-	-	28,929	14,149
Administration	40	-	-	40	537
Insurance	1,226	-	-	1,226	798
Van running expenses	1,352	-	-	1,352	1,086
Lorry running expenses	7,321	-	-	7,321	
Purchase of Trailer	1,523	-	-	1,523	
Purchase of Vehicle	3,715	-	-	3,715	7,560
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	44,107	-	-	44,107	24,130
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,107	-	-	44,107	24,130
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,740	-	-	- 5,740	10,103
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,435	-	-	70,435	60,332
Cash funds this year end	64,695	-	-	64,695	70,435

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Currency held by trustees (approx')	3,610	-	-
	Barclays	42,651	-	-
	Co-op	18,434	-	-
	Total cash funds	64,695	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Van for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate)		16,200	10,000
	Van for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate)		7,560	7,560
	Trailer		1,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			25,260	17,560
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		R STANDLEY	31/8/22	