



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	1	2024		31	12	2024

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE PETER TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1080159

Charity's principal address

52 OTLEY OLD ROAD  
LEEDS

Postcode LS16 6HW

### 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	MR S.M. MYERS	CHAIRMAN		
2	MR J.H. BARNES	TREASURER		
3	MR E.F. LUMLEY	SECRETARY		
4	MRS L. LUMLEY			
5	MRS N. SMALL			
6	MR G. GOMES			
7	MR J.K. GRUNDEY			
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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  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

TRUST DEED 31/3/2000

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

TRUST

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

CO-OPTED / APPOINTED BY EXISTING 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.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

TO GIVE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INCOME-GENERATING PROJECTS. ASSISTANCE ALSO GIVEN TO EAST TIMORESE STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD.

SEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024 ATTACHED.  
THE WHOLE ETHOS OF THE TRUST'S  
ACTIVITIES IS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

**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 grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main  
achievements of the charity  
during the year

SEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024  
(ATTACHED)



## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

NO SPECIFIC RESERVES HELD. A VARIABLE AMOUNT IS CARRIED OVER ANNUALLY SO AS TO ALLOW FUNDING FOR PROJECTS WHICH SPAN ADJACENT FINANCIAL YEARS

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

### 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.

SOURCE OF FUNDS INCLUDES -  
SUPPORTERS' ACTIVITIES (e.g. Social Events)  
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS FROM SUPPORTERS  
BY BANK STANDING ORDERS, GIFTS OF  
MONEY FROM SUPPORTERS AND GIFT AID  
ALSO LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS FROM  
SUPPORTERS.

## 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)	John H Barnes	
Full name(s)	JOHN H BARNES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	1/10/2025	

## ***The Peter Trust Annual Report to the Charities Commission, Year-end 2024***

**The principal purpose of the Trust is to make Provision for East Timorese Education and Relief (P.E.T.E.R).**

For historical and geographical reasons East Timor is one of the four poorest countries in the world, in great need of economic and social development.

Now in its twenty sixth year of political independence the country still lacks an adequate infrastructure and there is a shortfall in native people with the necessary technical, professional and managerial skills that are needed for the nation building. Health care and educational provision are very limited, and unemployment is high. The population of one and a quarter million is young with a median age of twenty years. Each year there are twenty thousand school leavers.

Although the East Timorese homeland and its surrounding seas have valuable mineral and other natural resources these have yet to be fully exploited to the benefit of the population at large. Most analysts think it will take more than a generation for the people of East Timor to be able to provide for themselves in any way adequately. Meanwhile the majority of the people remain 'dirt poor'.

The Peter Trust prioritises health care, education/training for the young people who comprise the majority of the population, supports income generation projects, and assists families with the development of local agriculture and the rearing of livestock. Most children are malnourished and many are stunted in their growth so within its means the Trust funds a variety of nutrition enhancement projects.

The Peter Trust was formally registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales in March 2000, and given the Number: 1080159.

The current Trustees are: Simon Myers (Chairman); John Barnes (Treasurer), Laura Lumley (Secretary); Norah Small; Kevin Grundey; Eddie Lumley; and Germano Gomes. The Trustees have had regard to the Charities Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

The Peter Trust has several Agents in full time residence in East Timor who facilitate applications for funding of and disbursements to projects according to the decisions of the Trustees. These agents also help to provide information to the Trustees on the prevailing situation in the territory. They include: Sr Clara Irma SPC (Sisters of St Paul of Chartres – an international RC Religious Congregation); and David Odling-Smee – an Englishman from Yorkshire who lived long-term in East Timor and engaged in educational and social work there. During 2018 David moved to Australia, but he is still active in supporting/ enabling the Trust projects in East Timor.

The Trustees are kept abreast of developments in East Timor by the dissemination of information accessible through East Timorese expatriates resident in the UK; by email correspondence and other digital media conducted by Trustees with the Trust Agents and Beneficiaries in East Timor; and via Reports presented to the Trustees by the visits of their Members to the territory. Trustees have visited projects supported by the Trust in 2002, 2004, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2019. Planned visits for 2020 and 2021 was curtailed due to travel restrictions consequent upon the Covid19 pandemic; again in 2023 a hoped for visit was not possible for both health, financial and personal reasons. In 2024, one of our Trustees, Germano Gomes, and our agent David Odling-Smee both visited East Timor in person and reported back on the use made by our beneficiaries of the funds we provided to them in support of their various projects in their schools and clinics.

The Trustees continue to engage in the dissemination of information about the impoverished circumstances of the people of East Timor. Funds were generated through on-line Appeals, and from Standing Orders already in place, and from occasional Donations and Bequests. The Trust website > [thepetertrust.org.uk](http://thepetertrust.org.uk) < is updated whenever necessary to include the wide ranging and on-going work which is currently being supported for the benefit of the people of East Timor in their home country and abroad.

