

# CASA MEA UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1175421

## Details

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**Other names** CASA MEA STEERING GROUP, CASA MEA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2017-10-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN MOLDOVA AND OTHER EASTERNEUROPEAN COUNTRIES:(A) THE PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH AND RELIEF OF NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;(TB) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY;(C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND(D) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.LN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO THE MOLDOVAREGISTERED CHARITY 'FUNDALIA COSA MEA'.

**Activities:** The charity works to advance the Christian gospel and to support and aid people with disabilities, primarily in the Republic of Moldova where we run four small community homes for up to six disabled people.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Moldova
- Romania
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£183,163	£224,474	-	-
2023-12-31	£88,335	£111,013	-	-
2022-12-31	£61,997	£101,595	-	-
2021-12-31	£142,497	£84,780	-	-
2020-12-31	£45,578	£44,597	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Timothy Henry Oliver Toase</b>	Chair	2020-11-09
Dr CARWYN CROSSLEY SHIRES		2017-05-01
Emma Jane Coalter		2020-11-09
Kezia Elizabeth Toase		2020-11-09
Marc Anthony Schyrr		2022-01-09
PATRICIA MARY JONES		2017-05-01
PAUL ROBERT WILLIS		2017-05-01
Pamela Audrey Marsden		2024-05-13

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# Accounts

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# Casa Mea UK

## Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

Year ending: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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# Charity information

## Address

Heronston, Old Mill Road, Lisvane, Cardiff, CF14 0XP

## Trustees

Miss Emma Coalter

Mrs Jenny McMillan

Dr Carwyn Shires

Mr Tim Toase (Joint Chair)

Mrs Kezia Toase (Joint Chair)

Mr Paul Willis

Mrs Patricia Jones

Miss Pamela Marsden (appointed 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Miss Maureen Wise

Mr Marc Schyrr

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Andrew Lee, FCCA

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The website continues to be active, and the trustees are monitoring activity to assist with further developing this. There is both an English and Romanian version of the website.

## Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes

The trustees and officers met together six times during 2024. One of these meetings was held face-to-face in Cardiff in April 2024. All other meetings were held virtually via Zoom. Two of these meetings were additional special meetings. The first special

meeting was called to discuss changes to staff salaries. It was agreed that all staff salaries should be increased by 15%, with increased grant giving to fulfil this. The second special meeting was held to approve Pamela Marsden as a new trustee. This was approved unanimously.

It continues to be a joy to have one of the houses join via Zoom at the start of each trustees' meeting. They provide information about activities they have recently been involved in and it gives an opportunity for any feedback to be given directly to trustees.

## Achievements and Performance

It has been recognised that the ongoing war in Ukraine continues to have an impact on Moldova in many ways. There has been substantial increase in energy costs, groceries, and household items.

### *Fifth house*

Building work on the fifth house commenced in March 2024. The work was carried out by a team of Moldovan builders. Various volunteer work teams from other countries supported the project, including a team from the UK and from Holland. The fifth house was named Casa David in August 2024. It is planned that the house will be formally opened in Spring 2025. It has been a privilege to watch the work progress on this purpose-built house. The team in Moldova are considering who might be suitable to move into the new house from the institutions they visit.

### *Developments in Fundatia Casa Mea*

Sadly, one of the men in Casa Alex passed away in July 2024 after a period of illness. A funeral was held in the local church. Two new ladies have since moved into Casa Alex. They have expressed their delight at being there and continue to settle in well.

The trustees provided an increased grant to Fundatia Casa Mea in January 2024 in order to provide for an increase in staff salaries for those working in the houses, and also for the management team.

A service user feedback form is completed by all those living in the houses prior to each trustee meeting. This allows the trustees to be aware of any issues that are reported and to hear about their well-being. Issues that arise are dealt with by the team in Moldova.

Ben and Esther Smith are not employed by Casa Mea UK, but continue to support the work of Fundatia Casa Mea. Ben has continued to develop in his language study and has started to hold Bible studies with the people living in the houses. He is regularly involved in training staff and has been working on developing and updating policies for Fundatia Casa Mea.

### *Management and governance*

There has been a significant amount of work completed and commenced in terms of governance. Work continues on a Collaboration Agreement between Casa Mea UK and Fundatia Casa Mea. Legal advice has been sought to inform this piece of work and a final draft is now with the team in Moldova with a plan to sign this off in Spring 2025.

Electronic spreadsheets have been rolled out to all of the houses in Moldova. Staff in Fundatia Casa Mea have expressed the positive impact this has had on their data input and it has also resulted in improved transparency.

A range of policies have been developed and approved by the trustees including serious incident reporting, trustee conflict of interest, and trustee expenses. Work has commenced on a risk assessment and data protection policy which will be completed in 2025.

A grant monitoring procedure has been developed to assist with monitoring of grants used. A reserves policy was also agreed by the Trustees.

The trustees have discussed the importance of looking to the future in considering the direction of the work. Discussion has been given to planning for future leadership for Fundatia Casa Mea, and for new trustees for Casa Mea UK. It has been recognised that there are some skill gaps on the trustee board that would be helpful to fill.

#### *Volunteers*

The trustee board continues to greatly appreciate the hard work of our volunteers. Jay Lewington, our Treasurer, has provided very helpful monthly financial updates and analysis throughout the year. We have hugely benefited from his input and work, which has enabled the trustees to make well-informed financial decisions. Ann Lewington's work as our secretary continues to be invaluable. Ann's work on organizing upcoming meeting agendas and recording and collating meeting minutes, to name but a few, have been a tremendous help to the trustees.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Toase' with a long horizontal line above it. The second signature is 'KToase'.

Prepared on behalf of the trustees by Mr Tim and Kezia Toase (Joint Chairs)

# Financial Review for the year 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Accounts are prepared on an accrual basis according to Charities SORP (FRS102).

## Income & Expenditure

Gross Income was £183,163

Gross Spending on charitable activities was £224,474, of which £117,807 was spent on the building of a 5<sup>th</sup> Home (Casa David).

There was a net (loss) of (£41,311)

Excluding payments from the reserve fund for the 5<sup>th</sup> home there was a net gain of £26,022.

## Principal Funding Sources

Principal sources of income were from donations made by individuals, Giftaid and donations from churches, charities and other not-for-profit organisations. A large proportion of donors make regular donations.

The charity was not in receipt of any income from government contracts or government grants

A total of £181,238 was received from individuals (£81,458), Giftaid and GASDS (£17,449), churches and other not for profit organisations (£82,332)

All donations were from UK individuals or UK not for profit organisations. No donations were received from corporate donors.

The single largest value donation was £15,000 from the Coverdale foundation, a UK charity.

The single largest donation received from a related party was £1,700

Casa Mea UK is primarily a grant making charity so there was no income from trading or other charitable activities.

## Expenditure in support of charitable purposes

Grant making is the main way that Casa Mea UK carries out its charitable purposes

The following grants were made

- a. £196,805 to Fundatia Casa Mea in Moldova to cover the build of a fifth home and to cover running costs for the existing four homes
- b. £17,525 to individuals based in Moldova
- c. £0 to other organisations that are not charities.

One individual is a related party and received £550 during the accounting period

A payment of £100 was made to one trustee. This was a restricted donation from an individual and was used to part fund the trustees' attendance at a charity function in Moldova.

All funds were spent in the Republic of Moldova in the form of grants to charities and individuals.

£117,926 was sent to Moldova in cash using couriers. All couriers were trustees or individuals known to the trustees. A procedure is in place to track the journey of funds and receipt by the intended beneficiary.



