



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

14 11 2023

To

13 11 2024

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	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

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; 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.

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

THE CHRISTMAS 2023 TRIP TO MOLDOVA

The trip started on the evening of 29th December, with the first pit stop at Severington, Kent to pick up customs paperwork. It would also be the first small hurdle to overcome for the team, with a clip breaking on the battery of the artic unit, meaning it was going nowhere. Luckily Mr Poland (another driver from Poland) saved the day with a spare clip, which could be used before a proper repair was done another day. The journey could then continue, through Eurotunnel and across Europe.

New Years Eve was spent in Romania, before entering into Moldova and 10 days there, visiting many villages and schools, as well as an older persons home and children's home. Santa made an appearance at each school to provide gifts for the children and the team hand delivered food parcels around the villages. Bulk food was also delivered to the Ukraine distribution centre in Balti.

The artic lorry contained 26 pallets of medical supplies in the form of masks, syringes and needles and these were delivered to 22 hospitals and medical centres across the country, see map at the bottom of the page for the distribution locations.

Iulia and Vlad (photo below) joined the team for a day or so, Iulia doing a sterling job of being Santa and Vlad the snowman.

Half way through the time in Moldova the snow arrived, which did not prevent anything being delivered, it just added to the atmosphere of Christmas but it was very cold.

- **The trip in numbers.....**
- 3 vehicles
- 4350 miles covered
- 970 shoebox gifts
- 240 food parcels
 - Hand delivered to 8 schools and villages

Section D

Achievements and performance

- 14 hospital beds
- Over 2 tonnes of bulk food
- 50 carrycots filled with nappies and clothing
- 1,412,000 needles & syringes and 36,000 face masks
 - Delivered to 22 hospitals and Medical centres
- 1 ice scraper broken on a snowy morning
- 1 puncture
- 1 headlight bulb changed
- 1 broken artic battery clamp
- 2 occasions of diesel freezing in the lorry
- 2571 photos
- -17 degrees on the coldest day
- 155 baked beans in the breakfast on the ferry (or maybe not!)
- Lots of individuals and groups donating gifts, food and aid making it all possible

TEECH also completed 3 aid deliveries into Ukraine during 2023-24 (March, June and October), making deliveries to Lviv, Chernihiv and Kamianske. Aid in the form of food, clothing, generators and other supplies requested by those on the ground. The trips were completed in partnership with another charity UK Aid Felsted, using the TEECH lorries and driver volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

PROJECT SUCCESS IN MOLDOVA 2024

During August 2024, a team of 18 volunteers ventured over to Moldova from Northern Ireland, England and Sweden in a minibus, 2 lorries, a van and a motorhome.

The aim of the two weeks was to create indoor bathrooms in two schools in the villages of Bursuceni and Moara de Piatra. Neither school had indoor toilets for the teachers or children to use.

Week one would be in Bursuceni, Singerei District, with day one stripping wallpaper from the walls and painting the old classroom, following other preparation works already completed by Romeo and his mini team. The wooden floor had already been removed and concrete laid, along with floor tiles, and all the waste pipes for the toilets laid under the floor. Construction of the timber framed partition wall quickly followed, to turn one room into two. The plumbing team would get cracking with installing the toilets and urinals, whilst the electricians started to run wires and wire up the water boiler, hand driers and new lighting.

The team worked at pace to ensure everything was completed in 4 days, so the team could then move on to Moara de Piatra. Alongside the project, another team would set up two shops, one in Bursuceni and one in the neighbouring village of Slobozia-Magura for the locals to come and choose clothing, bedding, blankets etc. We found that bedding, towels and blankets were the most popular, so would encourage you all to donate these items for the future.

Outside the septic tank was installed, with help from a local digger to prepare the main hole and channels, whilst the team laid the external water pipes and lined up the tank.

Before departing each of the schools the teachers laid on a great spread of local foods for the team to relax and enjoy.

Food parcels were delivered around both villages, to the elderly during some very hot 35+ degree days.

TEECH would like to thank the following for donations and/or discounts on supplies:

- Many individuals who donated clothing and other items
- Tekflo – for a discount on hand driers
- BK Styr, Sweden for a lot of electrical supplies
- Elite Truck and Trailer for support with MOT and servicing of the lorries
- SLP Autos for the free MOT and servicing of the Van
- John Grose, Ford, Ipswich for the loan of the minibus.
- Alexander Cleghorn for the boarding used to create the dividing walls
- J Gard & Sons for the timber used to create the dividing walls
- Sri Sathya Sai Organisation for food and toiletry donations
- Skanda Vale for donations of food
- **Vishal at UCH logistics for aid picks ups and storage.**

- **TIP trailer services for the continual loan of an artic trailer**
- Billericay Rotary clubs along, with Barry & Jan Howe and Kevin Smith for donations and supporting one of the septic tanks.
- Phil Turner for lots of bikes, to put a smile of children's faces in Moldova
- Christchurch, along with St James/St Christophers of Clacton & Jaywick for children's gift bags and clothing
- Kerron of Signs Made Easy, Clacton for the new signage on the trailer.
- Ipswich Rotary Club for supporting the second septic tank.
- AAH Pharmaceuticals for further needles and syringes which were delivered to Nisporeni Hospital.
- Shachihata (Europe) for the donation of pallets of pens which were donated to the schools and other institutions in Moldova

As they say, pictures speak louder than words, [please click here](#) to take a look at a selection of photos from the trip.

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 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:

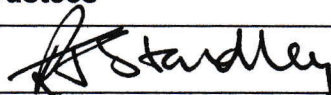
[Sponsors and supporters](#)

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
(TEECH)

1074765

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	14-Nov-24		13-Nov-25

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	£ 61,282	-	-	61,282	£ 50,450
VAT Refund	£ 4,850	-	-	4,850	£ 3,523
Gift Aid	£ 2,968	-	-	2,968	£ 4,053
Bank interest	£ 14	-	-	14	£ 153
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,114	-	-	69,114	58,179
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,114	-	-	69,114	58,179
A3 Payments					
Project and Aid Trips	47,051	-	-	47,051	53,811
Administration	48	-	-	48	182
Insurance	1,062	-	-	1,062	1,324
Van Running Expenses	2,330	-	-	2,330	1,130
Lorries: Running Expenses	20,162	-	-	20,162	18,532
Site Storage	7,857	-	-	7,857	3,038
Purchase of Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Shop	-	-	-	-	-
Donation to Purchase Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	78,510	-	-	78,510	78,017
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	78,510	-	-	78,510	78,017
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,396	-	-	- 9,396	- 19,838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,881	-	-	34,881	-
Cash funds this year end	25,485	-	-	25,485	- 19,838

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	Bank (Coop)	24,014	-	-
	Currency held by trustees Approx' Sterling value)	1,470	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,484	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

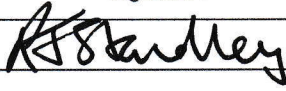
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Cash held by Fuel Company	3,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate)		16,200	4,000
	Lorry for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate)		7,560	4,000
	Lorry for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate)		18,000	12,000
	Trailer		1,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			43,260	20,000

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R STANDLEY	3/6/25

(if any):

Address:

11 PHILIP CLOSE
WALTON ON THE NAZE
ESSEX CO14 8RZ

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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
Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge

On accounts for the year
ended

November 13th 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1074765

Set out on pages

Pages 1 and 2 of Receipts and payments accounts - cc16a.xls

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 13 / 11 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning
the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts
and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the
accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered
as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

Sh. K. Birch

Date: 5/07/2025

Name:

STEWART BIRCH

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Financial Services DTP

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Oct 2018