

# **Helping His Hungarian Heroes**

Charity number: 1100270

## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 January 2023**

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2023

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of Helping His Hungarian Heroes ('4H' or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 January 2023.

### Reference and Administrative Information

<b>Charity name</b>	Helping His Hungarian Heroes
<b>Other names used by the Charity</b>	'4H' and '4H' / 'Magyar Misszió' (working names)
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1100270
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered as a charity with effect from 23 October 2003
<b>Registered office</b>	Helping His Hungarian Heroes 28 Oaklands Elton Road Clevedon BS21 7QZ

### Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below, along with the dates when they were appointed:

Mr Peter D Aston	7th June 2010
Dr Eric C Barrett (Chairperson)	27th January 2003
Mrs Rosemary J Barrett (Secretary)	16th June 2003
Mr Karl A Brunning	7th June 2010
Mr Michael S Bryant	27th January 2003
Mr David J Clarke	27th January 2003
Mrs Sally Ann Winsor	11th July 2016

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC Bank PLC 10 Colliers Walk Nailsea Bristol BS48 1RL
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	P E Hodges CPFA 74 Cottrell Road Bristol BS5 6TN
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### Structure, Governance and Management

#### *Governing Document*

'4H' is a registered charity governed in accordance with its Declaration of Trust made on 16 August 2003.

The Charity Commission granted '4H' registered charity status on 23 October 2003.

#### *Organisational structure*

'4H' is governed by the Trustees who comprise members of churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice a year, and normally three times a year, to set policy and review the activities of the Trust. The annual general meeting of the Trustees was held on 12 February 2019.

#### *Recruitment and appointment of Trustees*

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with '4H'.

#### *Risk Management*

At each of their meetings the Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which '4H' faces. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels.

#### *Charity Governance Code*

The Trustees have studied the Charity Governance Code and discussed it at length. The Trustees consider that while much of it does not apply to '4H', in areas where it does apply the Trust is in compliance with the good practice the Code recommends, and in several respects significantly surpasses its recommendations. Para 5.7.3 of the Code says that Trustees serving for more than 9 years should be reviewed. The Board agreed at its July 2019 meeting that in future all Trustees should be treated the same, including Founding Trustees.

During 2022, '4H' was required to review its policies and associated procedures in respect of a list of topics provided by CCEW, and to say when they were most recently reviewed. The Board discussed the list at length and agreed the following positions as from 28 June 2022:

#### *Procedures: common to all categories:*

If and when an issue of potential concern is drawn to our notice, the matter is recorded, and addressed as appropriate and as quickly as possible via the following hierarchy of responsible persons:

- \* The Directors
- \* The Board of Trustees
- \* External advisors
- \* Selected professionals

and thereafter, if and as necessary, by reference to the most appropriate authority(ies).



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#### *Policies: specific to each category:*

- a. **Bullying and harassment:** '4H' discourages, and does not tolerate, bullying or harassment of any kind.
- b. **Conflict of interest:** if and when we become aware of any conflicts of interest in our areas of activity, we adjust our operations accordingly to minimise or eliminate their present and possible future effects.
- c. **Financial controls:** the Board of '4H' meets once each year to agree a provisional Annual Budget, and regularly to monitor income and approve expenditure. The Books are open to all Trustees, and are independently and professionally examined as the Charity Commission requires.
- d. **Safeguarding:** a policy on this is not necessary for us as we have no direct contact with either children or vulnerable adults.
- e. **Complaints:** any complaint about a Director, Trustee, volunteer, or recipient of '4H' assistance is considered on its merits, and action taken accordingly.
- f. **Whistleblowing:** we positively encourage anyone who has serious concerns about any aspect of '4H' or its ministries to come forward and voice them clearly and simply, and we follow up on their concerns
- g. **Reserves:** we aim to maintain a financial reserve sufficient to at least cover the 'committed' expenditure we have promised for 12 months ahead.
- h. **Political activities:** '4H' is an entirely apolitical organisation whose raison d'être is spiritual.
- i. **Volunteers:** our volunteer policy is governed by the general ethos and modus operandi of our mission, plus our commitment to diversity, individual dignity, personal integrity, group respect and trust, and above all the Christian ministry of service to God and those whom we are seeking to serve.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objective of '4H' is the advancement the Christian faith by providing help and support for Bible-believing Hungarian Churches and Christians and their work in Hungary itself, and among Hungarian speaking communities in regions of Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine which were parts of Hungary before the Treaty of Trianon in 1920.