Prepared on behalf of the trustees by Dr Jay Lewington (Treasurer)

# Balance Sheet

## Casa Mea UK - 1175421

### Balance Sheet Detail

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
<b>Current assets</b>		
Lloyds Current	14,850	12,237
Lloyds Savings	24,838	55,934
United Savings & Cash	12,320	25,000
Accounts receivable	1,202	1,351
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>53,211</b>	<b>94,522</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>53,211</b>	<b>94,522</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(41,311)	(22,678)
Starting Balances	94,522	117,200
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>53,211</b>	<b>94,522</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	32,626	12,580
Designated	7,327	2,657
Restricted	13,258	79,285
Endowment		
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,211</b>	<b>94,522</b>

# Statement Of Financial Activities

## Casa Mea UK - 1175421

### Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and Legacies	33,465	23,300		56,765	31,703
Other Income	90,665	35,734		126,398	56,632
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>124,129</b>	<b>59,034</b>		<b>183,163</b>	<b>88,335</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	88,943	135,026		223,969	110,753
Other expenditure	505			505	260
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>89,448</b>	<b>135,026</b>		<b>224,474</b>	<b>111,013</b>
Gains / losses on investments					
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>34,681</b>	<b>(75,992)</b>		<b>(41,311)</b>	<b>(22,678)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in		10,000			
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10,000)				
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>24,681</b>	<b>(65,992)</b>		<b>(41,311)</b>	<b>(22,678)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	15,237	79,285		94,522	117,200
Total funds carried forward	39,918	13,293		53,211	94,522

Minor rounding discrepancies may occur in totals if pence are not shown

# Analysis of Income and Expenditure

<b>Analysis of Income and Expenditure</b>						
<b>Selected Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024</b>						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Totals	
					This Year	Last Year
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
Gift aided income (from individuals)	28,549	4,544	20,415		53,508	30,533
Gift aid tax claim	7,230	1,136	5,825		14,191	6,818
Non -Gift aid donations (from individuals)	18,950	2,480	6,520		27,950	
Non -Gift aid donations (from churches and institutions)	44,827	15,700	21,806		82,332	49,329
Cash Donations (eligible for GASDS)	372		2,885		3,257	1,170
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>99,928</b>	<b>23,860</b>	<b>57,451</b>		<b>181,238</b>	<b>87,850</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
Interest	72		1,583		1,655	486
Miscellaneous (Inc. cash not eligible for GASDS)	270				270	
<b>Other Income totals</b>	<b>342</b>		<b>1,583</b>		<b>1,925</b>	<b>486</b>
<b>Income and endowments grand total</b>	<b>100,269</b>	<b>23,860</b>	<b>59,034</b>		<b>183,163</b>	<b>88,336</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
Gifts to Institutions	78,998				78,998	68,605
Gifts to individuals	870	1,875			2,745	2,500
Other Gifts						
Printing & Literature Costs	543				543	240
Invoiced Services	117				117	470
Payments to Trustees						
Other expenses for charitable aims	63				63	
Maintenance						
Refunds received						
Postage	33				33	36
Miscellaneous						
Camp Expenses		6,445			6,445	
Other expenses not for charitable aims						
Bank Charges	505				505	260
Gifts to Ben & Esther Smith			969		969	8,255
5th House Expenses			117,807		117,807	25,540
Gifts To Vanya Barbu			13,261		13,261	4,695
Gifts To Anea Granici			550		550	412
Travel Costs			2,339		2,339	
Gifts to Carwyn & Galina			100		100	
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>81,128</b>	<b>8,320</b>	<b>135,026</b>		<b>224,474</b>	<b>111,013</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
Other expenses not for charitable aims						
<b>Other Expenditure totals</b>						
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>81,128</b>	<b>8,320</b>	<b>135,026</b>		<b>224,474</b>	<b>111,013</b>

## Fund Movement Summary

Casa Mea UK - 1175421						
Fund Movement Summary						
Selected Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024						
Fund	Fund Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund Balances carried forward
General	12,580	100,269	(80,223)			32,626
Camp	2,657	6,110	(6,445)			2,322
Gifts to Individuals		2,750	(2,745)			5
Coverdale Grant		15,000		(10,000)		5,000
Ben&Esther	644	325	(969)			0
5th House	78,584	41,660	(118,994)	10,000		11,251
Anea	1	555	(550)			6
Fr Vanya	56	16,393	(14,448)			2,002
Carwyn&Galina		100	(100)			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94,522</b>	<b>183,163</b>	<b>(224,474)</b>			<b>53,211</b>

## Income and Expense Accruals

Casa Mea UK - 1175422									
Income Accruals									
Selected Period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024									
Reference	Date	Account	Code Description	Debit	Credit	Credit Description	Fund	Fund Type	
	02/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-17.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	02/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	02/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	02/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	02/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-30.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	02/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	03/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	04/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-2.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	04/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-18.75			C General	Unrestricted	
	09/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-6.25			C General	Unrestricted	
	10/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-3.75			C General	Unrestricted	
	16/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	16/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	16/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-55.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	17/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-400.00			C Fr Vanya	Restricted	
	18/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-90.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	18/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-13.75			C General	Unrestricted	
	20/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-7.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	22/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	24/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-250.00			C 5th House	Restricted	
	26/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-7.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	31/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-37.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	31/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted	
	31/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid	-100.00			C General	Unrestricted	
	31/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid		552.50	Accounts receivable	C General	Unrestricted	
	31/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid		250.00	Accounts receivable	C 5th House	Restricted	
	31/12/2024	Lloyds	Giftaid		400.00	Accounts receivable	C Fr Vanya	Restricted	
				<b>Total</b>	<b>-1202.50</b>	<b>1202.50</b>			

There were no Expense accruals

# Independent Examiners Report

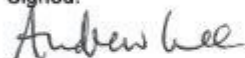
## INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

I, Andrew James Lee, being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA), confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and financial system for Casa Mea UK (registered charity number 1175421).

As a result of carrying out this examination, I would confirm that I have not identified any matters of concern to be drawn to the attention of the Trustees or the Charity Commission. I would further confirm that I am content with the format of the accounts and the accounting records kept, and that these records agree with the accounts. Finally, I am also content that all of the Directions, as set out in the Charity Commission guidance entitled "Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and guidance for examiners (CC32)", have been adequately satisfied.

I would also confirm that this independent examination and certification has been provided free of charge.

Signed:



Andrew Lee, FCCA

Date:

29/8/25

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Miss Patricia Wiltshire (name changed to Mrs Patricia Jones in May 2023)

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The trustees and officers met together five times during 2023 and all of these meetings were held virtually via Zoom. Two of these meetings were additional special meetings. The first special meeting was called to discuss and vote on changes to the Trust Deed relating to online meetings. It was agreed that virtual meetings would continue due to

trustees being located in different parts of the UK. However, it was recognised that it would be helpful to convene a face-to-face meeting on an occasional basis. Marc Schyrr was accepted as a new trustee. Tim and Kezia Toase were also approved as new joint chairpersons of the trustees. The second special meeting was convened to discuss the potential purchase of a plot of land for a fifth house, as well as plans to separate land off from one of the houses to establish a further house there. Brian Topley resigned as a trustee in October 2023. The Trustee board recognised the significant contribution that Brian had made over many years with thanks.

The practice of involving one of the four houses in Moldova at the beginning of each meeting has also continued which provides invaluable insights and communication with each of those men and women supported by the charity during the year. They will talk about the kind of activities they have been involved in recently and highlight their prayer requests, and at the end of the session a trustee will pray for those identified needs. The exchange has been mutually enjoyable and beneficial.

Seven of the trustees were able to visit the work during the year and brought back first-hand reports, including audits. In addition to those visits there is very regular telephone contact via Whatsapp.

## Achievements and Performance

It has been recognised that the ongoing war in Ukraine continues to have an impact on Moldova in many ways. There has been substantial increase in energy costs, groceries, and household items.

### *Fifth house*

During 2023, the trustees agreed to commence building an additional fifth house on the site of one of the other houses (Casa Ana). Attempts to purchase a new standalone site for the fifth house were not successful. An architect from the UK visited Moldova and liaised with the trustee board, as well as architects and staff in Moldova to draw up suitable plans for the building. It is anticipated that the building work will commence in 2024. Discussions have been had regarding who may come out of the institution into these houses.

### *Developments in Fundatia Casa Mea*

A man living in one of the institutions was keen to move to one of our houses. However, after moving to the house, he struggled with the transition and decided he wished to move back to the institution again. He was supported in this. Consequently, another man moved in and has been settling in well with the other men. He has expressed his joy at living there.

Ben and Esther Smith and their family continue to support the work from their home in Truseni in Moldova. Ben is continuing with language study alongside being involved in the work of Casa Mea. He continues to advise, support, evaluate and train staff. Ben has introduced a service user feedback form which he completes with those living in the houses at regular intervals. This has been a really helpful tool to gather opinions and feedback directly from those living in the houses. Ben and Esther and the family had a period of furlough from September 2023 for the birth of their daughter.

