



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day

01

Month

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Year

23

To

Period end date

Day

31

Month

03

Year

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Retrouvaille in England and Wales

Other names charity is known by Retrouvaille

Registered charity number (if any) 1110330

47b Batten Avenue

Woking

Surrey

Postcode

GU21 8TP

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	Owen O'Connor *	Chair		Trustee Board
2	Helen O'Connor			
3	Kathy Jones *	Secretary		
4	Clive Jones			
5	James Westby			
6	Sharon Westby			
7	Fr Anthony Jackson *	Trustee		
8	Michael L'Estrange	Coordinator		
9	Caroline L'Estrange *	Coordinator		
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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

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not Applicable

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 9th April 2005, as amended on 12th May 2005
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by 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.

Retrouvaille in England and Wales is affiliated with Retrouvaille International Inc (a Texas USA Corporation).

The Charity is subject to Retrouvaille International bylaws regarding structure and organisation and works within these and the Charity Commissions parameters.

Retrouvaille is part of an Alliance of National Catholic Marriage organisations in England and Wales, meeting together every 4-6 weeks.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To provide Christian education so that Couples may have an understanding of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of married life.

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)

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to it. They consider the information which follows demonstrates the benefit to the public.

Retrouvaille's primary goal is to provide help for couples who live in the disappointment and pain of marriage problems and ultimately to help save marriages by providing advocacy, advice, information and education. In addition, further education and training is provided to the volunteers who run the programmes.

The Retrouvaille Programme consists of **Phase 1**: a residential or virtual weekend of presentations by a team of couples and a priest all of whom have previously completed the programme and have been guided and mentored to a high standard during their preparation.

During the weekend aspect of the programme, the team presents techniques of communication and share how they benefited from the techniques and enable those participating to learn and practise the techniques under the team's guidance. After each presentation, time is allocated for the couples to reflect and discuss in complete privacy.

The weekend (**Phase 1**) is followed by **Phase 2**: This is 12 x 2-hour sessions weekly or 4 x 6-hour days. During these sessions, the techniques learned on the weekend are further developed with additional skills introduced to enhance previous learning. Retrouvaille is open to couples from 1 - 50+ years married.

Atheists, agnostics and those of various religions are respected for their beliefs and are welcome to attend for the benefit of their marriage. This is stated on our website, brochures and other publicity.

Each couple is asked to make a donation to help cover the cost of the programme. No couple is denied the opportunity to heal and renew their marriage because they lack financial means.

Couples who have completed the Retrouvaille programme (**Phases 1 and 2**) and who desire further enrichment and support can join ongoing monthly support evenings. These became virtual in mid-March 2020 and continued twice monthly in this fiscal year.

All activities are undertaken by volunteers.

Retrouvaille in England and Wales has set in place Policies to protect both the beneficiaries and volunteers in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

There were two virtual Retrouvaille programmes and one face-to-face programme, ie weekend plus twelve weekly Post Sessions. The programmes commenced in July 2023, October 2023 and February 2024. Sixty-six couples participated in the programme during this period.

Virtual CORE sessions took place twice a month.

The Coordinators, a presenting couple and one priest participated in the International Council Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa on behalf of Retrouvaille England and Wales in October 2023.

Coordinators, a presenting couple, one other couple and one priest attended the European Regional Meeting on behalf of Retrouvaille England and Wales in November 2023 in Padua, Italy.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Retrouvaille has no binding reserve policy.

The Trustees aim to hold in reserve an amount approximately equivalent to one year's operating expenses (around £30,000)

A limited amount of financial assistance is available upon application from Retrouvaille International. This facility has not been used during the year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

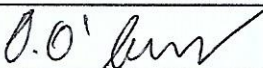
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Retrouvaille is primarily funded by couples attending the programmes who are requested to provide a donation to cover the costs of the programme and, if possible, to cover costs of future couples attending the programme who might have financial difficulties

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)		
Full name(s)	Owen O'Connor	Helen O'Connor
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28 / 01 / 25	


Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-April-2023	To	Period end date 31-March-2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Weekend Programmes	16,300	-	-	16,300	24,484
Regular donations	7,834	-	-	7,834	3,688
Benefactors	400	-	-	400	250
Miscellaneous	441	-	-	441	
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	3,965	-	-	3,965	1,224
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,940	-	-	28,940	29,646
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,940	-	-	28,940	29,646
A3 Payments					
Running weekend programmes	16,118	-	-	16,118	20,640
Advertising in Press	-	-	-	-	
International Congress & Dues	2,285	-	-	2,285	2,268
Phones and stationery	545	-	-	545	490
Insurance	299	-	-	299	236
Other including printing	737	-	-	737	201
Written off	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,984	-	-	19,984	23,835
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,984	-	-	19,984	23,835
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,956	-	-	8,956	5,811
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,838	-	-	49,838	44,027
Cash funds this year end	58,794	-	-	58,794	44,027

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Balance at Lloyds Bank	57,718	-	-
	Balance at PayPal account	1,076	-	-
	Balance at FairFx charge cards	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,794	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			James Westby (Treasurer)	31/01/2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Retrouvaille in England and Wales (Reg No 1110330)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Retrouvaille in England and Wales (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of the 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Having completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: **Neil James Ellery**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: CA (Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand)

Address: 12 Haslemere Road, Windsor SL4 5ES

Date: 30 January 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Retrouvaille in England and Wales (Reg No 1110330)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Retrouvaille in England and Wales (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of the 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 142 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 142(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Having completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 139 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

James Well James Elery

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: CA (Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand)

Address: 13 Haslemere Road, Windsor SL4 3EP

Date: 27 January 2025