During the year '4H' gratefully received voluntary assistance from its Trustees, other individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of '4H' would be severely limited.

The following report provides further information regarding the activities that were undertaken by '4H' during the year ended 31 January 2023.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

The twentieth year of '4H' activities was relatively free from effects of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic that so badly impacted on those of the two previous years but, very sadly, another international crisis took its toll instead, namely the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in the first month of our 2022/3 Financial Year. This came to seriously influence what we could do, and had to do in the Hungarian-speaking region of Central and Eastern Europe, as we responded to the fresh challenges faced by those Hungarians we part-support in Ukraine itself, and the needs and aspirations of Hungarian Churches and Christian organisations in Hungary and Romania as they sought to help refugees from the war zones.

Directors Dr Eric and Mrs Rosemary Barrett were glad to be able to personally visit Hungary and Romania in March and September 2022, and Serbia also in July of that year. Together these three "Multipurpose Missions" were the most in any year since 2019 before the Covid-19 pandemic began. Additionally local colleagues were able, for the third year running, to carry out a number of other tasks for '4H', e.g. in respect of locally-sourced 'Christmas Gift Boxes' for Young People in South-west Ukraine because following BREXIT such boxes still cannot be sent from the UK. In addition to meeting with, encouraging and discussing projects with more Hungarian church leaders than in recent years, the Barretts were glad to be able to meet some local pastors and denominational leaders for the first time in three years.

The shadow of the Covid pandemic continued to constrain the speaker meetings the Barretts were invited to take in the UK in churches and other venues, whether regular meetings or special events, and Zoom and live-stream events were in total no more than in the previous year. Thus the Barretts were able to speak in person in 33 church services or other meetings, and input by Zoom in one more, compared with 18 in person and 15 on-line in 2021-22. It was good, though, that the number of face-to-face meetings with prayer partners and others were much higher than during the pandemic.

Once again the year 2022-23 witnessed the 'Homecall' of several long-term supporters of '4H', and because public speaker meetings were still less than half those expected in a 'normal' year, there were few new additions to our Mailing List which therefore remained about the same length at the end of the FY compared with its beginning. Monetary gifts and payments received for books and cards were very similar to those in 2021-22. With the Bank Rate rising towards the end of the 2022-23 FY, interest received on '4H' reserves held temporarily in savings accounts with HSBC and COIF increased modestly, to about 1.5% of the year's total receipts. Meanwhile, in comparison with the previous Financial Year, the number of Standing Orders from personal supporters remained about the same at the end of FY2022-23 as it had been at the end of FY 2021-2. Total income from personal Standing Orders continued to run at about 10% of the total receipts for another year. Happily, Gift Aid recovered from HMRC during the year ending 31 Jan 2023 was £18,220, up from £14,370 in our previous FY. '4H' continues to encourage donors to sign Gift Aid forms if they can, and our Gift Aid receipts have increased by some 50% compared with FY 2020-21.

Nine churches supported '4H' regularly via Standing Orders or regular Bank transfers in FY 2022-23, (a net change of plus two compared with the previous year), contributing in total to more than 8% of the total receipts for the year, and up by about one-quarter on the year. Certain other churches have made one or more contributions during the year, some very generously indeed.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

As usual though, we are indebted most of all to all our 'regular' private financial supporters, plus our individual 'impulse' donors, who together gave some two-thirds of all '4H' income in 2022-23, either by cheque or, increasingly, by direct Bank Transfer.

