



# **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023**

## **Children for Christ**

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

#### **Reference and Administrative details**

**Charity Number** 1099276

**Principal Address** 1 Watermead Road, Portsmouth, PO6 1LL

#### **Trustees**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year-end were as follows:

Val White

John McHardy

Philip Mansfield

Alison Mansfield

David Ferries

**Treasurer** David Ferries

**Secretary** Val White

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are:

- to advance the religious education of children (and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, children in Romania) in accordance with the doctrine and principles of the Christian faith, including by means of Sunday schools and Bible clubs and otherwise;
- to advance the education (including the social and physical training) of children (and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, children in Romania)
- to relieve children (and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, children in Romania) who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by reason of their social and economic circumstances or who are suffering from illness, disease or disability; and.
- to advance such other exclusively charitable purposes for the benefit of children (and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, children in Romania) as the Trustees shall see fit.



## **Achievements and Performance**

The charity seeks to achieve these objectives by its close work with Copii pentru Cristos ("CpC Romania"), a Romanian registered charity, by raising funds and other aid to support the work of CpC Romania. This is achieved through the delivery of regular newsletters to a large number of supporters in England and Northern Ireland to keep them updated and interested in the work. This, together with occasional presentation visits to churches by Trustees, does prompt financial support and camp visitor interest. In the UK Children for Christ ("CfC England"), together with its team of supporters in Northern Ireland, has continued to work closely with its sister charity, Children for Christ in Scotland ("CfC Scotland"). CfC Scotland is a charity registered in Scotland with similar aims, namely to support the work of CpC Romania and Copii Pentru Hristos, Moldova.

In this financial year grants totalling £27,000 were sent to CpC Romania. These grants were for annual support to assist in the costs of holiday camps, bible study materials, leaders training packs. A grant of £7,000 was sent in May 2023 and a further £20,000 sent in October 2023. There were no restrictions on the grants in this financial year

In previous years a number of teams of volunteers from churches in the UK spent time at the campsite in Varfurile, Romania run by CpC Romania where they carried out maintenance work on the facilities on the site. Two of our trustees were in camp, on separate dates, over the summer of 2023 and assisted in various ways when on site.

Where requested the English charity will share its experience of the Romanian camp site with visiting teams but the responsibility for the visit remains entirely with the leaders of the visiting teams. Whilst not organising the teams the charity does seek to co-ordinate the visits so as not to overload the Romanian campsite with too many volunteers at any one time.

CfC Scotland collects, sorts and pack good quality second hand clothing and household items. Our team of supporters in Northern Ireland undertakes similar work. Each Spring, together with CfC Scotland, a lorry is organised to collect the boxes of clothing together with any other aid that has been donated. This is then transported to the site in Romania. CpC Romania gives some to needy local families and also sells some locally to raise funds to support the work, whilst other aid is used directly in the running or development of the campsite.

The cost of the transportation of these goods is shared equally between CfC England and CfC Scotland and in this financial year the transportation costs borne by CfC Scotland was £9,208. Hence, the 50% share due by CfC England is £4,604 and that was paid in two payments, £2,419 was paid in February 2023 and £2,185 was paid in September 2023.

The planned deputation visit of the team from Romania in Oct/Nov 2023 was targeted at specific areas in Scotland. One of our trustees participated in several of the events and there was also a joint Zoom meeting with the deputation from CpC Romania that was attended by some of our trustees.

## **Financial Review**

Fund raising is mainly carried out through visits to churches, which have personal links with the trustees and other personal efforts of the trustees.

During the year the trustees have continued to seek to raise funds by promoting the work through regular newsletters to supporters and through a range of fund-raising initiatives as

well as encouraging supporters to make regular donations. A team of dedicated supporters in Northern Ireland continue to play a vital role in assisting with the fund raising.

As a small charity the income is very dependent upon the efforts of the individual trustees and supporters to publicise the work of the charity. As a result, income is expected to fluctuate significantly from one year to the next. With that in mind the funds raised during 2023 were acceptable.

