

FAST UK

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1140963

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1140963
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st July 2021
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th June 2022
TRUSTEES AT 30TH JUNE 2022	Claire Brewer Andrew Henderson (Chairman) Morag Palmer Timothy White
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Trust deed dated 7th February 2011. There has been no change in the constitution of the Trust since its creation, and it is registered as a charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
OBJECTS	<p>For such charitable purposes as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the provision of Aid and Assistance to individuals resident in Romania who are in necessitous circumstances.</p> <p>The main aim of the Trust is to support aid to Roma communities near Brasov and Reghin in Romania. The chief points of contact are FAST Charity and Community Aid Network in the Brasov area, and Pastor Attila Toth in the Reghin area. The Trust also seeks to facilitate cooperation between volunteer groups working in Romania.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	25 Osborn Road Farnham Surrey GU9 9QT
PRIMARY BANKERS	HSBC Bank plc 110 High Street Godalming Surrey GU7 1DP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	K Gomes Independent Examiners Ltd Unit 2 The Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham West Sussex PO18 8NF

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

COVID-19

COVID-19 travel restrictions have meant that the Trustees have had to adjust their priorities accordingly to ensure their own safety.

Receipts have continued well, with a 60% increase in receipts and 54% in subsequent donations, however travel restrictions have meant that the Trustees have not been able to visit Romania and therefore have not been able to see the work supported first hand. The Trustees have received frequent telephone calls and emails showing the work being carried out in Brasov and Reghin and are satisfied that the funds and goods sent are being used for the purposes given.

Only two shipment of aid items was made during the year, but the period 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 is already showing an increase in both the volume of goods being sent and the number of shipments.

As a result of the Covid 19 virus Trustees were unable to lead school assemblies, church Harvest services or preach at various places in England and Romania as they would normally do.

THANKS to . . .

Countless people have kept up the supply of new clothes, toys, school items and other useful materials. Many will feel that they are only giving in a small way, but they have aggregated into significant and encouraging quantities.

The Trustees are particularly grateful for the provision of excellent tools, school equipment and uniforms from Revive 'n' Thrive in Mytchett.

We are also very grateful to Barnabas Fund who shipped a huge load of goods to Attila Toth and his work in Reghin and Apalina.

We thank many churches, individuals, fellowships (often including Women's Groups, etc. affiliated to a church) and schools for their support in various ways. It is not possible to list them all.

There have been no invitations to school assemblies

There are too many other individuals and organisations to list, but we acknowledge our dependence on the continuing support of a growing band of friends of the needy people of Romania, young and old alike.

Continuity is important, and we acknowledge many who have quietly continued with us over the year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP . . .

The Trustees welcome prayer support. Decisions have to be made regarding requests received from Romania, and we need to know God's will in each case. We also need wisdom, and imagination, when considering the best approach to follow when seeking to meet a request. Please pray for our partners in Romania, including : FAST Charity Romania.

Pray for Alina and Avram Marsavela and the families working on the construction, or receiving benefit from, the Hope in Action, building, education and music projects. We praise God for the encouragement this project has given to many people who have been otherwise rejected.

Pray for Attila and his team as they work to proclaim the Gospel, help children in the Children's home in Peris, support very poor Gypsy families as they try to cope with all the changes in their circumstances, and help and support three farming initiatives in Peris and Gornesti.

Pray for Daniel and Ema Hristea and their team at FAST. Working in very poor communities calls for wisdom, courage, discernment and much energy. They need wisdom in dealing with local politics and corruption pressures.

Pray for Community Aid Network who oversee several smaller, but nonetheless very valuable, charities working in the Brasov area.

The Trust is always in need of cash gifts, either for grants to our Romanian partners, or for the purchase of items not otherwise available. We also urgently need funds to cover the cost of transporting Aid in kind.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

THE TRUST'S AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the Trust is to support aid to Roma communities near Brasov and Reghin in Romania. The chief points of contact are FAST Charity and Community Aid Network, both of which work in the Brasov area, and Pastor Attila Toth in the Reghin area. The Trust also seeks to facilitate cooperation between volunteer groups working in Romania.

OUR POLICIES

The majority of donations are restricted to specific projects by the donors. With General Funds we pray for God's guidance in all the decision making that is necessary and all but the most minor decisions are made at regular Trustees' meetings.