The total income of the mission in FY 2022-23 was £147,526, compared with £152,221 in FY 2021-22, a fall of approx. 3%, but this was a good result in view of the many price rises that have followed the commencement of the Ukraine War, and the Trustees are grateful indeed for it. However, we cannot know how much of the approximately £31K given specifically to help support the five Ukrainian refugee reception centres we selected early in the FY (see below) would have been given to '4H' had the war not taken place at all.

#### Support for improvements to church buildings

The expenditure by '4H' on Hungarian projects and ministries in 2022-23 was £149,755 compared with £144,531 in 2021-22. This is some £21,000 lower than budgeted at the beginning of the FY, because of the many difficulties for projects that arose during the course of the year as consequences of the war in Ukraine, and its effects on costs of materials and energy; plus hangovers from the Covid pandemic especially affecting the availability of skilled labour.

From the total expenditure, approx. £45K went towards church building and improvement projects, some £10K less than originally planned. The chief reason for this is explained below, under the sub-heading: 'Possible New Roma Church Building Projects in NE Hungary'. Otherwise, further progress was made with three church building projects that first came to receive '4H' support during 2018/19 to 2020/21, and with two new projects begun during 2021/22 itself. These were at:

**Beregszász (Ukraine):** Last year we reported excellent progress in the largely Hungarian-speaking border town of Beregszász with the transformation of two centrally-located buildings and some adjacent land to house its recently planted and growing new Hungarian Baptist Fellowship. As we anticipated in last year's report, by the end of 2021 the shell of the new worship centre in the rebuilt smaller structure was already complete, and it was possible for special Christmas/New Year services and other events to be held in the nearly-completed Worship Room. Meanwhile in 2022, and despite the hostilities further east in Ukraine, work on rebuilding the upper floor of the larger structure next door was recommenced in the middle of this year with financial help from '4H', so that its walls and roof have now been put in place, and the space safely enclosed.

**Pilisvörösvár (Hungary):** '4H' had been aware for some years of the urgent need for proper church premises for a Baptist 'church plant' in this town NW of Budapest. During 2019 alone the Fellowship had to move their place of worship four times – not the best way to grow any congregation. Thus, '4H' was glad to hear that in the Spring of 2019 building work had at last started on the planned new church building on a plot of land not far from the town centre. Work progressed well during that year, and with some additional financial help from '4H' in the Autumn, plus matching funds from the Hungarian Baptist Union, it was possible by that year's end to roof and enclose the structure. Work continued on and off though 2020, as and when the pandemic allowed.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

**Pilisvörösvár (Hungary):** In 2021, the project was unfortunately hit by further delaying effects of the pandemic on the availability of both workers and materials, as well as by related and significant rises in building costs. We were therefore very glad to see rapid progress being made on the site in the last few months of 2021, and to learn of a local government grant that had unexpectedly been secured that enabled good progress to be made on the main public areas of the new church building during 2022. It is now hoped

**Kőszeg (Hungary):** During 2020/21, there was exciting news about a new possibility in this small town very near the western border of Hungary with Austria, where a Baptist Fellowship that Dr Barrett knew from the start was planted in the town nearly 20 years ago. In the mid-1990s he made an initial visit to Hungary with a Practical Mission Team to work on the house of the Kőszeg Lay Pastor and his family that included a severely cerebral palsied son. Sadly, the Fellowship was rendered 'homeless' in mid-2020 when the Music School in which it had been meeting on Sundays had to close at least temporarily because of Covid-19. More happily, in the autumn of 2020 we learned that a small towncentre restaurant had also closed due to the pandemic – but in this case permanently, and its building (ground floor retail area, plus attic and basement) was up for sale. Responding to a request from the Hungarian Baptist Union, '4H' was able and glad to make a substantial, indeed crucial, contribution to the purchase of those premises to become the new 'imaház' (Prayer House) for the Kőszeg Baptist Fellowship. The purchase was completed just before Christmas 2020, along with the blessing of the Town Council for its proposed change of use. An on-site Thanksgiving Service was held there on 17 January 2021, and conversion work on it has continued ever since. In August 2021, the Barretts visited the Fellowship, and their new premises and, after some delays due to unexpected technical challenges with the conversion work, it is now planned that the official opening ceremony will be held in the Spring of 2023. '4H' is glad to have been able to give a further gift to cover the purchase of 50 chairs for the new Worship Room, and these were procured during our FY 2022-23. It is hoped that the town centre location of the new 'imaház' will be the stimulus the Fellowship needs to grow further, and to raise its profile and range of ministries in the town and district.

