

Chrysolis

Report of the Trustees & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Constitution: Chrysolis operates under a Declaration of Trust dated March 2nd, 2012.

Registered Charity Number: 1152787

Trustees: Appointment of trustees is by a simple majority of the existing trustees present and voting, with the chairperson having the casting vote, in accordance with Clauses 9, 10, 12, 17 and 18 to the Trust Declaration.

The current trustees are:

Mr S. Humphreys (chair)

Rev. T Raaff (treasurer)

Dr. H Giddings (secretary)

Ms. C Ormiston

Ms. K Mair

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Governance: Chrysolis is run by the Trustees on a voluntary basis.

Reserves

Chrysolis has typically maintained reserves of between two and three months running costs, with a longer-term goal of increasing this.

Oversight

Chrysolis currently has one employee. Luke Cawley is responsible for implementing our projects. He both initiates new projects and responds to requests and invitations for help from organizations and individuals, with priority given to those projects which make best use of his gifting and best fulfil the objects of the charity. The trustees are in regular consultation with Luke and have both a pastoral oversight responsibility and also provide guidance in his daily implementation of the charity's objects.

Luke also oversees and develops our expanding team of volunteers in Romania, as well as those individuals who work there with our partner organization, Chrysolis Romania, on a paid freelance basis or volunteer basis, who this year included Lucian Balanescu, Ioana Glitia, and Alina Radu.

Objects and Activities

The objects of Chrysolis are

(1) To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through quality resources, training and events, in accordance with the following statement of faith ('the statement of faith'):

- We believe in...
- The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
- The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
- The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
- The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.

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- The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
 - The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
 - The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
 - The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
 - The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
 - The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.
- (2) To advance the education of members of the public involved in communication of the Christian faith, through the continued development of their individual capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding in subjects relevant to such communication.

Achievements and Performance

It was both a difficult and also strategically pivotal year. It began with the global pandemic still affecting our ability to implement intended and scheduled projects. As the year went on, though, both our core projects in Romania — Advance and Engage — were successfully relaunched and expanded.

Romania

Romania has been the primary geographical focus of Chrysolis' work over the past year. One of our key projects is Engage, through which we ordinarily partner with Romanian Christian student groups and local churches, to help organize and provide speakers for open and free public events designed to provide an introduction to the Christian faith for university students. We were able to relaunch these and also begin planning on a new national Engage conference, training the organisers of such events.

We also hosted some online webinars in partnership with the Romanian affiliate of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students ("IFES", UK Registered Charity Number 247919). At these online events we offered

training and development on engaging student audiences in discussions of the enduring relevance of the Christian faith. This helped continue keeping alive the vision of doing so in physical and on-campus locations once, later in the year, it became legally and safely possible.

We were also able to provide speakers for online events around the country and, as shifting restrictions allowed, physically give presentations in a range of cities and contexts over the course of the year.

Our other key Romanian project, Advance, is a series of publically-available courses on aspects of the Christian faith. It has continued to run in Bucharest. Events included:

- Our multi-week course on Conversational Apologetics, in-person in Bucharest.
- A series of online webinars, featuring international speakers such as British artist Alister Gordon, and Australian author Daniel Paterson.
- Weekend conferences, on topics including ‘How to Disagree’, and ‘C.S. Lewis and Narrative Apologetics’.
- A national consultancy event regarding the possible development of Advance in other university cities around the country.

We continued to operate our online video channel, Diapologeticus, a spin-off of Advance, which features Romanian-language discussion of various issues from a Christian perspective. A free regular Romanian-language apologetics newsletter, Crede & Cerceteaza, was also distributed during this period and our subscriber list continued to grow.

Much of our work is in partnership with a locally-led non-profit, Chrysolis Romania (or, legally, Asociația Chrysolis), we helped establish in 2020, and with whom we have a memorandum of understanding. Chrysolis Romania has an entirely Romanian staff and board, and we are transitioning towards the core running costs of Chrysolis Romania being entirely financed by Romanians.

As part of this transition, we have invested in training and learning experiences for those staff paid through Chrysolis Romania; Ioana, Lucian, and Alina. They have met with experienced fundraisers, and we have arranged for them to visit locations such as the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, and L’Abri, and speak with staff there. Luke, on behalf of Chrysolis UK, continues to oversee the team in Bucharest and report back to the board of Chrysolis UK.

Rest of Europe

Luke, at the behest of IFES, has also been developing contacts with Christian student organizations in both Latvia and Estonia. He travelled to Latvia to work with them on developing Engage-style projects, invited some

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Latvians to observe Engage public events week among students in Romania, and is working on helping them design something similar for their context.

He also travelled to Belgium to help the IFES-linked Christian student movement there explore fresh and interactive approaches to public communication about the Christian faith, and taught a session on this approach at IFES' FEUER conference in Greece.