### *Management and governance*

There were also developments in our management and governance. Work began on a partnership agreement between Casa Mea UK and Fundatia Casa Mea. Members of the trustee board worked with the team in Moldova to finalise this. It is hoped this will be signed off in 2024. Work was also carried out during the year to improve our ability to effectively monitor grants provided to Fundatia Casa Mea. A trial of our “How are we doing” document was completed when two of the trustees visited Moldova. The aim is for this to be completed with staff as a collaborative document and feedback be provided to staff. Additionally, an audit document was created to be used on visits. Two of the trustees used this audit document in their visit to Moldova in November 2023, providing comments on the welfare and condition of those supported in the houses. A pilot electronic financial monitoring system was introduced in one of the houses in Moldova to assist with more accurate monitoring and financial planning, with the plan to expand this to all the houses in 2024. There were also significant steps forward with our cash payment record and courier agreement, with final drafts in circulation ready to be approved in January 2024.

### *Volunteers*

We have benefited greatly from our volunteers, who have worked hard to assist us. Ann Lewington continues to facilitate the smooth running of meetings as secretary, writing and compiling the minutes and agendas, including many other additional aspects. Our treasurer Jay Lewington has provided the trustee board with invaluable financial data, analysis, and advice throughout 2023. Jay’s monthly financial reports, analysis, advice, and forecasting have been exceptionally helpful in aiding the trustee’s decision making for the betterment of the charity and the charitable aims.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Toase' with a horizontal line above it. The signature on the right is 'Kicase'.

# Financial Review for the year 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Accounts are prepared on an accrual basis according to Charities SORP (FRS102).

## Income & Expenditure

Gross Income was £88,335

Gross Spending on charitable activities was £111,013, including the first payment of £25,540 from a restricted reserve fund held for the building of a 5<sup>th</sup> community home. This payment covered professional fees and other administrative activities in preparation for the start of building in 2024.

There was a net (loss) of (£22,678)

Excluding payments from the reserve fund for the 5<sup>th</sup> community home there was a net gain of £2862.

## Principal Funding Sources

Principal sources of income were from donations made by individuals, Giftaid and donations from churches and other organisations. A large proportion of donors make regular donations.

The charity was not in receipt of any income from government contracts or government grants

A total of £87,849 was received from individuals (£31,703), Giftaid (£6,818), churches and other not for profit organisations (£49,329)

All donations were from UK individuals or UK not for profit organisations. No donations were received from corporate donors.

The single highest value donation received from an individual was an anonymous one-off donation of £10,000 restricted for the build of a 5<sup>th</sup> residence.

The single highest donation received from a related party was £1,700

Casa Mea UK is primarily a grant making charity so there was no income from trading activities or other charitable activities.

There was a change in the mix of donations with a lower proportion coming from churches and other not for profit organisations and proportionally more coming from individuals.

The number of both organisation donors and individual donors increased; which has reduced income risk should any one organisation or individual stop donating.

## Expenditure in support of charitable purposes

Grant making is the main way that Casa Mea UK carries out its charitable purposes

The following grants were made

- a. £15,862 to individuals
- b. £94,145 to other Charities
- c. £0 to other organisations that are not charities.

One individual is a related party and received £412 during the accounting period

No payments were made to trustees.

All funds were spent in the Republic of Moldova in the form of grants to charities and individuals.

£59,612 was sent to Moldova in cash using couriers. All couriers were trustees or individuals known to the trustees. A procedure to track the journey of funds and receipt by the intended beneficiary were trialled during 2023 ready for full implementation in 2024.



Prepared on behalf of the trustees by Dr Jay Lewington (Treasurer)

# Independent Examiners Report

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

I, Andrew James Lee, being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA), confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and financial system for Casa Mea UK (registered charity number 1175421).

As a result of carrying out this examination, I would confirm that I have not identified any matters of concern to be drawn to the attention of the Trustees or the Charity Commission. I would further confirm that I am content with the format of the accounts and the accounting records kept, and that these records agree with the accounts. Finally, I am also content that all of the Directions, as set out in the Charity Commission guidance entitled "Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and guidance for examiners (CC32)", have been adequately satisfied.

I would also confirm that this independent examination and certification has been provided free of charge.

Signed:



Andrew Lee, FCCA

Date: 26/7/24

# Balance Sheet

## Casa Mea UK - 1175421

### Balance Sheet Detail

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
<b>Current assets</b>		
Lloyds Current	12,237	91,092
Lloyds Savings	55,934	
United Savings	25,000	25,000
Accounts receivable	1,351	1,108
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>94,522</b>	<b>117,200</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>94,522</b>	<b>117,200</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(22,678)	(39,598)
Starting Balances	117,200	156,798
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>94,522</b>	<b>117,200</b>

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	12,580	18,526
Designated	2,657	2,261
Restricted	79,285	96,412
Endowment		
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,522</b>	<b>117,200</b>

Minor rounding discrepancies may occur in the totals if pence are not shown

# Statement Of Financial Activities

Casa Mea UK - 1175421

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and Legacies	23,938	7,765		31,703	61,564
Other Income	42,623	14,010		56,632	432
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>66,560</b>	<b>21,775</b>		<b>88,335</b>	<b>61,996</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	71,851	38,902		110,753	101,455
Other expenditure	260			260	140
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>72,111</b>	<b>38,902</b>		<b>111,013</b>	<b>101,595</b>
Gains / losses on investments					
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(5,550)</b>	<b>(17,127)</b>		<b>(22,678)</b>	<b>(39,599)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,361				10,500
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,361)				(10,500)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(5,550)</b>	<b>(17,127)</b>		<b>(22,678)</b>	<b>(39,598)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	20,788	96,412		117,200	156,797
Total funds carried forward	15,237	79,285		94,522	117,199

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# Analysis of Income and Expenditure

## Analysis of Income and Expenditure Selected Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Totals	
					This Year	Last Year
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
Gift aided income (from individuals)	22,358	409	7,765		30,533	10,191
Gift aid tax claim	4,774	102	1,941		6,818	8,241
Non -Gift aid donations (from churches and institutions)	35,601	2,145	11,583		49,329	43,133
Cash Donations	1,170				1,170	
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>63,904</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>21,289</b>		<b>87,849</b>	<b>61,565</b>
<i>Other Income</i>						
Interest			486		486	432
<b>Other Income totals</b>			<b>486</b>		<b>486</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>Income and endowments grand total</b>	<b>63,904</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>21,775</b>		<b>88,335</b>	<b>61,997</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
Gifts to Institutions	68,605				68,605	92,620
Gifts to individuals	2,500				2,500	6,780
Other Gifts						
Printing & Literature Costs	240				240	514
Invoiced Services	470				470	
Travel Costs						
Payments to Trustees						1,431
Other expenses for charitable aims						
Maintenance						113
Refunds received						
Postage	36				36	
Miscellaneous						(3)
Gifts to Ben & Esther Smith			8,255		8,255	
5th House Expenses			25,540		25,540	
Gifts To Vanya Barbu			4,695		4,695	
Gifts To Anea			412		412	
Unused8						
Unused21						
Unused22						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>71,851</b>		<b>38,902</b>		<b>110,753</b>	<b>101,455</b>
<i>Other Expenditure</i>						
Other expenses not for charitable aims						
Bank Charges	260				260	140
<b>Other Expenditure totals</b>	<b>260</b>				<b>260</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>72,111</b>		<b>38,902</b>		<b>111,013</b>	<b>101,595</b>

# Fund Movement Summary

Casa Mea UK - 1175421

## Fund Movement Summary Selected Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund Balances Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund Balances carried forward
General	18,526	63,904	(72,111)	2,261		12,580
Indvsupp						
Passage	1,761			(1,761)		
Carwyn&Galina		100		(100)		
Camp		2,557		100		2,657
MABINEAC	500			(500)		
UnusedD6						
UnusedD7						
UnusedD8						
UnusedD9						
UnusedD10						
Ben&Esther	2,774	6,125	(8,255)			644
5th House	93,638	10,486	(25,540)			78,584
Anea		413	(412)			1
Fr Vanya		4,751	(4,695)			56
UnusedR5						
Totals	117,200	88,335	(111,013)	0		94,522