**New KCA Projects in Romania:** In last year's report we commented that '4H' has often in the past worked with the indigenous Hungarian-Roma orientated Keresztyén Cigánymisszió Alapítvány (KCA), on several occasions providing the finances for the materials that KCA workers and local church members could use to build new Hungarian Roma Baptist Churches in Transylvania. In October 2021 the Directors of '4H' met with KCA leaders in their offices in Debrecen, Hungary to discuss further joint efforts in the later stages of the Covid pandemic. It was agreed that we would help with two new projects immediately, and during late 2021 and in 2022 excellent progress was made at:

**Körtvélyes (Romania):** where there is an existing church building serving a growing and vibrant Fellowship and the surrounding community, but a building that needed to be extended, and having a roof that needed to be replaced. The '4H' grant to make those developments possible has now led to much-improved and extended church premises, visited by our Directors, Dr and Mrs Eric Barrett in May 2022.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

**Ércávás (Romania):** where a Roma church-plant quite urgently required a suitable 'home of its own'. The three readyequipped prefabricated units that '4H' agreed in FY2021-22 to fund were procured in early 2022, and an Opening and Thanksgiving Service for the new church premises was held early in March 2022, when Rosemary Barrett 'cut the ribbon' and Eric Barrett was the main speaker. The Roma Fellowship is thriving in its new premises, and experiencing much blessing in them. Late in 2022 '4H' was glad to help it further by giving an additional gift so that new solar panels on the roof could supply power to church, and reduce its reliance on an electricity generator.

**Possible New Roma Church Building Projects in NE Hungary:** During 2021 and 2022 we became aware of the potential, and need, for new Roma church premises in the large villages of Hajduhadház and Mezőladány, and allocated some £40,000 for these, but this has not (yet) been spent. This is because the search for the best types of new church structures for '4H' to help fund in these times of rapidly rising building costs has been more difficult and protracted than we envisaged only one year earlier. These searches and discussions are continuing into 2023.

#### Humanitarian Aid

Last year we reported that because of several and significant post-Brexit problems with the sending of Humanitarian 'Aid' into the EU in general and into Hungary and Romania in particular, we were unable and unwilling to prepare any further shipments until we learned from other agencies that the situation had radically changed. This was sad, for we not only have many potential donors of goods eager to give them to us, but also have Hungarian organisations that are pressing us to send them more 'Aid' because the need in some quarters is greater now than it was even in the recent past. As in 2021-22, because it has not yet been possible for other 'Aid' agencies outside the EU (e.g., Blythswood and Samaritans Purse) to send Christmas Gift Boxes to this region as they did before BREXIT, '4H' again made a substantial gift to a Hungarian pastor and his wife in SW Ukraine so they themselves, from local sources, could assemble much-appreciated Gift Boxes for children and Young People in several Hungarian churches in that area of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine.

One piece of good news is that we were able during 2022 to send our first VAT- and Duty-free parcel consignments of books into Romania (for the Hungarian Baptist Seminary Library in Nagyvárad [Oradea]), with the help of the Hungarian Convention of Baptist Churches in that country. We will soon test whether that was a 'one-off' off event, or whether it can be repeated, perhaps even regularly as should be possible with goods sent from one Registered Charity to another.

We can also report that in the latter half of 2022 we were able to send two used mobility scooters into Romania free from import charges thanks to another UK Charity that sends surplus medical goods and equipment by truck to central Romania. Once more we will see what happens when we seek to send a further scooter by the same route.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

Another potentially good news development is that the Hungarian Baptist Union in Budapest, Hungary have negotiated the draft of an agreement with Hungarian Customs to allow the VAT- and Duty-free entry of pallets of closely-specified types of 'Aid' from '4H' into Hungary for distribution by the HBU. We have studied the text of this agreement, and are awaiting answers to several questions we have about this new protocol before going on to test it with a trial pallet of goods.