Churches

Luke and Lucian have been able to speak at a number of local church-based events in the UK and Romania, focusing their teaching especially on question of how contemporary culture and religion relate together.

Refugees

Following the invasion of Ukraine in February 2021, Romania and the neighbouring Republic of Moldova were flooded with refugees and needed to respond rapidly. We took the decision to utilise our existing local knowledge and connections, as well as our existing networks of current and potential supporters, to open a fund restricted for the support of local efforts housing and supporting refugees. We then made small grants to those local churches and organizations which were refitting their premises as refugee accommodation, enabling them to purchase furniture and supplies.

Financial Review

The financial statements have been subjected to an Independent Examination, as they are exempt from the audit requirements of section 144 Charities Act 2011. The Independent Examination results are pending and a version of this report which includes them will be uploaded soon.

Gifts received in the period amounted to £40,232 (last year: £36,926), with a further £41,013 (last year: £0) given for the restricted use of supporting work with Ukrainian refugees, and £0 (last year: £606) given for the restricted use of work in Romania. A grant of £10,000 (last year: £9,000) was received from a UK-based charitable trust towards the costs of one staff role in Romania, along with a further two donations totalling £3,400 (last year: £0), which we restricted for the support of staff in Romania. A total of £6,260 (last year: £16,724) was received from HMRC under their furlough scheme.

Salary costs of £38,204 (last year: £37,874) were paid out during the accounting period. Travelling and subsistence costs for the team during the year were £9,944 (last year: £2,477) for expenses incurred. The sum

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of £50 (last year: £0) was used for other costs. A total of £7,685 (last year: £13,151) was also paid for costs related Lucian, Ioana and Alina's roles.

A further £155 (last year: £169) was paid to PayPal for transaction fees, while £13,091 (last year: £0) was paid in donations to projects serving Ukrainian refugees in Romania and the Republic of Moldova. Net expenditure for the year of £30,966 (last year: £12,525) and our end of year cash funds were £48,413 (last year: £17,448), of which £32,827 (last year: £0) is restricted for the purpose of assisting Ukrainian refugees.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning the activities the charity should undertake.

Plans for Future Periods

Luke, in partnership with the Romanian organization, will continue to develop the work in Romania, speaking at and helping launch/run public educative events regarding the Christian faith. They will be developing a new national Engage conference, and also further expanding the Advance project into the city of Timisoara.

We also anticipate continued partnership with IFES, and we are working on plans to help them implement public events in both Romania, as and when restrictions allow, and also further afield, including the aforementioned development of projects in Latvia and hopefully also Estonia.

We will also monitor the development of the staff and finance within Chrysolis Romania and continue assessing the most viable form for continued future work there. Our hope is that, as the work in Romania continues to become more independent, we can further withdraw to a supporting role, and begin refocusing on developing work in other locations and countries.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity

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and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed: and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the applicable law, regulations and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Chrysolis		No 1152787		CC16a
Receipts & payment accounts				
For the period from	Period start 01/04/2021	To	Period end 31/03/2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

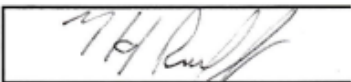

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	40,232	41,013		81,245	36,926
HMRC Gift Aid				-	-
Grants and payments to Chrysolis Romania		13,400		13,400	606
Lucian Consultancy Grants				-	9,000
Lucian Donations				-	-
HMRC Furlough scheme	6,260		-	6,260	16,724
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,491	54,413	-	100,905	63,256
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,491	54,413	-	100,905	63,256
A3 Payments					
Salary Costs	38,204			38,204	37,874
Travel costs & Expenses	9,944			9,944	2,477
Other costs	50			50	-
PayPal transaction fees	155			155	169
Grant related Costs (Lucian)				-	13,151
Grant to Chrysolis Romania		7,685		7,685	606
Donations supporting Ukrainian refugees		13,901		13,901	
Sub total	48,353	21,586	-	69,939	54,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,353	21,586	-	69,939	54,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,862	32,827	-	30,966	8,979
A5 Transfers between funds				-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,448			17,448	8,469
Cash funds this year end	15,586	32,827	-	48,413	17,448

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	14,478	32,827	-
	PayPal	1,108		-
	Total cash funds	15,586	32,827	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Trevor Raaff	16/01/2023
		Stephen Humphreys	31/01/2023

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name CHRYSLIS		
On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2022	Charity no (if any)	1152787
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.		
Responsibilities and basis of 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	10/02/23
Name:	GEOFFREY ALEXANDER CHARROT		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	M.A. (CANTAB)		
Address:	10 OSBORNE CLOSE HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAM, NG15 7LY		

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

