



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

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To

Period end date

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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 | Coordinator / Treasurer | From 24/4/24 | |
| 6 | Sharon Westby | Coordinator | From 24/4/24 | |
| 7 | Fr Anthony Jackson * | Trustee | Resigned 19/09/24 | |
| 8 | Michael L'Estrange | Coordinator | Resigned 19/09/24 | |
| 9 | Caroline L'Estrange * | Coordinator | Resigned 19/09/24 | |
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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 |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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| Not Applicable |
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| 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)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <p>Retrouvaille in England and Wales is affiliated with Retrouvaille International Inc (a Texas USA Corporation).</p> <p>The Charity is subject to Retrouvaille International bylaws regarding structure and organisation and works within these and the Charity Commissions parameters.</p> <p>Retrouvaille is part of an Alliance of National Catholic Marriage organisations in England and Wales, meeting together every 2-3 months.</p> |
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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 face to face Retrouvaille programmes and one virtual programme, ie weekend plus twelve weekly Post Sessions. The programmes commenced in June 2024, November 2024 and February 2025. Sixty couples and one priest participated in the programme during this period.

Virtual CORE sessions took place once a month.

The coordinators attended the European Regional Meeting on behalf of Retrouvaille England and Wales in November 2024 in Assisi, Italy.

A new website and email marketing service was initiated during the year.

Couples from England and Wales contributed to and participated in Retrouvaille International's Enrichment Celebration in October 2024

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



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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| Charity Name | No (if any) |
| Retrouvaille in England and Wales | 1110330 |

Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
| | 01-April-2024 | | 31-March-2025 |

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Weekend Programmes | 16,155 | - | - | 16,155 | 20,265 |
| Regular donations | 7,582 | - | - | 7,582 | 7,834 |
| Benefactors | 8,000 | - | - | 8,000 | 400 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | - | - | 2 | 441 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 31,739 | - | - | 31,739 | 28,940 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 31,739 | - | - | 31,739 | 28,940 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Running weekend programmes | 29,497 | - | - | 29,497 | 16,118 |
| Advertising in Press | 50 | - | - | 50 | - |
| International Congress & Dues | 1,502 | - | - | 1,502 | 2,285 |
| IT, Phones and Misc | 2,739 | - | - | 2,739 | 545 |
| Insurance | 350 | - | - | 350 | 299 |
| Other including printing | 260 | - | - | 260 | 737 |
| Written off | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 34,398 | - | - | 34,398 | 19,984 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 34,398 | - | - | 34,398 | 19,984 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 2,659 | - | - | - 2,659 | 8,956 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 58,794 | - | - | 58,794 | 49,838 |
| Cash funds this year end | 56,135 | - | - | 56,135 | 56,135 |

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 | 53,945 | - | - |
| | Balance at PayPal account | 2,190 | - | - |
| | Balance at FairFx charge cards | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 56,136 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |

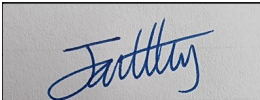
| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
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| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|
|  | James Westby (Treasurer) | 1/31/2026 |

**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 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 these records.

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

Signed:



Patricia Anne Botha

Relevant professional qualification: Bachelor of Commerce (University of South Africa)

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Date: 23 January 2026