#### Leadership Support

We are glad that, in our FY 2022-23, '4H' was able to make more visits to 'Greater Hungary' than in the previous two years, so that our Directors were able to give more 'love gifts' to help support and encourage selected Hungarian pastors and pastors' wives whom they were able to visit in Hungary, Romania and Serbia.

Meanwhile, the '4H' 'Young Workers Project' – by which we help the Hungarian Baptist Union make it possible for several young Christian leaders each year to begin or develop their ministries – continued apace despite adjustments necessitated by the pandemic. In 2021/22, '4H' continued to part-support deaf worker Bokros Andrea (Hungary) and the group under her leadership that has continued its internationally acclaimed pioneer ministry producing 'deaf friendly' videos of selected parts of the Bible, and some Bible-based dramas in Hungarian sign language. We extended '4H' part-support for indigenous Christian charity leaders Ficsor Donát and Barbara (Hungary), and worked with them especially on further new literature projects. We were also glad to be able to go on supporting dedicated Hungarian-speaking 'missionaries' Nagy-Kásza Dani and Ilóna (Ukraine); church-planters Gergely and Krisztina in Dunaharaszti and Fülöp Áron and Mogi in Buda (all in Hungary); plus Roma Pastor Fogárosi Deszó (Akós, Romania). We were glad that all three of the Pastoral Apprentices we were part-supporting in Hungary during the final year of their studies at the Baptist Seminary in Budapest in 2022-23 graduated successfully in the summer of 2022. Two have been ordained into pastorates, and the third to a youth pastorate in Hungary. In their place we are happy to have been able to take on the part support of five new Pastoral Apprentice under this on-going, successful scheme with the Hungarian Baptist Union: the most since before the Covid-19 pandemic began.

#### Camps, conferences, retreats and other public meetings

During the two successive FYs 2020-21 and 2021-2022, the Covid pandemic very adversely affected the programme of Camps and Conferences we would normally have helped support across 'Greater Hungary'. FY 2022-23 has been much better, so '4H' was glad to be able to financially support for the third time a 'Widows and Singles' Camp/Conference in Romania, and for the first time a residential Mens' Retreat in Hungary. It was a special privilege to also support a second 'Cold Camp' for Young People at Didergő in Sub-Carpathian Ukraine.

In 2022-23 it was possible not only to sponsor again a Hungarian Pastors' Family Camp at the Hargita Christian Camp high in the Carpathian Mountains of Romania, but also to arrange for their main speakers from the UK to be invited and make the long and somewhat challenging journey to that retreat complex.



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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, it had not been possible for Dr & Mrs Barrett, during their three 'Field' visits in FYs 2020–21 and 2021–22, to speak in Hungarian universities, schools or public arenas. Thus it was good for all concerned that they were able to do so several times in FY 2022–23 in Hungary, Romania and Serbia, in addition to being involved in a significant number of church services too.

#### Literature preparation, production and distribution

For us in this sphere of activity, 2022–23 was, of necessity on account of the many needs arising from the Ukraine war, a relatively quiet year, but one that witnessed some significant achievements:

**FIRST:** '4H' was yet again been able to purchase numbers of Hungarian Bibles and New Testaments, and Children's Bibles, at special discount prices from the Hungarian Reformed Church publisher, '4H's sister mission, Kálvin Kiadó in Budapest, and distribute them to churches, pastors and church planters in Hungary and Romania.

**SECOND:** Following the printing in 2021–22 of winning titles from our Third Novel Competition in conjunction with indigenous mission, Örömhír Alapítvány in Orgovány, Hungary we found the response so positive that we had to reprint two of those four titles, namely:

**A lila cipő,** primarily for younger teenage girls: Second Printing 2000 copies (total to date, 6000 copies).

**Buksi,** primarily for under 10-year-olds: Second Printing, 3000 copies (total to date, 7000 copies).

In every case, '4H' paid the printing costs, and is the Copyright holder of the titles. The books are offered to churches and other Christian organisations free of charge.