# Income and Expense Accruals

Casa Mea UK - 1175422

## Income Accruals

Selected Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Reference	Date	Account	Code Description	Debit	Credit	Credit Description	Fund	Fund Type
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-17.50			C General	Unrestricted
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-30.00			C General	Unrestricted
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-386.96			C General	Unrestricted
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-104.61			C General	Unrestricted
	04/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted
	04/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-250.00			C General	Unrestricted
	06/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted
	07/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-6.25			C General	Unrestricted
	08/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-20.00			C General	Unrestricted
	08/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C Ben&Esther	Restricted
	11/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-3.75			C General	Unrestricted
	12/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-7.50			C General	Unrestricted
	15/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-12.50			C General	Unrestricted
	15/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-125.00			C Ben&Esther	Restricted
	15/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-5.00			C Fr Vanya	Restricted
	19/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-6.25			C General	Unrestricted
	19/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-6.25			C Fr Vanya	Restricted
	19/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-50.00			C General	Unrestricted
	19/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-18.25			C General	Unrestricted
	20/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-2.50			C General	Unrestricted
	20/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-60.00			C General	Unrestricted
	22/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C General	Unrestricted
	27/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C Ben&Esther	Restricted
	24/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.00			C Ben&Esther	Restricted
	29/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-37.50			C General	Unrestricted
	01/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid	-25.83			C Camp	Designated
	31/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid		1138.56	Accounts Receivable	C General	Unrestricted
	31/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid		25.82	Accounts Receivable	C Camp	Designated
	31/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid		175.00	Accounts Receivable	C Ben&Esther	Restricted
	31/12/2023	Lloyds	Giftaid		£11.25	Accounts Receivable	C Fr Vanya	Restricted
Total				-1350.65	1350.63			

There were no Expense accruals

**CASA MEA UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175421

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# Accounts

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# **CASA MEA UK**

*"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

*Matthew 19:26*

**Trustees' Report and Accounts  
For the Year ended  
31 December 2022  
Charity Number 1175421**

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### Charity Information

Full name	Casa Mea UK
Charity Registration Number	1175421
Address	27 Heol Ty'n-y-cae Rhiwbina Cardiff CF14 6DJ
Trustees	Miss Emma Coalter Mrs Jenny McMillan Dr Carwyn Shires (Secretary) Mr Tim Toase Mrs Kezia Toase Mr Brian Topley (Treasurer) Mr Paul Willis Miss Patricia Wiltshire Miss Maureen Wise (Chair)
Independent Examiner	Mr Andrew Lee FCCA 53 Heol Lewis Rhiwbina Cardiff CF14 6QB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Business Banking PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

### **Charitable Object**

“To meet the spiritual needs, family needs and material needs of people with any disabilities, both children and adults, in institutions and in their homes, preventing discrimination of any kind because of social background, culture, sex, religion or nationality and to promote their rights”. Casa Mea UK supports the work of Casa Mea in Moldova where this work takes place.

### **Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes**

The trustees and officers met together 4 times during 2022 and all of those meetings were held virtually via zoom. Virtual meetings having begun during the covid pandemic are now likely to continue longer term as a number of trustees live in different parts of the UK. The practice of also involving one of the 4 houses in Moldova at the beginning of each meeting has also continued which provides invaluable insights and communication with each of those men and women supported by the charity during the year. They will talk about the kind of activities they have been involved in recently and highlight their prayer requests and at the end of the session a trustee will pray for those identified needs. The exchange has been mutually enjoyable and beneficial.

The trustees have discussed the possibility of convening a face- to- face meeting as a group perhaps once every 2 or 3 years. It was recognised that some constitutional changes were required to deal with the matter of virtual meetings and joint chairing.

Two of the trustees were able to visit the work during the year and brought back first-hand reports. In addition to those visits there is very regular telephone contact via What's App.

Anita Piroozi resigned as a trustee in April 2022 and Brian Topley stepped down from being treasurer on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Jay Lewington will provide financial data for the annual report from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. The registered address also changed on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### **Impact of war in Ukraine**

Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022. After Ukraine, Moldova is perhaps the most affected state, facing multiple challenges. These include greatly increased security threats; a huge influx of refugees; massive trade disruptions; economic slow-down with an inflation rate exceeding 30% in 2022 and a severe energy crisis. Moldova has connected to the EU's power grid and sourced natural gas from the market stored in Romania and Ukraine. There have been disinformation campaigns and attempts to destabilise the country. Moldova was

granted EU candidate status in June 2022. Russian missiles have entered Moldovan air-space 3 times as a consequence of which one major airline has cancelled flights to Moldova.

These things have been a backcloth to the trustees' discussions during the year and have prompted a number of actions proposed by workers on the ground including the purchase of a generator for each of the houses and the acquisition of passports for most of the men and women we support. Energy costs in the houses have sky-rocketed as well as substantial increases in the cost of groceries and household items. In that context the trustees are extremely thankful to God that the charity has remained financially solvent.

The trustees group represents a strong range of professional experience which includes financial, social work, management, architectural and building, carpentry, speech and language therapy, dietetics and medical expertise. During the year Tim Toase and Kezia Toase were asked to prepare to take on chairing of the trustees group from the beginning of 2023 and 2022 saw them preparing for those roles and beginning to take on some of the tasks involved.

The trustees give advice on a variety of matters such as property maintenance, policy development, staff development and training, future strategy and use of available funds – all in collaboration with those managing the work in Moldova. They are all members of local churches and undertake to pray for the work regularly. Some members of the group undertake speaking engagements about the work in different churches and a prayer letter and news up-dates are distributed to several hundred people every few months. More regular news is circulated to those very committed to the work.

In Moldova Liliana Golovatii is the President of Casa Mea and she is responsible directly to the Board of Trustees. She and her colleagues are responsible for the day to day running of the work and oversight of the 4 community homes run for a total of 21 adults with disabilities at different locations in the country. Visits to closed institutions have resumed during the last year.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the spiritual, emotional, social, physical and material well-being of adults with disabilities who have lived or are living in long stay institutions in Moldova. In order to achieve its principal objective 4 homes for such adults have been set up since 2006 to provide life-long support and as normal a life as possible within the community. The homes are named Casa Bucuriei, Casa Matei, Casa Alex and Casa Ana. Each of them is staffed by Moldovans who are employed by Fundatia Casa Mea and supported by supervision, staff meetings and training. All members of staff have a job description and terms of service. There are strong links with the local churches in the villages in which each of the houses is situated and staff are drawn from those local churches.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Ann Lewington became the new committee secretary in January 2022 and her skills have undoubtedly enhanced the smooth running of our meetings. In the same month Jay Lewington began training with Brian Topley and by the end of the year Jay was providing

monthly financial analysis for the trustees while Brian continued running the charity's accounting system. Towards the end of the year it was decided that Brian would continue running the accounting system and produce the final 2022 accounts plus his report, and that from January 2023 Jay would fully assume the role of treasurer and commence running a different accounting system.

A 30% increase in salaries for staff in Moldova was agreed and implemented from the end of January 2022. This was necessary to meet Moldovan Government requirements for minimum wage standards and also to keep in step with developments across the NGO sector. It was also agreed that contracts, responsibilities and job descriptions would be reviewed. Unpaid leave was regularly discussed. A new policy regarding children in the houses was formulated and implemented.

Fully comprehensive insurance cover for the charity minibus was taken out together with house insurance for each of the 4 houses.

Several plots of potential land for the 5<sup>th</sup> house were explored but for various reasons did not result in purchases. At the time of writing a further plot of land is being explored. Finances are available to purchase a plot of land and to begin the construction of the house and agreement has been reached that now is a suitable time to pursue this.

The 6 women in Casa Bucuriei who have been gaining in skills and independence over the years had their staff support level reduced by mutual agreement so that they now are alone at nights when the single staff member is not on duty – this works out to 3 or 4 nights a week. This has worked very well to date.

The trustees proposed that Marc Schyrr should be approached about becoming a trustee which had happened by the end of the year.

Ben and Esther Smith and their 2 boys bought a house in the village of Truseni and alongside language study, Ben began to become regularly involved in the work of Casa Mea for part of each week. His role includes advising, supporting, evaluating and training. They acquired their residency permits for a year.

Training sessions took place during the year for all the staff of Casa Mea.

A proposal was made and accepted that 2 people from the UK which could include trustees and others with relevant experience should undertake an annual visit to the work to offer advice, evaluation and training to staff of Casa Mea. Self-assessment together with the trustee's views would be combined into an action plan developed for the service which would be subsequently monitored. A structural framework was agreed by the trustees.

A new procedure for authorising and recording financial payments within the charity was agreed in November.

An English web-site for the charity was set up and new English brochures were printed and began to be distributed.

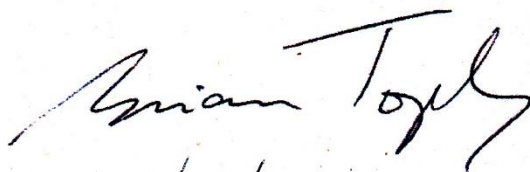
**Financial Review**

Income for the year 2022 totalled £62k from voluntary donations and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. This is less than our 2021 income which include four individual, one-off donations totalling £68k for the proposed fifth house. As we receive no grants, and as a matter of policy we make no appeals, our income is always liable to fluctuation.

