



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 20 October 2020 To: 19 October 2021

Charity name: Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)

Charity registration number: 1170197

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Advancement of the Christian religion by the provision of a place of worship on Merseyside.</p> <p>Activities in furtherance of this will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provision of financial support and governance to maintain a Romanian Orthodox church parish on Merseyside for use by the public of the region and elsewhere. This will include:b) Raising awareness and understanding of the Orthodox Christian church in the local community.c) Enabling Orthodox Christian religious devotional acts in the church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Provision of a functioning church which itself provides regular services of the orthodox Christian faith in its own church building. Wirral Council have provided the church building (it was previously derelict) and the charity was established (under a legal framework) to raise and manage funds for the repair, improvement and maintenance of the church.</p> <p>The charity considers that it been successful so far and that the church is continually improving as a Christian and cultural support facility for Romanians living in the NW of England and North Wales.</p> <p>All church services are free and open to the general public.</p>

		The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are complicit with its requirements.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The sole purpose of the charity and hence the role of the trustees is the advancement of religion, namely the orthodox Christian church.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not provide grants for outside usage
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are not in any social investment programmes
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers make a huge difference to the charity's activities and this takes many forms. These include provision of free professional building skills eg plastering and electrical work. Also included are cleaning and transport roles and provision of a Sunday school.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity has made many contributions to the church fabric and facilities over recent years. The Covid pandemic interrupted our attempts at improving our church, but fortunately our building improvements are now almost complete. During the pandemic, our congregation was very restricted and it very pleasing that since then the numbers attending services have steadily risen back to what they were previously. Indeed, our small church is often overwhelmed on Sundays. This is a very good outcome but is becoming an issue due to covid being ever present and because there is no possibility of expansion of our current church. As we are financially in a good position at the end of this year, we are actively considering trying to acquire another larger church to provide a place of worship in Liverpool as well as our current church on the Wirral.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite Covid, this was a very good year financially as we had no large items of expenditure as the church is now in excellent condition.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a reserve to replace some poor roof timbers or any emergency.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None; we are quite successful

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal income is from the parishioners and their donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	UK Government taking an overharsh view of Romanians in the UK
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Selected from the Church Council and appointed agreed by chair and secretary

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is a key part of the church organisation and reports to the church council whose main purpose is ecclesiastical matters in the parish. The charity maintains governance of church finances.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170197

Charity's principal address	4 Victoria Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 0QT

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	Fr Florin Voinea	Chair		Church Council appoints all
2	Prof Stuart Carter	Secretary/Treasurer		
3	Ms Cristiana Andrada Pintrijel			
4	Dr Dorina Carter-Timofte			
5	Ms Ana Oltean			
6	Mr Daniel Cobel			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Dr Stuart David Carter	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary & Treasurer	
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Date

01 August 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
Romanian Orthodox Church on Merseyside

No (if any)
1170197


Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/20/2020	To	Period end date 10/19/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Starting cash balance	22,145	-	-	22,145
Church collections	15,165	-	-	15,165
Web Donations & sales in church	33,190	-	-	33,190
Gift Aid refund	10,673	-	-	10,673
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,173	-	-	81,173
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,173	-	-	81,173
A3 Payments				
Insurance	580	-	-	580
Religious items/icons	8,918	-	-	8,918
Electronics	400	-	-	400
Building improvements	1,525	-	-	1,525
Smartwater protection	400	-	-	400
Maintenance & running costs	22,095	-	-	22,095
Carpets/heating system	-	-	-	-
Covid	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,918	-	-	33,918
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,918	-	-	33,918
Net of receipts/(payments)	47,255	-	-	47,255
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	47,255	-	-	47,255

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
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B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name
			Dr Stuart Carter

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Last year

to the nearest £

23,412
8,370
27,896
7,692
-
-
-
-
67,370

-
-

67,370

543
-
-
6,295
400
22,711
15,236
333
-
45,518

-

45,518

21,852
-
-
21,852



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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OK

**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval

8/1/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Romanian Orthodox Church On Merseyside (ROCOM)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

19 October 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1170197

Set out on pages

Separate document

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 19/10/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

04.08.2022

Name:

Ana Oltean

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Master of Science in Management and Finance

Address:

17 Ascot Drive

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

CH66 2NB

Section B

Disclosure



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Stuart David Carter	Ana Oltean
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary & Treasurer	Trustee
Date	01 August 2022	