

Report & Accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2021

SUNNINGDALE PARK ROMANIA APPEAL

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

TRUSTEES:

Director	Mr. Brian Whalley
Director	Mr. Paul Grant
Director	Mr. Aidan Grant

Treasurer *Appointed*: Mrs. Leslie Grant

BANKERS:

Santander UK plc, Bridle Road, Bootle, Merseyside GIR 0AA

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1096969

CHARITY ADDRESS:

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FINANCIAL CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS:

Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Grant,
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Windsor Road,
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SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document

The charity's governing document is a trust deed as based on the Charity Commission's model document (GD2).

How the charity is constituted

The charity is a charitable trust established under its rules.

Trustee selection methods

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the trust deed.

Policies and Procedures adopted

The charity is managed by the trustees ('Charity Trustees'). As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Risk and internal control

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- a) **Reduced income from fund raising.** This charity is wholly dependent on the generosity of a relatively small number of individual donors. One donor family continues to contribute a disproportionately large percentage of total income, including a commitment to maintain this level of donations until 2025. If this source of income were to cease to be available, the charity's ability to make regular donations at current levels would be severely impaired.
The pool of donors is quite small, and the charity does not actively seek new donors nor is there an opportunity to run fund-raising events. Trustees are mindful of their reliance on a loyal group of supporters who give either regularly or periodically. No plans are in place at present to seek new sources of income.
- b) **Loss of trustees and volunteers.** The charity is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a significant reduction in the number of available volunteers, there would be a consequent contraction of the charitable activities.
- c) **Medical contacts in Romania.** The trustees are dependent upon one Romanian retired medical practitioner who is relied upon to update and advise the trustees on the particular requirements of those Thalassaemia who patients currently supported by the appeal including changes in their medical condition.

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the charity are to:

- 1) relieve the poverty and sickness of persons in Romania; in particular, but not exclusively, by:
 - a) the provision of (or the assistance of the provision of) medicines, medical equipment and medical care; and
 - b) providing financial assistance to the families of such persons.

- 2) Assist in the provision of education and training in the field of medicine to those engaged in relieving poverty or sickness in Romania.
- 3) Promote, or assist in the promotion of, any other activity in Romania which is charitable under English law through the provision of donations, financial grants, equipment and other supplies.

SECTION D: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

From the trustees:

Throughout 2021, SPRA continued to support six individual thalassaemia patients in various parts of Romania. The health of these individuals (aged between 18 and 35) is always a concern. During the year we were notified by one individual that she had a problem with a heart condition, described by her specialist as "*severe organic mitral regurgitation*". We have learnt that this condition can usually be successfully treated by surgery but that her thalassaemia presents a much-increased risk to the patient. There was no additional call on charity funds in 2021 following this disclosure, but trustees are aware that there might be a requirement to provide modest additional financial support in 2022.

We were notified that the father of another thalassaemia patient, whose family we have supported for many years, was in acute pain and in need of remedial back surgery in order to prevent him from losing his mobility. The appeal provided a grant of €5,500 (entirely funded by a generous donor for this purpose) which covered the costs of surgery in a private hospital together with associated tests and scans. We have been advised that the surgery has been completely successful. Other thalassaemia patients in receipt of regular support include a young man who has (with our help) successfully completed training as a men's hairdresser. In late 2021 we were told that he had been offered an apprenticeship in a hairdressing salon. It is rare for thalassaemia patients to obtain regular work, so this young man's story is very encouraging.

Another thalassaemia patient who, rather unusually, is able to undertake paid work continued with the setting up of psychotherapy business (with the help of generous funding from one donor for this purpose). We learned that another person in receipt of regular financial support for 20 years had divorced (for the second time) and was now living back with her parents. Finally, we were advised in spring 2021 that a young woman thalassaemia patient aged 18 had, against all medical advice, become pregnant. She gave birth in December 2021 to a baby girl who it is understood is being cared for in the main by the baby's grandmother. We were pleased to learn of the safe delivery of this infant given the risks involved in childbirth for a thalassaemia patient. It is the intention of trustees to enhance the support provided to this family during 2022.

In 2020, we funded a "*polytransfusion*" project to be run by an NGO in Romania (The "*thalassaemia association*") which looks after the interests of and campaigns on behalf of patients who regularly attend the haematology centre in order to receive blood transfusions.

Our contacts in the association were very keen to launch an innovative scheme which would match individual blood donors with regular recipients of blood transfusions (these people would mainly be thalassaemia patients) as reported in our annual report for the year 2020.

The benefits of this scheme would be that an individual receiving blood would be very closely matched to the blood type of a donor (using a more specific sub-classification of the standard blood groups A, B, O etc). The precise matching of blood types would be beneficial for the health of those receiving blood on a regular basis (every 2 to 3 weeks in most cases).

The project involved obtaining the agreement and cooperation of the directors of 5 regional blood transfusion units (all of whom expressed their support for the project) together with representatives of the haematology centre in Bucuresti. A marketing campaign was also launched (including posters on display at blood donations sites) together with a web site, the aim of which was to try to encourage new and

existing donors to sign up in order to be a donor whose blood would be allocated to a specific recipient with a very close blood type match.