The charity will maintain necessary funds for its legal future obligations and will, in addition, endeavour to maintain sufficient funds to cover donations to the overseas work equivalent to six months' donations of the agreed annual donations which are presently £7,000.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

Together with CfC Scotland and the team in Northern Ireland it is our intention to continue to raise support for the on-going work in Romania and to support the leaders in Romania practically, financially and through prayer.

The ongoing promotion of the work by visits to interested churches will continue together with regular mailing to individual supporters. Other fundraising ideas are to be investigated throughout the coming year.

Initial investigations to the potential amalgamation of the trusteeships across Scotland and England and bringing in the team in Northern Ireland more formally showed that the present structure currently serves each charity satisfactorily in their geographical area. However, should the amalgamation of the England and Scotland charities prove to be more beneficial to the work in Romania then that would then be considered at that time.

### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets for the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Trustees

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John McHardy

Chairman of the Trustees

24<sup>th</sup> February 2024



CHILDREN FOR CHRIST (ENGLAND) - CHARITY NUMBER 1099276  
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - FY2023

	31-Dec-23 20,047.04	31-Dec-22 18,011.04
<b>Balance Brought Forward at 1 January</b>		
<b>Income - See Table 1</b>		
General Donations	11,819.93	10,665.42
Restricted Donations	15,000.00	1,500.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	1,649.78	6,202.95
Interest	61.69	3.58
Deputation Income	0.00	0.00
	28,531.40	18,371.95
<b>General Expenditure - See Table 2</b>		
Postage	294.83	311.95
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	30.00	15.00
Fundraising expense	0.00	0.00
Trustees Travel	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Administration	82.20	9.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00
Transport	4,603.88	0.00
Deputation Expenses	0.00	0.00
	(5,010.91)	(335.95)
<b>Donations sent to Romania - See Table 3</b>		
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Camp / Travel Food	0.00	0.00
Children's Camp fees	0.00	0.00
Specific Support Casa Harry	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
General Support	27,000.00	16,000.00
Volunteer grant	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.00	0.00
	(27,000.00)	(16,000.00)
<b>Receipts over Expenditure</b>	(3,479.51)	2,036.00
<b>Balance Carried Forward at 31 December</b>	<b>16,567.53</b>	<b>20,047.04</b>
<b>Lloyds Current Account</b>	<b>7,295.00</b>	<b>10,506.20</b>
<b>Lloyds Deposit Account</b>	<b>7,071.08</b>	<b>7,009.39</b>
<b>Barclays NI Account</b>	<b>2,201.45</b>	<b>2,531.45</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>16,567.53</b>	<b>20,047.04</b>

Approved by the Management Committee on

24<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024

and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson:

Treasurer:

The accounts of the charity Children for Christ (England) have been checked by me and found to be in agreement with the books, records and other explanations provided.

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Leslie A Moore

Qualification:

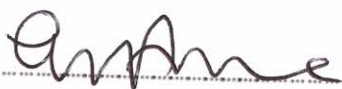
Retired Accountant

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST (ENGLAND) - CHARITY NUMBER 1099276  
BALANCE SHEET - FY2023

		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Balance at Bank	Lloyds Current Account	7,295.00	10,506.20
	Lloyds Deposit Account	7,071.08	7,009.39
	Barclays Current Account	2,201.45	2,531.45
Petty Cash	England	0.00	0.00
	N Ireland	0.00	0.00
Other Assets		0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Net Assets		<u>16,567.53</u>	<u>20,047.04</u>
General Reserves	England	7,366.08	8,015.59
General Reserves	N. Ireland	2,201.45	2,531.45
Specified Reserves	Romania Camp	0.00	2,500.00
	Camp Fees	0.00	0.00
	Casa Harry	0.00	0.00
	General	7,000.00	7,000.00
		<u>16,567.53</u>	<u>20,047.04</u>

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Signature:



Date:

4/8/24

Name:

Leslie A Moore

Address:

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Stepps, Glasgow, G33 6DE

Qualification:

Retired Accountant