In response to strong popular demand, a reprint was also arranged for 2000 additional copies of **Csodakrumprik**, the conversion and ministry story of Angus Buchan, a South Africa farmer and now mission leader.

**THIRD:** During 2022/23 '4H' continued its support for two Christian magazines produced by Hungarian churches in Romania, namely Eszter (for ladies) and Harmatcseppek (for children). We arranged for some copies to be sent regularly to groups of Hungarian churches in Serbia and Ukraine, and are undertaking a review of the need for regular copies of these excellent periodic publications in Hungary itself too, a process that has been delayed by the pandemic. We have recently begun to support the preparation of **Életjel** ('Life sign'), the new on-line magazine of **Második esély misszió** (the Second Chance Mission, Beregszász, Ukraine).

**FOURTH:** The three-year plan initiated by the Trustees of '4H' in 2021 to help improve the Library of the Hungarian Baptist Seminary in Nagyvárad (Oradea in Romanian) by repairing and extending its premises (Stage 1), advanced in 2022 to updating its stock of books and modernising the computer workstations and printers available to the student community and their lecturers (Stage 2), thereby setting the scene for further extending the Library's book stock and electronic resource materials (Stage 3) in FY 2023–24.

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#### Assisting refugees from the Ukraine War, and help for Hungarians who have been helping them

In March 2022 Dr and Mrs Barrett happened to commence a visit to Hungary and Romania on a planned itinerary just two weeks after the Russian invasion of Ukraine began. Thus they were able to witness first-hand the terror in those countries adjoining Ukraine that they might be invaded too, or otherwise be dragged into the conflict themselves. The Barretts were involved in certain church events in NE Hungary and NW Romania that were very much overshadowed by fear of the 'war next door'. They were also able to see for themselves the mass exodus of refugees that was already in process from Ukraine, and to meet personally some of those who were keen to get as far away as possible from the war zone – speaking of their wish to travel to Australia or Canada.

Impressed by the desire in Hungarian Christian circles to provide 'safe and welcoming spaces' for refugees whether these were ethnic Hungarians or not, when the Barretts returned home, they and the Trustees of '4H' quickly formulated a policy of financial support for five centres known to them where God's love would be actively and practically shared with the refugees (who were mostly women and children, because men without three children under the age of 15 were being barred from leaving Ukraine). Four of the five are as follows:

1. **Pericei Hungarian Baptist Church in NW Romania** – where refugees have been mostly
2. **Hargita Hungarian Christian Camp** high in the Carpathian Mountains of central Romania.
3. **Debrecen Baptist Church in NE Hungary**, the largest such church in the country, and not far from the HungaroUkrainian border.
4. **Örömhír Alapítvány**, the Good News Foundation, an indigenous Christian mission in central Hungary, where '4H' has a 'base' and book repository.

In every case we made special donations to help with the costs of providing 'white goods', food and clothing for the refugees, and in some cases improvements to the necessary accommodation and facilities to enable guests arriving unexpectedly to have a reasonable level of comfort during their stays. A year on, all four centres still have refugee guests on site, but many have obtained local temporary employment and wish to 'pay their own way' as much as possible.

Meanwhile, what of the fifth centre we were specially glad to be able to help? This was the Second Chance Mission in Beregszász, Ukraine, in that quite small area of 'Sub-Carpathian Ukraine' that is west of the 8000-foot high Carpathian Mountains, and therefore relatively insulated from the devastating hostilities in the rest of the country to the east of the mountain range, though still affected by power cuts, air raid warnings and severe financial consequences of the war on Ukraine's economy. Many fleeing from the war zone itself have not wished to leave the country, but to seek temporary respite in safer regions of it before hopefully returning to their homes before these could be appropriated by others with all the damage to, and loss of, personal property that might result.

One Hungarian missionary couple whom '4H' has part-supported for some years past have headed the team succouring refugees from further east, and we have been very glad to be able to help resource their amazing efforts to shelter, feed and comfort many unexpected refugee guests.