As at the end of December 2021, we were told that the project had not achieved its objectives and has not led to any donors signing up to donate blood on a specific date for the benefit of a particular individual recipient.

We have been advised that an unanticipated problem which occurred was a lack of enthusiasm for the project on the ground in the various blood transfusion centres. Another problem occurred with the web site whereby a technical issue may have caused the names of volunteer donors to be erased.

This innovative project involved a degree of risk, but the failure to actively support this project by local staff was not anticipated as this was in direct contrast to what we were told was a high level of buy-in by regional blood transfusion centre managers.

In 2022, trustees will decide whether to cancel the project and seek repayment of any outstanding monies provided, or to approve the use of remaining funds to re-launch the campaign utilising informal contacts and friends in the sector to overcome the apparent apathy shown by blood transfusion centre directors.

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Investment Policy

The Trustees regularly monitor the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the charity obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

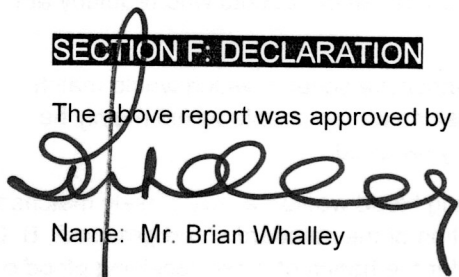
Reserves Policy

As of 31 December, the charity had a general reserve of £25,565.67. The charity's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds to enable it to:

1. Meet unexpected medical costs eg dental or liver treatment; and
2. Cope with a possible risk of shortfall in our fund raising activities;
3. Continue to support families for a minimum twelve-month period in the absence of any further income

SECTION F: DECLARATION

The above report was approved by the trustees on 21 February 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Name: Mr. Brian Whalley

Office: Trustee

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended: 31 December 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see page 6)	37,404.00	37,655.85
Total payments for the year (see page 7)	30,855.57	32,606.15
Net receipts (payments) for the year	6,548.43	5,049.70
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	19,017.24	13,967.54
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	25,565.67	19,017.24

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21 February 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Name: Mrs. Leslie A. Grant

Office: Treasurer

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Receipts for the year ended: 31 December 2021

	Notes	This Year £	Previous Year £
DONATIONS			
From Individuals (Gift-Aid)	1	28,831.99	30,986.13
From Individuals and corporations (non Gift-Aid)		0.00	1,968.88
	2	28,831.99	32,955.01
FUND RAISING			
Fund raising from all sources		0.00	0.00
INTEREST			
Bank Interest (gross)		0.48	18.34
OTHER INCOME			
Income tax recovered on donations (Gift Aid)	3	8,571.53	4,682.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		37,404.00	37,655.85

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Payments for the year ending: 31 December 2021

	Notes	This Year £	Previous Year £
DONATIONS / GRANTS MADE			
To Families		30,156.49	28,817.61
To Doctors / medical organizations	4	0.00	3,638.02
Travel grants to Romanians		0.00	0.00
		<u>30,156.49</u>	<u>32,455.63</u>
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Transfer Fees		99.08	95.52
Travel Expenses (to/from Romania)		0.00	0.00
Management & Administration	5	<u>600.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
		699.08	150.52
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		30,855.57	32,606.15

The charity employs no staff, and all its costs are direct costs.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at: 31 December 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current account	20,524.82	13,976.87
Bank Community Instant Reserve Account	5,040.85	5,040.37
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
	<u>25,565.67</u>	<u>19,017.24</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending: _____	0.00	0.00
Debt Due to Charity	0.00	0.00
LIABILITIES		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00

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Notes to the Accounts

1) Gift-aided donations this year (£28,831.99) were nearly as high as in 2020 (£30,986.13) These donations are exceptional and are not expected to continue in future years. One of the Appeal's supporters made £4,000 in additional donations and another supporter increased their regular giving and also made an additional donation of £4,500.

2) Statement of Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
Designated Funds					
Razvan Manole	£0.00	£15,119.70	(£15,119.70)	£0.00	£0.00
Total Designated Funds	£0.00	£15,119.70	(£15,119.70)	£0.00	£0.00
General Fund	£19,017.24	£22,284.30	(£15,735.87)	£0.00	£25,565.67
Total Funds	£19,017.24	£37,404.00	(£30,855.57)	£0.00	£25,565.67

- 3) Income tax recovered on donations (Gift Aid): Gift Aid recovered is higher because donations received in 2020-21 were more than double the donations received in 2019-20. The financial accounts are recorded on a calendar year basis (January through December 2021) whereas the gift aid is claimed on an "April to April" basis. This year's gift-aid claim of £8,571.53 represents the claim made for donations made between 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021.
- 4) A donation of £3,656.15 (€4,000) including transaction fees was made to the Politransfusion Project in 2020 to help Romanian volunteers launch a blood donation awareness campaign in Romania. The Trustees advised the recipients that donations in future years would not be assured.
- 5) Management & Administration Expenses: As previous year (2020) income exceeded £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts was required by the Charity Commission. The trustees appointed Azets Holdings Limited to undertake the independent examination at a cost of £600.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of SUNNINGDALE PARK ROMANIA APPEAL

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out in the document above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the seeking of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, 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 and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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



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Date: 21 March 2022