In the General fund we brought forward £59k from 2021 and received income of £59k during 2022. Our expenditure was £100k making a balance in the General fund at year end of £18k. Together with a few other minor fund balances our total assets at year-end were £117k.

We continue to hold £96.3k in reserve that was given specifically to fund the opening of a 5<sup>th</sup> house of which £25k is deposited in an investment account at United Trust Bank.

Expenditure during the year totalled £101.6k including *Grants to Institutions* of £92.6k to Fundația Casa Mea for salaries of our Moldovan staff and for the day-to-day running costs of our 4 houses. We made *Grants to Individuals* of £6.8k including personal gifts to various people in Moldova and to a missionary couple who have begun working with Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova. No personal expenses were paid to trustees or any other individual during 2022.

**Brian Topley****Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees**

16/10/23

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Signed: 

Andrew Lee, FCCA

Date: 16/10/23

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b><i>Income and endowments from:</i></b>					
Donations and legacies	58,996	2,568	—	61,564	141,823
Other income	432	—	—	432	673
<b>Total income</b>	<b>59,428</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>61,997</b>	<b>142,497</b>
<b><i>Expenditure on:</i></b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	91,561	9,894	—	101,455	84,605
Other expenditure	140	—	—	140	175
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>91,701</b>	<b>9,894</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>101,595</b>	<b>84,780</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(32,272)</b>	<b>(7,325)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(39,598)</b>	<b>57,716</b>
<b><i>Transfers</i></b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	500	10,000	—	10,500	250
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10,500)	—	—	(10,500)	(250)
<b><i>Other recognised gains / losses</i></b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(42,272)</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(39,598)</b>	<b>57,716</b>
<b><i>Reconciliation of funds</i></b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>63,059</b>	<b>93,737</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>156,797</b>	<b>99,080</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>20,787</b>	<b>96,412</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>117,199</b>	<b>156,797</b>

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421****Balance Sheet detailed**

	<b>As at 31/12/2022</b>	<b>As at 31/12/2021</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
1501: Lloyds bank account	91,091.64	99,486.33
1506: United Trust Bank	25,000.00	25,425.00
Z05: Accounts Receivable	1,107.97	34,661.38
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>117,199.61</b>	<b>159,572.71</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Z04: Accounts Payable	—	2,775.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,775.00</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>117,199.61</b>	<b>156,797.71</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(39,598.10)	57,716.74
Z01: Starting balances	156,797.71	99,080.97
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>117,199.61</b>	<b>156,797.71</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	18,526.15	59,061.49
Designated	2,261.43	3,998.28
Restricted	96,412.03	93,737.94
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,199.61</b>	<b>156,797.71</b>

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)**  
**As at: 31 December 2022**

<b>Class and nominal code</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
1501 : Lloyds bank account	20,418.18	2,261.43	68,412.03	—	91,091.64	99,486.33
1502 : Nationwide Loyalty Saver B Topley	(3,000.00)	—	3,000.00	—	—	—
1506 : United Trust Bank	—	—	25,000.00	—	25,000.00	25,425.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,418.18</b>	<b>2,261.43</b>	<b>96,412.03</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>116,091.64</b>	<b>124,911.33</b>
<b>Current assets - Debtors</b>						
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	1,107.97	—	—	—	1,107.97	34,661.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,107.97</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,107.97</b>	<b>34,661.38</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>						
Z04 : Accounts Payable	—	—	—	—	—	2,775.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,775.00</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>18,526.15</b>	<b>2,261.43</b>	<b>96,412.03</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>117,199.61</b>	<b>156,797.71</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
Unrestricted - General	18,526.15	—	—	—	18,526.15	59,061.49
Designated - Indvsupp	—	—	—	—	—	805.85
Designated - Passage	—	1,761.43	—	—	1,761.43	3,192.43
Designated - MAIBINEACA	—	500.00	—	—	500.00	—
Restricted - BENESTHER	—	—	2,774.09	—	2,774.09	100.00
Restricted - FilthHouse	—	—	93,637.94	—	93,637.94	93,637.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,526.15</b>	<b>2,261.43</b>	<b>96,412.03</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>117,199.61</b>	<b>156,797.71</b>

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Prepayments and accruals - Details**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

Reference	Cheque	Audit Number	Date	Account	Code description	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type	Voided	Rec
Residual of Galina's		1001079	01/01/2022	1201	Grants to individuals	—	1,525.00	Residual of Galina's Fund	GALINA	Res		
		1001087	01/01/2022	1201	Grants to individuals	—	1,250.00		BENESTHER	Res		
Residual of Galina's		1001079	01/01/2022	Z04	Accounts Payable	1,525.00	—	Residual of Galina's Fund	GALINA	Res		
		1001087	01/01/2022	Z04	Accounts Payable	1,250.00	—		BENESTHER	Res		
<b>Total</b>						<b>2,775.00</b>	<b>2,775.00</b>					

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Income 'accruals' - Details**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

Reference	Cheque	Audit Number	Date	Account	Code description	Debit	Credit Description	Fund	Fund Type	Voided	Rec
2021 claim		1001089	01/01/2022	1101	Gift Aided income	3,836.28	— 2021 claim	General	Unr		
2021 claim		1001090	01/01/2022	1101	Gift Aided income	125.00	— 2021 claim	MyChildMy	Des		
2021 claim		1001088	01/01/2022	1102	Gift Aid tax claim	500.00	— 2021 claim	BENESTHE	Res		
Final 2021 claim		1001051	01/01/2022	1102	Gift Aid tax claim	106.25	— Final 2021 claim	General	Unr		
Catchup		1001314	31/12/2022	1102	Gift Aid tax claim	—	412.50 Catchup	General	Unr		
2022 accrual		1001313	31/12/2022	1102	Gift Aid tax claim	—	695.47	General	Unr		
Gifts via UFM		1001029	01/01/2022	1103	Non-GA donations	2,792.00	— Gifts via UFM	General	Unr		
Gifts via UFM		1001028	01/01/2022	1103	Non-GA donations	805.85	— Gifts via UFM	Indvsupp	Des		
Gifts via UFM		1001027	01/01/2022	1103	Non-GA donations	25,000.00	— Gifts via UFM	FifthHouse	Res		
Heath Church Mission		1001036	01/01/2022	1103	Non-GA donations	1,496.00	— Heath Church Missionary	General	Unr		
Gifts via UFM		1001028	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	805.85 Gifts via UFM	Indvsupp	Des		
Gifts via UFM		1001027	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	25,000.00 Gifts via UFM	FifthHouse	Res		
Gifts via UFM		1001029	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	2,792.00 Gifts via UFM	General	Unr		
Heath Church Mission		1001036	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	1,496.00 Heath Church Missionary	General	Unr		
2021 claim		1001089	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	3,836.28 2021 claim	General	Unr		
Final 2021 claim		1001051	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	106.25 Final 2021 claim	General	Unr		
2021 claim		1001088	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	500.00 2021 claim	BENESTHE	Res		
2021 claim		1001090	01/01/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	125.00 2021 claim	MyChildMy	Des		
2022 accrual		1001313	31/12/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	695.47	—	General	Unr		
Catchup		1001314	31/12/2022	Z05	Accounts Receivable	412.50	— Catchup	General	Unr		
<b>Total</b>						<b>35,769.35</b>	<b>35,769.35</b>				

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Fund movement summary**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Balances brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains and Losses</b>	<b>Journal Entries</b>	<b>Fund balances Carried forward</b>
BENESTHER - Ben & Esther Smith	100	2,568	9,894	10,000	—	—	2,774
Indvsupp - Individual support	805	—	805	—	—	—	—
Passage - Passage	3,192	—	1,431	—	—	—	1,761
General - General fund	59,061	59,428	89,464	(10,500)	—	—	18,526
MAIBINEACA - Mai bine Acasa	—	—	—	500	—	—	500
FifthHouse - 5th House	93,637	—	—	—	—	—	93,637
<b>Totals</b>	<b>156,797</b>	<b>61,997</b>	<b>101,595</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>117,199</b>

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421****Trial balance  
As at: 31 December 2022**

