

**Report & Accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**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:**

77 Alresford Road,  
Winchester,  
Hampshire  
SO23 0LA

**FINANCIAL CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS:**

Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Grant,  
Chobham House West,  
Windsor Road,  
Chobham, Surrey GU24 8NA

## 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 patients who are 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:**

The appeal had another successful year In terms of fund-raising and the trustees are especially grateful to its small number of donors for their continued generosity and support. The appeal continues to rely wholly on personal donations all of which attract tax relief under the Gift-Aid scheme. The appeal has continued to support a number of individuals and families in Romania whose health and well-being are adversely affected by the blood disorder thalassaemia.

All of the recipients of financial assistance during 2023 have told us at regular intervals how much they benefit from our continued support. In 2023, after very careful consideration, the trustees made a one-off grant payment of £5,722 direct to a hospital In Bucharest as a contribution towards the cost of heart surgery for one of the people to whom we provide regular financial support. The overall cost of the surgery exceeded £7,500 and trustees were pleased to note that this Individual had been able to fund-raise from family and friends In order to make up the difference in the cost of this procedure. The surgery was, we are told, both successful and life-saving, as this individual apparently could not have lived for many more months with this particular heart condition. The surgeon who carried out the procedure rang the appeal chair personally to confirm that the surgery had been both necessary and successful.

Having thalassaemia makes it much more difficult to hold down a regular job due to the effects of the illness itself and regular absences from work in order to attend medical treatment. We are delighted therefore that, during 2023, two people that we support have continued to prosper in their chosen careers despite constant concerns about their health and their ability to be present in the workplace.

## **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.

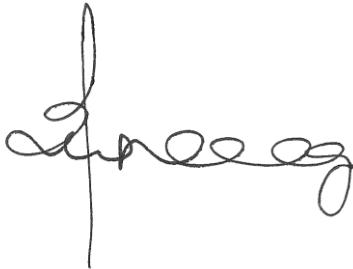
### Reserves Policy

As of 31 December, the charity had a general reserve of £14,374.97. 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; and
3. Continue to support families who are receiving payments from general funds 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 23 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Whalley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Name: Mr. Brian Whalley

Office: Trustee

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### Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended: 31 December 2023

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see page 6)	30,824.43	20,499.77
Total payments for the year (see page 7)	30,962.38	31,552.52
Net receipts (payments) for the year	(137.95)	(11,052.75)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	14,512.92	25,565.67
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	14,374.97	14,512.92

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Name: Mrs. Leslie A. Grant

Office: Treasurer

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### Receipts for the year ended: 31 December 2023

	Notes	This Year £	Previous Year £
DONATIONS			
From Individuals (Gift-Aid)	1	19,055.00	20,495.52
From Individuals and corporations (non Gift-Aid)		<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	2	19,555.00	20,495.52
FUND RAISING			
Fund raising from all sources		0.00	0.00
INTEREST			
Bank Interest (gross)	3	44.56	4.25
OTHER INCOME			
Income tax recovered on donations (Gift Aid)	4	11,224.87	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		30,824.43	20,499.77

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### Payments for the year ending: 31 December 2023

	Notes	This Year £	Previous Year £
DONATIONS / GRANTS MADE			
To Families		25,141.66	30,844.77
To Doctors / medical organizations	5	5,721.85	0.00
Travel grants to Romanians		0.00	0.00
		<u>30,863.51</u>	<u>30,844.77</u>
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Transfer Fees		98.87	89.75
Travel Expenses (to/from Romania)		0.00	0.00
Management & Administration	6	<u>0.00</u>	<u>618.00</u>
		98.87	707.75
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		30,962.38	31,552.52

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 2023

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current account	9,285.31	9,467.82
Bank Community Instant Reserve Account	5,089.66	5,045.10
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
	<u>14,374.97</u>	<u>14,512.92</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending: Gift Aid	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 (£19,055.00) were similar to last year (£20,495.52) but significantly lower than 2021. In 2021 two of the Appeal's supporters made additional donations of £4,000 each. The Trustees are not expecting these additional donations to be repeated in future years.

### 2) Statement of Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
Designated Funds					
Razvan Manole	£0.00	£12,246.38	(£12,246.38)	£0.00	£0.00
Total Designated Funds	£0.00	£12,246.38	(£12,246.38)	£0.00	£0.00
General Fund	£14,512.92	£18,578.05	(£18,716.00)	£0.00	£14,374.97
Total Funds	£14,512.92	£30,824.43	(£30,962.38)	£0.00	£14,374.97

3) Interest earned in 2023 (£44.56) is higher than 2022 (£4.25) due to higher savings account interest rates.

4) Income tax recovered on donations (Gift Aid): The 2021-2022 Gift Aid claim was not received last financial year due to a reporting error by the Treasurer. This was rectified and HMRC processed both the 2022 gift aid claim (£5,270.50 + £25.49 interest earned) and the 2022/23 Gift Aid claim of £5,928.88 in 2023.

5) Payments to Medical Organizations: £5,721.85 (RON32,500) was paid to Sanador SRL, Romania, as a contribution towards life-saving surgery and medical treatment for one young person.

6) Management & Administration Expenses are zero for 2023. As income for 2022 did not exceed £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts was not required by the Charity Commission. In previous years when needed, the trustees have appointed Azets Holdings Limited to undertake the independent examination.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Sunningdale Park Romania Appeal

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1096969

**Set out on pages**

Pages 1 to 9

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**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.

**Signed:**

*K. J. Stratton*

**Date:**

*26 October 2024*

**Name:**

Kenneth John Stratton

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

Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians 6195080

**Address:**

Brewery House

High Street, Twyford,

Winchester, SO21 1RG

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.**

The reserves policy is for there to be available 12 months of operating costs at any moment. As the annual operating costs are in the order of £30,000 the reserves at 31 December 2023 of £14,374 do not match this policy. However, the charity is well run and I am of the view the Trustees would not allow a situation to arise where responsibilities committed to in Romania could not be met.