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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

We are very grateful to those in the UK who have given generously to '4H' so that support for those five centres could be given – and thrilled that there have been so many messages of appreciation for it. Even better, we know of many instances in which unexpected blessings were received by refugees, and by those caring for them, that would not have come about had the war not happened. Some of those blessings were described in the Summer 2022 Prayer/News Letter of '4H'.

Last but not least we can report that in FY 2022-23 '4H' has been glad to be able to sponsor a Summer Retreat for members of Hungarian Baptist Churches in Beregszász and Zápszony at Tahi Camp north of Budapest, Hungary, to provide respite and encouragement for those led to return to stay in Ukraine as long as possible; Christmas Gift Boxes for local children living in SW Ukraine; and also a Winter 'Cold Camp' in SW Ukraine now scheduled for February 2003 for young people living in that region.

#### Team of helpers

Throughout our FY2022-23, professional maintenance of the '4H' financial accounts has continued to be the responsibility of Mrs Libby Morris who is also a Member of Dr Barrett's home church in Bristol. We are very grateful indeed to her for the cheerful and speedy way in which she gives her services, and for her quick eye

Another fellow church member, Philip Hodges, has continued to serve '4H' as its Independent Examiner, and we are grateful to him too for his voluntary service.

Most of the drafting of documents, and the preparation of final proofs of them for printing continues to be undertaken by Dr Barrett, but many Hungarian – and some English -- friends have helped when needed, especially with interpretation, translation and advice on advanced graphic design.

Maintenance of the computers used for '4H' in the office in the Barretts' home in Clevedon remains a testing challenge, and this year we have needed help with this from several sources, some commercial and some

Other local friends and neighbours cheerfully help with the preparation of our quarterly mailings to Prayer Supporters, and in some cases with their distribution too.

#### Overall Performance

In summary, 2022-23 quickly became another unexpectedly challenging year for us. This was not only because of remaining effects of the global COVID-19 crisis and the added complexities and frustrations that BREXIT has brought, but also because of the war in Ukraine. This has already had very significant effects both on Hungarian churches and Believers we were established to help, and also on our supporters in the UK and elsewhere -- directly through rising prices of energy, goods and services and indirectly through reductions in personal disposable income.

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#### Objectives and Activities (continued)

The number of long-term supporters of '4H' on our mailing lists continues to decline slowly, but we are glad to report that some new additions to them have been added in FY 2022-23 as we have been able to speak more in public meetings in the UK than in the previous two years. Thus, giving to '4H' actually was only about £10K less in FY 2022-23 compared with the previous year. We are indeed grateful to God, and to all our donors, for this encouraging result. Thus, there has been a close match between income and expenditure in FY 2022-23, and therefore only a very small reduction in our available cash funds at the end of this year compared with the previous one, which currently stand at a little over £200K. In view of the many uncertainties we face in respect of future giving to '4H' in the year ahead, coupled with the rising costs of labour, and already significantly higher costs of energy and materials, we consider holding such a reserve is both prudent and necessary at this time.

The Trustees of '4H' are glad that, as testified by the achievements 'in the Field' as summarised above, so much was achieved this year despite the national and international pressures under which we have had to operate. Many warm expressions of thanks received from Hungarian-speaking church leaders and others in the Carpathian Basin during this very challenging year testify to the effectiveness of our performance.

In keeping with our long-established 'business model', a very high proportion of '4H' income has once again been dispensed 'in the Field', with less than 3% spent on home office and ancillary costs, and 0% on staff, because '4H' has no paid employees. In addition to talks in public meetings, we continue to share information on our current projects and ministries via quarterly mailings to those who have signified a wish to receive them from us, supplemented by additional information on our 'Multipurpose Missions' to those on our email contact list. The Directors also respond by letter or email to those UK churches that ask for up-to-date topics for prayer, and personally acknowledge every gift that is received for the work.

#### Public benefit

In setting and frequently adjusting the objectives and planning activities of '4H', its Trustees continue to give due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. In summary, our Trust continues to be essentially an 'enabling organisation' that seeks to help Hungarian speaking Churches and Christians to achieve more of their own goals by enabling friends in the UK to help them to do so.