<b>Nominal code</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
1101 - Gift Aided income	Income	—	10,190.72
1102 - Gift Aid tax claim	Income	—	8,241.00
1103 - Non-GA donations	Income	—	43,133.24
1105 - Interest	Income	—	432.23
1200 - Grants to institutions	Expenditure	92,620.00	—
1201 - Grants to individuals	Expenditure	6,780.00	—
1202 - Maintenance	Expenditure	112.79	—
1205 - Bank charges	Expenditure	140.00	—
1206 - Miscellaneous costs	Expenditure	(2.50)	—
1207 - Literature	Expenditure	514.00	—
1208 - Trustee expenses	Expenditure	1,431.00	—
1501 - Lloyds bank account	Current assets	91,091.64	—
1506 - United Trust Bank	Current assets	25,000.00	—
Starting balance	Reserves	—	156,797.71
Z05 - Accounts Receivable	Current assets	1,107.97	—
<b>Totals</b>		<b>218,794.90</b>	<b>218,794.90</b>

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**CASA MEA UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175421

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# Accounts

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# **CASA MEA**

**III**

*“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

*Matthew 19:26*

**Trustees' Report and Accounts  
For the Year ended  
31 December 2021  
Charity Number 1175421**

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## Charity Information

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Full name                   | Casa Mea UK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Charity Registration Number | 1175421                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Address                     | 27 Heol Ty'n-y-cae<br>Rhiwbina<br>Cardiff<br>CF14 6DJ                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Trustees                    | Miss Emma Coalter<br>Mrs Jenny McMillan<br>Dr Carwyn Shires (Secretary)<br>Mr Tim Toase (Joint Chair)<br>Mrs Keziah Toase (Joint Chair)<br>Mr Brian Topley (Treasurer)<br>Mr Paul Willis<br>Miss Patricia Wiltshire<br>Miss Maureen Wise (Joint Chair) |
| Independent Examiner        | Mr Andrew Lee FCCA<br>53 Heol Lewis<br>Rhiwbina<br>Cardiff<br>CF14 6QB                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Bankers                     | Lloyds Bank<br>Business Banking<br>PO Box 1000<br>Andover<br>BX1 1LT                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

### **Charitable Object**

“To meet the spiritual needs, family needs and material needs of people with any disabilities, both children and adults, in institutions and in their homes, preventing discrimination of any kind because of social background, culture, sex, religion or nationality and to promote their rights.”

### **Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes**

The trustees met together 3 times during 2021 and all of those meetings were held virtually via zoom because of the covid pandemic. Using zoom meetings has meant that communication has been possible with trustees living in different parts of the UK. During the year the practice began of involving one of the 4 houses in Moldova at the beginning of each meeting. This has richly enhanced the meetings and has enabled direct conversation with each of the men and women whom Casa Mea supports in Moldova and has given some excellent insights into their daily life and views and opinions. There is some prior preparation in terms of sharing questions with them beforehand and asking them to think about their replies. They have shared their own prayer requests also at the end of the session and a trustee will pray for those identified needs. The exchange has been mutually enjoyable and beneficial.

Two of the trustees were able to visit the work during the year and brought back first-hand reports of developments. There has been very regular telephone contact in addition to those visits. As during the previous pandemic year, the Moldovan workers of Casa Mea continued to work very hard in a challenging context.

The trustees group represents a strong range of professional experience which includes financial, social work, management, architectural and building, carpentry, occupational therapy, speech therapy, dietetics and medical expertise. Three new trustees had joined during the previous year and the hope is that that will continue the process of handing the work on to a younger generation of committed men and women.

The trustees give advice on a wide range of issues such as property maintenance, policy development, staff development and training, future strategy and use of available funds in collaboration with those managing the work in Moldova. The trustees are all members of local churches and undertake to pray for the work regularly. Members of the group undertake speaking engagements about the work in different churches and these took place largely via zoom during the year in question. A prayer letter and news updates are distributed to several hundred people every few months, together with a monthly new up-date for those very committed to the work. All the trustees except one have visited the work in Moldova, usually on a fairly regular basis until the pandemic struck.

Each of the trustees plays a very active practical and spiritual role in the running of the charity and all important decisions are taken after full group discussion. In Moldova Liliana Golovatii is the President of Fundatia Casa Mea and she is responsible directly to the Board of Trustees. She and her colleagues are responsible for the day to day running of the work and oversight of the four community homes run for a total of 21 adults with disabilities at different locations in the country.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the spiritual, emotional, social, physical and material well-being of adults with disabilities who have lived or are living in long stay institutions in Moldova. In order to achieve its principal objective four homes for such adults have been set up since 2006 in village communities to provide life-long support and as normal a life as possible within the community. The homes are named Casa Bucuriei, Casa Matei, Casa Alex and Casa Ana. Each of them is staffed by Moldovans who are employed by Fundatia Casa Mea and supported by regular supervision, staff meetings and training. Although regular staff meetings have taken place during 2021 training opportunities have been fewer than anticipated because of the pandemic sadly. All members of staff have a job description and terms of service and they would usually have annual appraisals. There are strong links with the local churches in the villages in which each of the houses is situated and staff are drawn from those local churches.

Visits are usually made regularly to large institutions for adults with disabilities in Moldova where Christian services are held and where food and clothing are distributed when available. During 2021 these visits were prevented by the pandemic as the institutions went into immediate quarantine and access to any visitors has been stopped for the time being.

### **Achievements and Performance**

A hoist was provided and sent to Domnul Grisa living in Casa Alex. This was a tremendous help to those supporting him.

Computers were gifted for use in Casa Alex and Casa Matei. These helped during the lock-down in the sense particularly, that those living and working in the houses were able to access online church services and they were able to communicate with trustees.

Further work was undertaken on the development of a training strategy for staff in Casa Mea. Carwyn Shires undertook some staff training on risk management during the year.

Two new younger female staff were employed – one as a trainee social worker and one to cover some night shifts in one of the houses. The period of their respective employment was shorter than expected as a result of the marriage of one of them and the pending marriage of the other.

The men and women in the 4 houses received their covid vaccinations.

Building work was completed in Casa Alex, Casa Matei and Casa Bucuriei. In addition, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were fitted in each of the 4 houses.

A number of possible locations for the 5<sup>th</sup> house were explored but so far none have provided the optimum conditions we are looking for.

Ben and Esther Smith spent time in Moldova with their 2 children and are preparing ultimately to join the work of Casa Mea. At present they are engaged in language study but they also spent regular time in one of the houses.

## **Financial Review**

Income for the year totalled £142k from voluntary donations and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. This is three times our income in 2020 largely because it includes £68k given specifically for the proposed fifth house via just four individual generous donations. This brought the total balance in the Fifth House Fund at year end to £93.6k. As we receive no grants, and as a matter of policy we make no appeals our income is always liable to fluctuation.

In the General fund we brought forward £70k from 2020 and received income of £70.7k during 2021. Our expenditure was £81.4k making a balance in the General fund at year end of £59.6k. Together with a few other minor fund balances our total assets at year-end were £159k.

We now hold £96.3k in reserve that was given specifically to fund the opening of a 5<sup>th</sup> house of which £25k is deposited in an investment account at United Trust Bank.

Expenditure during the year totalled £84.8k including *Grants to Institutions* of £79.8k to Fundația Casa Mea for salaries of our Moldovan staff and for the day-to-day running costs of our 4 houses. We made

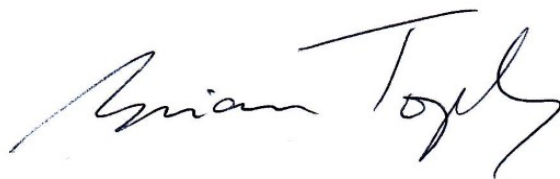
*Grants to Individuals* of £6.9k including personal gifts to various people in Moldova and to a missionary couple who have begun working with Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova. No personal expenses were paid to trustees or any other individual during 2021.

**Brian Topley**

**Trustee Treasurer**

**Date: 25 October 2022**

**Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Topley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'B'.

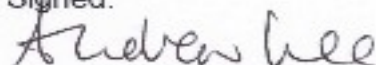
## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

I, Andrew James Lee, being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA), confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and financial system for Casa Mea UK (registered charity number 1175421).

As a result of carrying out this examination, I would confirm that I have not identified any matters of concern to be drawn to the attention of the Trustees or the Charity Commission. I would further confirm that I am content with the format of the accounts and the accounting records kept, and that these records agree with the accounts. Finally, I am also content that all of the Directions, as set out in the Charity Commission guidance entitled "Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and guidance for examiners (CC32)", have been adequately satisfied.

I would also confirm that this independent examination and certification has been provided free of charge.

