



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	14	11	2022	To	13	11	2023

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

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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	Steve Hance	Transport		
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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

Provision of material aid and practical support to Eastern Europe; primarily 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.

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)

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.

THE CHRISTMAS 2022 TRIP TO MOLDOVA

A team of seven volunteers set off from England on Boxing Day, travelling down to Folkestone (after passing customs in Kent), to take the Eurotunnel over to France. The drive across Europe then commenced overnight, to arrive at the Austrian/Hungarian border on Tuesday evening. The third day took the team across Hungary and the first half of Romania. Day 4 allowed time for the team to visit Zoltan and family in Miercurea Nirajului, to deliver gifts and catch up. TEECH first met Zoltan and his family in 2006 when carrying out a summer project and visits annually to stay in touch.

On Thursday 29th the team drove the second half of Romania and reached the Moldovan border around tea time, to join a looonnnngggg que. It took about 11 hours to cross the border, due to the length of the que plus a few challenges along the way. Everyone was pleased to reach the hotel in time for breakfast, then catch a few hours sleep, before clearing customs and making the first of the deliveries in the afternoon.

First stop was to the summer camp in Balti, where families have been staying since the war in Ukraine started in February 2022. Along with gifts for the children, rice and other food were provided. Half of the team travelled to the villages of Risipeni and Bocsa to visit a home for elderly ladies and a children's home, again to provide gifts and food.

The team were joined by an 8th volunteer once in Moldova, plus Iulia and Anastasiia who have spent time with the charity on prior trips and are a huge help, volunteering their time, providing their excellent translation skills and becoming part of TEECH. TEECH would also like to thank Romeo and family for their continuous support with paperwork, customs and plans for distribution of aid, which is key to a successful trip on each occasion.

The next 5 days would be spent visiting the following villages, to hand out shoebox gifts and food parcels house to house.

- Sloveanca
- Marinesti
- Mindresti Noi
- Cotiujenii Mici
- Hasnasenii Noi
- Anenii Noi childrens centre
- Gradinita
- Plop Stiubei

TEECH would like to thank all those who donated shoeboxes, food and other items, without which the trip would not have been possible. A full list of thank you's can be viewed in the [December Newsletter](#).

To see pictures from the trip [please click here](#) to visit the photo gallery page on the website.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**PROJECT SUCCESS IN MOLDOVA 2023**

Welcome to the TEECH news for September. As regular readers will know, a team of volunteers travelled to Moldova in August, to the villages of Sloveanca and Mindresti Noi in the Singerei district. Both schools were in need of indoor toilets, which the team tackled in just 10 days, with great results.

The team from England and Sweden, started the fortnight in the village of Sloveanca, where work had previously been started by Romeo and his guys, getting the floor tiles laid and walls skimmed. TEECH erected the stud wall, to split the room into girls and boys' toilets, along with all the plumbing work, for the toilets, urinals and water boiler, bringing for the first time hot and cold running water for the children and teachers to be able to wash their hands and elevate their level of hygiene. A few volunteers working in the evening, were struck by caretaker Valerias reaction when coming into the school that evening and discovering the work TEECH were doing, and particularly discovering that hot water was coming from the taps. His amazement, running his hands under the water and stopping to show volunteers what he had discovered, not quite believing it, which really hit home to us all.

The team also installed new lighting, on sensors to allow for reduced energy consumption, and new hand driers. Thanks goes to all sponsors mentioned in our July newsletter along with BK Styr of Sweden for a lot of the electrical components.

Sloveanca also saw the installation of the septic tank, following the huge hole being dug by the local digger. TEECH lowered by hand the tank into the ground (after unloading it from the lorry by hand as shown above) and then with the help of a group of local ladies, back filled the hole. Speaking to the ladies who came along to help, most of their husbands were abroad working, which sadly is the reality for many Moldovan families, to earn enough monies to sustain themselves.

In the village of Mindresti Noi, the main work was indoors, this time in 2 rooms, meaning it was the toilets, sinks and cubicles to install, along with new lighting and the hand driers. The mayor arranged for the external pipework to be connected to the old outdoor toilet pit, rather than a septic tank being installed.

Along with the bathrooms, volunteers handed out clothing to the locals, plus food and many toys and bicycles. Aid continues to go to those in villages who are not only trying to look after themselves but also hosting Ukraine refugees, so all aid is being shared in the communities.

For further information, please visit this link:

[August 23 Summer Trip](#)

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 the Co-op bank account. Funds are needed on an on-going basis for the next year's aid trips.

Co-op Bank debit cards are used to provide day to day provisions whilst abroad on aid trips.

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 organisations that work in Moldova all year round.

Section F

Other optional information

Please see this link for a list of our sponsors and supporters:

[Sponsors and supporters](#)

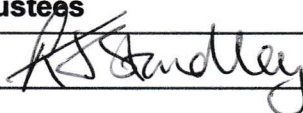
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Robert James Standley

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

Treasurer

Date

19/06/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge

1074765

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

14-Nov-22

To

13-Nov-23

Section A Receipts and payments

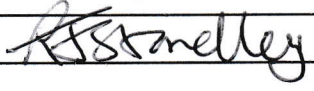
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	£ 50,450	-	-	50,450	£ 103,202
VAT Refund	£ 3,523	-	-	3,523	£ 6,849
Gift Aid	£ 4,053	-	-	4,053	£ 6,615
Bank interest	£ 153	-	-	153	£ 10
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,179	-	-	58,179	£ 116,676
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	£ -
Sub total	-	-	-	-	£ -
Total receipts	58,179	-	-	58,179	£ 116,676
A3 Payments					
Project and Aid Trips	53,811	-	-	53,811	£ 82,592
Administration	182	-	-	182	£ 41
Insurance	1,324	-	-	1,324	£ 1,261
Van Running Expenses	1,130	-	-	1,130	£ 1,814
Lorries: Running Expenses	18,532	-	-	18,532	£ 14,423
Site Storage	3,038	-	-	3,038	
Purchase of Vehicle		-	-	-	£ 18,000
Charity Shop		-	-	-	£ 1,500
Donation to Purchase Vehicle		-	-	-	£ 7,024
Sub total	78,017	-	-	78,017	£ 126,653
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	£ -
Total payments	78,017	-	-	78,017	£ 126,653
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 19,838	-	-	- 19,838	-£ 9,977
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,720	-	-	54,720	£ 64,697
Cash funds this year end	34,882	-	-	34,882	£ 54,720

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	Barclay Bank	21,383	-	£ -
	Co-op Bank	11,346	-	£ -
	Currency held by trustees (approx')	2,153	-	£ -
	Total cash funds	34,882	-	£ -
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Monies on account with AS24 Fuel Card company- approximate amount	3,000	-	£ -
		-	-	£ -
		-	-	£ -
		-	-	£ -
		-	-	£ -
		-	-	£ -
		-	-	£ -
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	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 & delivery of aid		16,200	£ 8,000
	Lorry for collection and delivery of aid.		7,560	£ 5,000
	Lorry for collection and delivery of aid.		18,000	£ 15,000
	Trailer		1,500	£ 1,300
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			43,260	£ 29,300
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

R STANDLEY

Date of approval

24/7/24



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

EASTERN EUROPEAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHALLENGE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

November 13th 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1074765

Set out on pages

Pages 1 & 2 of CC16A

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

**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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

28-7-24

Name:

ROGER M GIRLING

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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