Thus, working closely with its UK supporters and supporting churches, '4H' continues to advance the Christian faith by providing help and support for Bible-believing Churches and Christians in Hungary and in Hungarian-speaking regions of Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and south-west Ukraine.

# Helping His Hungarian Heroes

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2023

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### Financial Review

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 January 2023 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from unrestricted and restricted gifts received from individual supporters and churches. Expenditure includes office administration and printing costs and field ministry costs associated with travel to and from Hungarian speaking countries to encourage and support church pastors and their local initiatives.

'4H's total receipts in the year ended 31 January 2023 were £147,526 (2022: £152,221), and its total payments were £149,755 (2022: £146,531), resulting in net payments for the year of £2,229 (2022: net receipts £5,690 ).

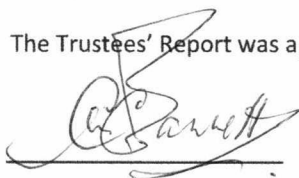
As at 31 January 2023 '4H's cash funds were £206,196, comprising unrestricted general funds of £206,196 (2022: £208,425) and restricted funds of £Nil (2022: £Nil).

### Reserves Policy

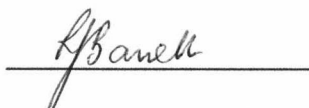
The Trustees are committed to maintaining an adequate level of reserves for general funds. As at 31 January 2023 the Trustees recognised that the Trust had reserves in excess of that needed to cover its normal operating costs. As a result the Trustees continue to actively seek opportunities for '4H' to support Hungarian-speaking church initiatives in the areas of church building and restoration projects, literature projects, pastoral support and supporting youth and disabled Christian camps.

### Declaration

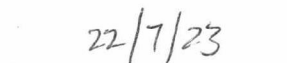
The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



and



on



Dr Eric C Barrett  
Chairperson

Mrs Rosemary J Barrett  
Secretary

Date

## Helping His Hungarian Heroes

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 January 2023

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts	107,152	39,129	146,281	152,197
Interest received	1,245	-	1,245	24
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>108,397</b>	<b>39,129</b>	<b>147,526</b>	<b>152,221</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>108,397</b>	<b>39,129</b>	<b>147,526</b>	<b>152,221</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church building projects	44,350	500	44,850	65,665
Literature projects	16,675	-	16,675	19,537
Pastor support	26,473	5,350	31,823	38,134
Disabled support	3,010	1,200	4,210	399
Camps & Subsistence	9,252	500	9,752	16,059
Response to Results of Ukraine War	287	31,579	31,866	-
Field ministry expenses	5,707	-	5,707	3,121
Printing, postage and stationery costs	4,030	-	4,030	2,116
Sundry costs	-	-	-	1,005
Bank charges	842	-	842	495
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>110,626</b>	<b>39,129</b>	<b>149,755</b>	<b>146,531</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>110,626</b>	<b>39,129</b>	<b>149,755</b>	<b>146,531</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(2,229)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,229)</b>	<b>5,690</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	208,425	-	208,425	202,735
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>206,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206,196</b>	<b>208,425</b>

## Helping His Hungarian Heroes

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 January 2023

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	As at 31 January	
			2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	71,641	-	71,641	70,770
HSBC Bank PLC	134,555	-	134,555	137,655
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>206,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206,196</b>	<b>208,425</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift aid recoverable from HMRC	15,594	-	15,594	18,015
<b>Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Supplier accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



on

22/7/23

Dr Eric C Barrett  
Chairperson

Date

## Helping His Hungarian Heroes

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF HELPING HIS HUNGARIAN HEROES

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I report on the financial statements of Helping His Hungarian Heroes for the year ended 31 January 2023 which are set out on pages 13 and 14.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

#### Basis of the independent examiner's statement

My 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 financial statements 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 my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

P E Hodges CPFA  
Independent Examiner  
74 Cottrell Road  
Bristol BS5 6TN

Signed:

P. E. Hodges

Date:

22/7/23