

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year 5 May 2024 – 4 May 2025

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:

The Nativity of the Mother of God Romanian Orthodox Trust

Charity number (if registered):

1139040

Principal address:

212 London Road, Boston, PE21 7HQ, Lincolnshire, UK

Trustees:

The trustees who served during the year were:

- Florin Buda (Chair)
- Gabriel Sivoglo
- Silviu Stefanescu

Governing document:

The charity is governed by its Statute adopted in 2010.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing structure

The charity is established as a trust under the direct supervision of 'The Nativity of the Mother of God' Romanian Orthodox Parish Boston, Lincolnshire; and operates in accordance with its governing document.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by Parish Council of 'The Nativity of the Mother of God' Romanian Orthodox Parish Boston, Lincolnshire.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are provided with an induction covering:

- the charity's objectives and activities

- trustee responsibilities
- basic financial oversight

Ongoing guidance is provided as needed.

Decision-making

The trustees meet as many times as necessary to review activities, finances, and strategic direction. Day-to-day operations are managed by the Chair and the volunteers.

3. Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The charity's purposes are:

To advance the Christian Orthodox Religion in Lincolnshire, for the benefit of the public (regardless of ethnic origin) through:

- the holding of religious services
- public celebrations of religious festivals
- distributing literature on Christian Orthodox Religion.

To provide a place of worship for all who wish to attend the Christian Orthodox services and celebrations.

Main activities

During the year, the charity carried out the following activities:

- Supporting regular religious services and gatherings as necessary
- Prayer meetings and study sessions
- Community outreach and pastoral care where it was asked to participate
- Supporting the religious education for adults and/or children

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity provides public benefit by:

- offering open access to worship and religious teaching

- supporting community cohesion and wellbeing
 - providing pastoral support to individuals in need
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4. Achievements and Performance

During the reporting period, the charity:

- Continued to hold regular weekly services attended by approximately 90 people, and on Orthodox Easter by more than 800 people from Lincolnshire.
- Delivered 20 religious events outside of those weekly services.
- Provided pastoral support to members of the community via the parish priests.
- Undertook outreach activities including food support for the Foodbank organised by Boston Anglican Church.
- Supporting missionary and charity activity of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The trustees consider that these activities have furthered the charity's objectives effectively.

5. Financial Review

Overview

The charity's total income for the year was £35,152.00 (for the period 5 May 2024 – 4 May 2025).

Principal sources of income

- All the income is made by the parish and the parish members of the Boston Orthodox Community

Expenditure

Expenditure (£15,718.00) primarily related to:

- Venue costs / utilities
- Religious activities and events
- Administrative expenses

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain a modest level of reserves sufficient to cover approximately 3–6 months of operating costs.

At year end, the charity held reserves of £ 10,000.

6. Plans for Future Periods

The charity plans to:

- Continue regular religious services and activities
 - Expand community outreach initiatives
 - Strengthen engagement with members and volunteers
 - Ensure financial sustainability
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7. Risk Management

The trustees have considered the main risks facing the charity, including:

- Financial sustainability
- Dependence on voluntary donations
- Operational continuity

Appropriate measures are in place, including:

- Regular financial monitoring
 - Maintaining reserves
 - Trustee oversight of key decisions
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8. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees confirm that:

- accounting records are properly kept
 - the accounts comply with the governing document
 - appropriate policies and controls are in place
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9. Independent Examination

The accounts have been subject to an independent examination in accordance with legal requirements.

10. Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on:

Date: 27.02.2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Florin Buda
Chair