Unless answering a specific request from Romania, we only send items of goods that we are offered after checking that they will be useful. We only send items that are 'in date' and we comply with Romanian regulations. We have no wish to hinder the fragile growth of the Romanian economy, so where practical we provide cash for local purchase of items and labour.

We do not support projects where progress cannot be monitored satisfactorily.

New Trustees are invited and appointed by the whole body of existing Trustees.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are Claire Brewer, Andrew Henderson (Chairman), Timothy White and Morag Palmer.

There were four Trustees' business meetings during the period, all held online via Zoom. At each meeting reports were received on the financial situation and on progress with projects in Romania.

We also held two information evenings for our supporters.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Trustees did not visit Romania or any of the projects during the period of this report, however, there have been frequent telephone calls with the principal recipients, namely FAST Charity Romania and Pastor Attila Toth, to ensure that all needs were, as far as possible, being met. Trustees considered a range of requests for assistance and made appropriate allocations of funds. Arrangements for storage, packing and transport of aid items were kept under review.

The Trust's commitments in relation to its income were studied, and it was considered that all current commitments could be met from current levels of income, with a reasonable reserve.

The Trust meets the 'public benefit' requirements of charity registration, in that there are no restrictions on whom may receive aid provided they fall within the classification list held by the Charities Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Monetary gifts handled by the Trust during this year were £85,315.53 plus Gift Aid of £16,980.09, for which we are truly grateful to all our supporters. Grants were made to the value of £97,461.62 in the year ending 30th June 2022.

KEY FEATURES FROM THE ACCOUNTS

Administration costs (shown in the accounts as 'Governance') represented 2 % of income. The bulk of the bank charges, £741, relate to money transfers, and administration costs amounting to £780, relate to the charges for Independent Examiners and Software support.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

HOW YOU CAN HELP (continued)

Please think whether you can arrange a fund-raising event in aid of the Trust's work. Please pray for Trustees as they preach, lead school assemblies, and speak to a range of different groups. Please consider whether you could invite a Trust speaker to your group.

We are grateful for supporters who keep up a regular stream of small gifts of pencils, felt tips, paint brushes and the like.

TRUSTEES' TASKS

The Trustees review the charity's commitments in relation to its income, with the intention that all current commitments can be met from current levels of income. They also make an annual review of risks to which they believe the charity is exposed.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees is undertaken by the Chairman, in consultation with existing Trustees. New Trustees are appointed with the full agreement and support of existing Trustees.

The Trustees carry out an annual Risk Review, in the light of which reserves are also reviewed, and are intended to provide for at least 2 months' crucial commitments following a catastrophic loss of regular income. During this period efforts would be made to replace the lost income.

The Trustees review the charity's finances at each meeting, and have concluded that the position at the end of the financial year was satisfactory, and exceeded their longer term forecasts.

The Trustees confirm that there has been no serious incident report made to the Charity Commission during the year.

The Trustees confirm that nothing notable has happened since 30th June 2022 that could impact on these accounts or bring into question the ongoing concern of the charity.

The Trustees are not aware of any other exceptional events after the year end.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees
A P Henderson, Chairman of the Trustees.

Date: 9/2/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of FAST UK on the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022 set out on pages 8 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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 accounts 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 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 accounts 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :  _____

Dated: 15.2.23
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021/2022 £	Total 2020/2021 £
RECEIPTS :						
Voluntary Receipts	2a	18,897	8,868	74,531	102,296	63,968
TOTAL RECEIPTS		18,897	8,868	74,531	102,296	63,968
PAYMENTS :						
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	16,018	8,566	72,877	97,462	63,396
Governance Costs	3b	1,521	-	-	1,521	1,327
TOTAL PAYMENTS		17,540	8,566	72,877	98,983	64,723
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		1,357	302	1,653	3,313	(754)
Transfer of Funds	4	(480)	-	480	-	-
Balances Brought Forward		1,108	3,084	2,484	6,677	7,431
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		1,986	3,386	4,617	9,989	6,677

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	30-Jun-22 Total £	30-Jun-21 Total £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds:					
Current	1,976	3,386	4,553	9,915	6,604
Savings	8	-	-	8	8
Cash	-	-	65	65	65
	1,985	3,386	4,617	9,989	6,677
Represented by:					
General Funds	1,986	-	-	1,986	1,108
Designated Funds	-	3,386	-	3,386	3,084
Restricted Funds	-	-	4,617	4,617	2,484
	1,986	3,386	4,617	9,989	6,677
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
LIABILITIES					
Independent Examiners Fee	780	-	-	780	780