Signed:



Andrew Lee, FCCA

Date:

18/10/22

Casa Mea UK - 1175421

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

|                                                             | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds | Total<br>funds | Prior year<br>total funds |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Income and endowments from:</i>                          |                       |                     |                    |                |                           |
| Donations and legacies                                      | 70,973                | 70,850              | —                  | 141,823        | 46,794                    |
| Other income                                                | 673                   | —                   | —                  | 673            | 784                       |
| <b>Total income</b>                                         | <b>71,647</b>         | <b>70,850</b>       | <b>—</b>           | <b>142,497</b> | <b>47,578</b>             |
| <i>Expenditure on:</i>                                      |                       |                     |                    |                |                           |
| Expenditure on charitable activities                        | 82,105                | 2,500               | —                  | 84,605         | 44,497                    |
| Other expenditure                                           | 175                   | —                   | —                  | 175            | 100                       |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                    | <b>82,280</b>         | <b>2,500</b>        | <b>—</b>           | <b>84,780</b>  | <b>44,597</b>             |
| Gains / losses on investment assets                         | —                     | —                   | —                  | —              | —                         |
| <b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b> | <b>(10,633)</b>       | <b>68,350</b>       | <b>—</b>           | <b>57,716</b>  | <b>2,980</b>              |
| <i>Transfers</i>                                            |                       |                     |                    |                |                           |
| Gross transfers between funds - in                          | 250                   | —                   | —                  | 250            | 596                       |
| Gross transfers between funds - out                         | (250)                 | —                   | —                  | (250)          | (596)                     |
| <i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>                      |                       |                     |                    |                |                           |
| Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use       | —                     | —                   | —                  | —              | —                         |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                | <b>(10,633)</b>       | <b>68,350</b>       | <b>—</b>           | <b>57,716</b>  | <b>2,980</b>              |
| <i>Reconciliation of funds</i>                              |                       |                     |                    |                |                           |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                          | <b>73,693</b>         | <b>25,387</b>       | <b>—</b>           | <b>99,080</b>  | <b>96,100</b>             |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                          | <b>63,059</b>         | <b>93,737</b>       | <b>—</b>           | <b>156,797</b> | <b>99,080</b>             |

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**

**Balance Sheet detailed**

|                                         | <b>As at<br/>31/12/2021</b> | <b>As at<br/>31/12/2020</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                   |                             |                             |
| 1501: Lloyds bank account               | 99,486.33                   | 56,323.47                   |
| 1502: Nationwide Loyalty Saver B Topley | —                           | —                           |
| 1506: United Trust Bank                 | 25,425.00                   | 40,000.00                   |
| 1507: Galina 3rd account at Nationwide  | —                           | —                           |
| Z05: Accounts Receivable                | 34,661.38                   | 5,532.50                    |
| <b>Total Current assets</b>             | <b>159,572.71</b>           | <b>101,855.97</b>           |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                      |                             |                             |
| Z04: Accounts Payable                   | 2,775.00                    | 2,775.00                    |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                | <b>2,775.00</b>             | <b>2,775.00</b>             |
| <b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>      | <b>156,797.71</b>           | <b>99,080.97</b>            |
| <b>Reserves</b>                         |                             |                             |
| Excess / (deficit) to date              | 57,716.74                   | 2,980.93                    |
| Z01: Starting balances                  | 99,080.97                   | 96,100.04                   |
| <b>Total Reserves</b>                   | <b>156,797.71</b>           | <b>99,080.97</b>            |

| <b>Represented by Funds</b> |                   |                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted                | 59,061.49         | 70,250.60        |
| Designated                  | 3,998.28          | 3,442.43         |
| Restricted                  | 93,737.94         | 25,387.94        |
| Endowment                   | —                 | —                |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>156,797.71</b> | <b>99,080.97</b> |

Notes: Trustees made donations totalling £5,095 during the year.

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**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Fund movement summary**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

Fund	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
BENESTHER - Ben & Esther Smith	—	2,600	2,500	—	—	—	100
Indvsupp - Individual support	—	805	—	—	—	—	805
MyChildMy - My Child My Blessing	—	625	875	250	—	—	—
Passage - Passage	3,192	—	—	—	—	—	3,192
General - General fund	70,250	70,216	81,405	—	—	—	59,061
BUCURIEI - Casa Bucuriei	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MATEI - Casa Matei	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALEX - Casa Alex	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GALINA - Galina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MAIBINEACA - Mai bine Acasa	250	—	—	(250)	—	—	—
ANEA - For Anea's salary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
VANYA - Fratele Vanya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FifthHouse - 5th House	25,387	68,250	—	—	—	—	93,637
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99,080</b>	<b>142,497</b>	<b>84,780</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>156,797</b>

**CASA MEA UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175421

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# Accounts

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# **CASA MEA**

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*“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

*Matthew 19:26*

**Trustees' Report and Accounts  
For the Year ended  
31 December 2020  
Charity Number 1175421**

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## Charity Information

Full name	Casa Mea UK
Charity Registration Number	1175421
Address	27 Heol Ty'n-y-cae Rhiwbina Cardiff CF14 6DJ
Trustees	Miss Emma Coalter Mrs Jenny McMillan Mrs Anita Piroozi Dr Carwyn Shires (Secretary) Mr Tim Toase Mrs Keziah Toase Mr Brian Topley (Treasurer) Mr Paul Willis Miss Patricia Wiltshire Miss Maureen Wise (Chair)
Independent Examiner	Mr Andrew Lee FCCA 53 Heol Lewis Rhiwbina Cardiff CF14 6QB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Business Banking PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT

## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019**

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

### **Charitable Object**

“To meet the spiritual needs, family needs and material needs of people with any disabilities, both children and adults, in institutions and in their homes, preventing discrimination of any kind because of social background, culture, sex, religion or nationality and to promote their rights.”

### **Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes**

The trustees met together 5 times during 2020 and 4 of those meetings were held virtually via zoom because of the Covid pandemic. In some ways virtual meetings have been helpful in that we have been able to communicate directly with new trustees living long distances away from Cardiff; we were able to have profitable discussions with new workers training in the Netherlands who are preparing to move to Moldova and we have been able to think about direct communication with our colleagues in Moldova.

One member of the trustees was able to visit the work at the beginning of the year but subsequent planned visits were not able to go ahead because of the pandemic. Those working for Casa Mea in Moldova however ploughed on valiantly with the work in a very challenging context.

The trustees group represents a strong range of professional experience which includes financial, social work, management, architectural and building, occupational therapy and medical expertise. Three new trustees joined the group during the year, bringing with them additional professional skills in carpentry and speech therapy and a dietician also joined us. The new trustees are considerably younger than most of the existing trustees and it was felt important to begin preparing a new generation of trustees. They have begun to make a significant and helpful contribution to the group.

The trustees give advice on a wide range of issues such as property maintenance, policy development, staff development and training, future strategy and use of available funds in collaboration with those managing the work in Moldova. The trustees are all members of local churches and

undertake to pray for the work regularly. Members of the group undertake speaking engagements about the work in different churches and these took place largely via zoom during the year in question. A prayer letter and news updates are distributed to several hundred people every few months, together with a monthly news up-date for those very committed to the work. All the trustees except one have visited the work in Moldova, usually on a fairly regular basis until the pandemic struck.

Each of the trustees plays a very active practical and spiritual role in the running of the charity and all important decisions are taken after full group discussion. In Moldova Liliana Golovatii is the President of Fundația Casa Mea and she is responsible directly to the Board of Trustees. She and her colleagues are responsible for the day to day running of the work and oversight of the four community homes run for a total of 21 adults with disabilities at different locations in the country.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the charity is the spiritual, emotional, social, physical and material well-being of adults with disabilities who have lived or are living in long stay institutions in Moldova. In order to achieve its principal objective four homes for such adults have been set up since 2006 in village communities to provide life-long support and as normal a life as possible within the community. The homes are named Casa Bucuriei, Casa Matei, Casa Alex and Casa Ana. Each of them is staffed by Moldovans who are employed by Fundația Casa Mea and supported by regular supervision, staff meetings and training. Although regular staff meetings have taken place during 2020 training opportunities have been fewer because of the pandemic sadly. All members of staff have a job description and terms of service and they would usually have annual appraisals. There are strong links with the local churches in the villages in which each of the houses is situated and staff are drawn from those local churches.

Visits are usually made regularly to large institutions for adults with disabilities in Moldova where Christian services are held and where food and clothing are distributed when available. During 2020 these visits were prevented by the pandemic as the institutions went into immediate quarantine and access to any visitors has been stopped for the time being.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Despite the shut-downs in the UK and the limitations imposed by the pandemic 2020 did prove to be a busy, productive but at the same time a sad year:

- Slava who lived in Casa Matei died in September 2020. All feel his loss deeply. It is possible that he died of Covid although a clear

diagnosis was never given. Slava had lived for years in closed institutions. He had Down's Syndrome and had made great progress socially, spiritually and emotionally since coming to live in Casa Matei. Slava was greatly loved.