### **Activities undertaken by the Peter Trust during the past year to further the Charity's purposes for the Public Benefit**

The Peter Trust has continued to fund projects in education and health care. These have included the following:



The sponsorship of 20 students from particularly impoverished backgrounds for Secondary Education in the rural township and district of Railaku. This funding enables the students to complete their schooling, and a significant number of them have been able to progress to Tertiary Education in East Timor.

In addition some funds have been provided for nutrition and for the purchase of medicines for a Clinic to meet the needs of the students of the families of those who lives in the vicinity of the School.

Continuing the sponsorship of 10 students at a Technical College in the Capital Dili. This includes their tuition and residential accommodation.

The Trust has supported the Dominican Primary School at Hera on the North coast since its foundation in 2015. Its capacity of 150 pupils was reached in 2018. The children are all malnourished, some severely, and the funds supplied by the Trust are necessary for their healthy development and in order for them to benefit from the educational provision. Funds have also been provided for the building, equipping and maintenance of a Canteen to supply luncheon for the children; to accommodate tuition classes on nutrition for their parents; and as a source of income generation by sales of foodstuffs grown on the adjoining Kitchen Garden (see below) to local residents. The cost of nutritional supplements is also provided when possible for another Primary School at Turiscai in the central mountains which also had an increase in pupils on roll.

Funding for an extensive Kitchen Garden at Hera maintained by (20) orphaned teenage boys. This has included the improvement of the provision of water supply/irrigation; seeds/seedlings; feed for domestic livestock; the development/improvement of a kitchen and dormitories and the installation of better sanitation for those in residence on the Garden site. Sales of produce from the Garden, now including a plantation of dragon fruit, are undertaken regularly from newly built shelters near to the main road and these help to pay for school activities and equipment. The Trust funded the construction of these shelters during 2020 and their further equipping in 2021.

Continued funding for the '*Ahisaun*' [Light of Friendship] Residential Hostel in Dili for 30 young people with physical disabilities: sanitation facilities have been monitored and well maintained; the provision/upgrade of IT resources has continued; scholarships have been provided for several of the residents to attend Further Education institutions in Dili. Funds have been sent in support of an outreach programme of visits to a number of remote villages. Tuition fees for trainee teachers/instructors drawn from the '*Ahisaun*' community continued over several years and some are now tutors at a rural secondary school founded in 2008 at Manleu. The Peter Trust funded the purchase of computers, monitors and keyboards for IT education and this school was accredited by the Timor Leste Ministry of Education in 2020. Recently the Trust has contributed towards the cost of security fencing at this site.

Funding for the ALMA Hostel in Dili for 60 children with severe disabilities, and for their families, has continued to provide assistance with meeting the nutritional needs of the children and to improve the facilities of the hostel. Pope Francis visited this hostel on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 during his visit to East Timor and we received a video record of his visit from the Vatican's press office.

The continuation of the provision of all the medicines for a Mobile Clinic which now regularly visits 8 rural villages in the Covalima district, offering diagnosis and sustained treatment of several hundred persons of all ages in each location; nutritional supplements are offered on these occasions to children and elderly people and instruction for mothers on preparing a balanced diet from local produce; remuneration for a doctor in residence at the hospital in Suai, where the mobile clinic is based, and for two nurses, a laboratory technician and a driver; for the continuation of the diagnosis and treatment of patients in the locality with TB; and for the maintenance of a mother and baby clinic within the hospital. The wages of maintenance staff are also funded by the Peter Trust.

The Peter Trust achieves these outcomes by collaboration with a variety of competent local agencies or international religious congregations/NGOs. The Trust activities have enabled impoverished people of both sexes and all ages in East Timor to access education from Primary to Tertiary level, specialist training, and receive wide-ranging health care which would otherwise not have been available to them.

Signed:

*John Barnes* (Treasurer), DATE 14/7/2025.

Peter Trust Accounts  
Year Ended 31.12.2024

**INCOME**

Charities Aid Foundation	60.00
Charities Trust	12,000.00
HMRC Gift Aid	3,546.34
Bequests	5,000.00
Just Giving	87.08
Easy Fundraising	24.91
Individual Donations	22,314.29

**Total Income**

43,032.62

Opening Balance 1.1.23

928.65

Reconciled balances

43,961.27

**EXPENDITURE**

Donations to East Timor	38,272.22
Donations for East Timorese in UK	2,000.00
Bank Transfer charges	210.00
Bank account charges	71.20

**Total expenditure**

40,553.42

closing balance 31.12.23

3,407.85

43,961.27





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

THE PETER TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1080159

Set out on pages

1-3

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

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:

26/9/2025

Name:

CURTIS LEDGER FCA

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

FCA, ICAEW MEMBER 8642205

Address:

44 ASPEN MOUNT

LEEDS

LS16 6RT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

N/A

Peter Trust Accounts  
Year Ended 31.12.2024

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
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Individual Donations	24.91	
	22,314.29	
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Opening Balance 1.1.23	928.65	closing balance 31.12.23
Reconciled balances	<b>43,961.27</b>	<b>43,961.27</b>