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th FEBRUARY 2023 and

Signed on their behalf by  and
A P Henderson, Chairman of the Trustees.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/2022 £	TOTAL 2020/2021 £
a) Voluntary Receipts					
Donations	8,528	-	30,609	39,137	25,835
Gift Aid	3,985	1,498	11,497	16,980	3,735
Just Giving Donations	354	-	20,005	20,358	8,623
Standing Orders	4,670	7,370	12,420	24,460	23,560
Donations via PayPal	1,360	-	-	1,360	2,215
	18,897	8,868	74,531	102,296	63,968

3. PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/2022 £	TOTAL 2020/2021 £
a) Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Apalina Foodbank	610	-	3,946	4,556	4,710
Children's Education	-	-	-	-	125
Cleford Widows	-	1,402	-	1,402	680
Pastor Florin Adam	-	-	600	600	1,420
Pastoral Support	-	7,164	-	7,164	7,763
FAST Romania Funds	9,621	-	44,573	54,194	35,866
Hope in Action	4,253	-	12,072	16,325	-
Liz Greenhalgh	-	-	4,645	4,645	3,770
Peris Orphanage	814	-	5,140	5,954	7,920
Transport Costs	721	-	1,901	2,622	1,142
	16,018	8,566	72,877	97,462	63,396
b) Governance Costs					
Administration Costs	780	-	-	780	743
Bank Charges	741	-	-	741	584
	1,521	-	-	1,521	1,327

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	01-Jul-21	Income	CURRENT YEAR		30-Jun-22
	£	£	Expenses £	Transfer £	£
Apalina Foodbank	710	3,893	3,946	-	656
Hope in Action	672	11,570	12,072	-	170
FAST Romania General	51	44,523	44,573	-	0
FAST UK Transport	461	960	1,901	480	1
Liz Greenalgh	335	4,960	4,645	-	650
Peris Orphanage	310	8,025	5,140	-	3,195
Pastor Florin Adam	(55)	600	600	-	(55)
	2,484	74,531	72,877	480	4,617

	01-Jul-20	Income	PRIOR YEAR		30-Jun-21
	£	£	Expenses £	Transfer £	£
Apalina Foodbank	452	4,420	4,162	-	710
Hope in Action	-	672	-	-	672
Children's Education Program	50	75	125	-	-
FAST Romania General	62	25,860	25,871	-	51
FAST UK Transport	608	900	1,047	-	461
Liz Greenalgh	895	3,210	3,770	-	335
Peris Orphanage	430	5,220	5,340	-	310
Pastor Florin Adam	-	1,365	1,420	-	(55)
	2,497	41,722	41,735	-	2,484

Apalina Foodbank - Funds to support the Foodbank for the poor of Apalina, Romania.

Children's Education Program - FAST - Provided pre and post school education for the Roma Gypsy populations of Tarlungeni, Zizin and Garcin.

FAST Romania General - Funds given specifically for FAST Romania but not specified as to final purpose.

FAST UK Transport - This covers the provision of transport for humanitarian aid items that are sent to Sacele and Reghin throughout the year.

Liz Greenalgh - Fund for support of UK mission worker.

Peris Orphanage - Still in construction, the orphanage will provide a safe home for up to 16 orphans.

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	01-Jul-21	Income	CURRENT YEAR		30-Jun-22
	£	£	Expenses £	Transfer £	£
Cleford Widows	775	1,168	1,402	-	542
Pastor Florin Adam	135	-	-	-	135
Pastoral Support	2,174	7,700	7,164	-	2,710
	3,084	8,868	8,566	-	3,386

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS (continued)

	01-Jul-20 £	Income £	PRIOR YEAR Expenses £	Transfer £	30-Jun-21 £
Cleaford Widows	409	1,046	680	-	775
Pastor Florin Adam	105	30	-	-	135
Pastoral Support	2,645	7,360	7,831	-	2,174
	3,159	8,436	8,511	-	3,084

Cleaford Widows - Support of widows and widowers in the Brasov and Targu Mures regions. This work is continuing work started by the Cleaford Trust.

Farnham Volunteer Group - Groups of volunteers from the Farnham area, some of the group are supported by outside support.

Pastor Florin Adam - Romanian minister working with Gypsy groups. Supported by a single church in the UK.

Pastoral Support - Supporting pastors in both the Brasov and Targu Mures regions with regular financial help.

6. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

There were no payments to Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

7. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees Report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.