- A new, young social work assistant was employed part time (after a job description was drawn up) and admirably mentored by the social worker of Casa Mea. The social work assistant is currently undertaking a social work degree in Moldova and we would hope that she may work with us longer term.
- The possibility of a 5<sup>th</sup> house was regularly discussed and it was felt that, given our more stable staff situation in Moldova, we should begin to take this idea forward.
- Two new workers, Ben and Esther Smith, are preparing at Missionary College in the Netherlands to join the work next year. They are both very well qualified for the work in Moldova and we give thanks to God for them.
- Staff salaries were increased.
- Some progress was made on the development of a brochure about the work in Romanian (there is already an excellent, well-used brochure in English).
- Trustees undertook an analysis of the charity's progress to date including its strengths and weaknesses and a Statement of Vision for the next 3 years was drawn up and discussed both here and in Moldova. One meeting of the trustees was dedicated to a discussion about future direction of the work.
- A training strategy was developed for staff in Moldova. This has yet to be fully implemented because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

### **Risk Management**

Risk management plans for each person living the four houses were updated.

### **Financial Review**

Income for the year was £47.6k from voluntary donations and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. This is about 11% less than our 2019 income but as we receive no grants, and as a matter of policy we make no appeals our income is always liable to fluctuation.

We continue to hold in reserve £25k that was given specifically to fund the opening of a 5<sup>th</sup> house and is held with a further £15k reserve in an investment account at United Trust Bank.

The trustees were managing a gift given solely for the personal benefit of the young Moldovan woman social worker on the team of Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova. During 2020 the final amount of £1.5k was paid to her

and so that fund was reduced to zero at year end. The payment has been posted to *Miscellaneous Costs*.

Expenditure during the year totalled £44.6k including *Grants to Institutions* of £41.2k to Fundația Casa Mea for salaries of our Moldovan staff and for the day-to-day running costs of our 4 houses. A support gift of £240 was given to a Russian-speaking group called *My Child, My Blessing* who care for families looking after a child with disabilities at home. We made *Grants to Individuals* of £1.5k, including £1.2k from our support fund to a trainee missionary couple who plan to work with Fundația Casa Mea in Moldova from September 2021. There were no personal expenses paid to trustees or any other individual during 2020.

### **The Future**

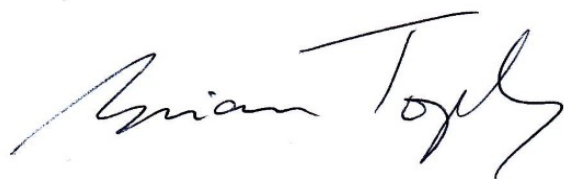
The trustees consider that the charity will continue for the foreseeable future and look forward to the two new leaders joining the work in 2021.

**Brian Topley**

**Trustee Treasurer**

**Date: 14 September 2021**

**Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Topley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

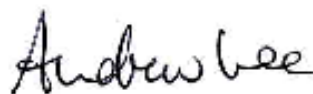
## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

I, Andrew James Lee, being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA), confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts and financial system for Casa Mea UK (registered charity number 1175421).

As a result of carrying out this examination, I would confirm that I have not identified any matters of concern to be drawn to the attention of the Trustees or the Charity Commission. I would further confirm that I am content with the format of the accounts and the accounting records kept, and that these records agree with the accounts. Finally, I am also content that all of the Directions, as set out in the Charity Commission guidance entitled "Independent examination of charity accounts: Directions and guidance for examiners (CC32)", have been adequately satisfied.

I would also confirm that this independent examination and certification has been provided free of charge.

Signed:



Andrew Lee, FCCA

Date:

17/10/21

Casa Mea

**UK - 1175421**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020**

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowme nt funds	Tota l fund s	Prior year total funds
<b><i>Income and endowments from:</i></b>					
Donations and legacies	45,169	1,625	—	46,794	50,678
Other income	784	—	—	784	706
<b>Total income</b>	<b>45,953</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>47,578</b>	<b>51,384</b>
<b><i>Expenditure on:</i></b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	41,622	2,875	—	44,497	88,804
Other expenditure	100	—	—	100	--
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>41722</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>44,597</b>	<b>88,804</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>(1,250)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>(37,419)</b>
<b><i>Transfers</i></b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	596	—	—	596	22,061
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40)	(555)	—	(596)	(22,061)
<b><i>Other recognised gains / losses</i></b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>(1,805)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>(37,419)</b>
<b><i>Reconciliation of funds</i></b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>68,906</b>	<b>27,193</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>96,100</b>	<b>133,519</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>73,693</b>	<b>25,387</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>99,080</b>	<b>96,100</b>

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**Balance Sheet detailed**

	<b>As at 31/12/2020</b>	<b>As at 31/12/2019</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
1501: Lloyds bank account	56,323.47	54,451.29
1502: Nationwide Loyalty Saver B Topley	—	—
1506: United Trust Bank	40,000.00	40,000.00
1507: Galina 3rd account at Nationwide	—	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	5,532.5	1,648.75
	<b>101,855.97</b>	<b>96,100.04</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Z04: Accounts Payable	2775.00	—
	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
	<b>99,080.97</b>	<b>96,100.04</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess / (deficit) to date	2,980.93	(37,419.93)
Z01: Starting balances	96,100.04	133,519.97
	<b>99,080.97</b>	<b>96,100.04</b>

	<b>Represented by Funds</b>	
Unrestricted	70,250.60	65,793.37
Designated	3,442.43	3,112.76
Restricted	25,387.94	27,193.91
Endowment	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,080.97</b>	<b>96,100.04</b>

**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020**

	Unrestrict ed	Designat ed	Restrict ed	Endowme nt	Totals	
					This year	Last year
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
1101 - Gift Aided income	8,995	360	1,180	—	9,630	9,630
1102 - Gift Aid tax claim	2,202	130	295	—	2,574	2,574
1103 - Non-GA donations	26,046	—	150	—	20,402	20,402
1104 - Donations via Bank	7,435	—	—	—	18,071	18,071
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<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	44,679	490	1,625	—	46,794	50,678
<b>Other income</b>						
1105 - Interest	784	—	784	—	784	706
<b>Other income Totals</b>	-	—	-	—	-	706
<b>Income and endowments Grand totals</b>	45,463	490	1,625	—	47,578	51,384
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
1200 - Grants to institutions	40,987	200	—	—	41,187	77,450
1201 - Grants to individuals	200	—	1,350	—	1,550	10,167
1202 - Maintenance	29	—	—	—	29	64
1203 - Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
1204 - Vehicle costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
1206 - Miscellaneous costs	53	—	1,525	—	1,578	—
1207 - Literature	151	—	—	—	151	—
1208 - Trustee expenses	—	—	—	—	—	1,121
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	41,422	200	2,875	—	44,497	88,804
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
1205 - Bank charges	100	—	—	—	100	—
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	100	—	—	—	100	—
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	41,522	200	2,875	—	44,597	88,804

Notes: Trustees made donations totalling £5,485 during the year.

**Casa Mea UK - 1175421**  
**Fund movement summary**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019**

Fund	Fund Balanc es brough t forwar d	Incoming  Resources	Outgoin g  Resourc es	Transfe rs	Gains and  Losses	Fund balances  Carried forward
	Notes					
Ben & Esther Smith	—	1250	1250	—	—	0
My Child My Blessing Expenses	(80) 3,192	240 —	200 -	40 -	—	0 3,192
General	65,793	45,463	41,522	516	—	70,250
Casa Bucuriei	—	—	—	—	—	—
Casa Matei	—	—	—	—	—	—
Casa Alex	—	—	—	—	—	—
Personal gift to social worker	1 1,525	—	1525	—	—	0
For Anea's salary	2 280	375	100	(555)	—	0
Fifth House	25,387	—	—	—	—	25,387
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96,100</b>	<b>47,578</b>	<b>44,597</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>99,080</b>

Notes

1. As planned the balance of this fund was paid to the social worker during 2020.
2. Anea is one of the managers and co-founders of the work in Moldova and this fund identifies gifts from one specific donor who gives regularly to help with Anea's salary. The fund balance is transferred to the General fund from which the Grants to Fundația Casa Mea are made.

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