



## **PRO TERRA SANCTA UK**

### **Report and Financial Statements**

**Period from 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022**

**Registered Charity Number 1178965**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

**Charities commission** PRO TERRA SANCTA UK

**Registered Charity Number** 1178965.

#### **Trustees**

New Trustee added – Sir Stephen Bubb nominated and appointed 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Christina Rogers (**chair**) – Initially appointed 18th February 2018 for 2 years – re-elected 28th Feb 2020 – re-elected at AGM on 1 June 2022 for a further 2 years

Tommaso Saltini - Appointed 18th February 2018 (4 years) - re-elected at AGM on 1 June 2022 for a further 4 years

Guendalina Sassoli De Bianchi - Appointed 18th February 2018 (3 years) elected for further 3 years at the AGM on 14 April 2021

#### **Background**

**PRO TERRA SANCTA UK**, was granted Charitable status on 27 JUNE 2018 with the Charities Commission UK with registered [Charity Number 1178965](#).

#### **The objects of the charity are, for the public benefit:**

To foster bonds between the Holy Land and the World through Emergency relief, Humanitarian, and medical assistance for all those in need, the preservation and development of the artistic, archaeological and cultural heritage of the Holy Land, and through Education and assistance to build hope for a future of peace and development for all.

To achieve the objects of the charity, PTS UK the UK charity works closely with the global Pro terra Sancta network. As the General Director of Pro Terra sancta, Dr Tommaso Saltini noted in the main Annual report; against a backdrop of global turmoil, conflict and uncertainty “ *it is good to realise that our projects represent a miracle of unity, nurturing bonds and encouraging embraces between people who are different and in need...*

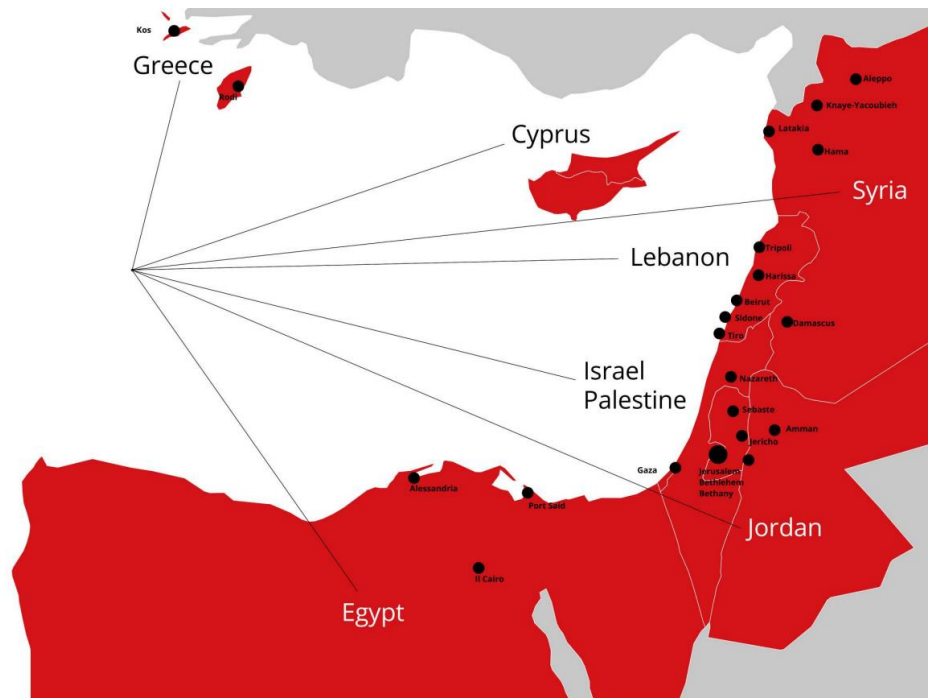
*Your help in support of the Holy Land contributes to the conservation and enhancement of the places where communities meet, where peoples converge and wish to travel from all*

*over the world. Their appeal, the history they preserve, their beauty are a point of unity and truth”.*

Dr Tommaso Saltini – Director General PTS

## WHERE WE ARE

**Pro Terra Sancta** is a network that promotes and implements projects for the **conservation** and **enhancement** of the cultural and natural **heritage**, to support local communities and help in **humanitarian emergencies**. Pro Terra Sancta operates in the Middle East, mainly where the Franciscan friars of the **Custody of the Holy Land** are present, in the places at the origin of the Christian faith and alongside local communities. *Our projects are carried out in collaboration with economic, cultural and social organisations of local civil societies.*



The activity of Pro Terra Sancta is offered to all irrespective of religion or circumstance, focused on the following areas;

- ***Preservation and development***
- ***Education and assistance***
- ***Humanitarian relief***



## Preservation and Development

The historical places of **Holy Land** preserve a memory of great value for all local communities: *Christians, Jews and Muslims*.

**Preservation and Development projects** aim at raising awareness of this heritage by the local community, tourists and pilgrims.



## Education and Assistance

The **education of new generations** is essential to **build hope** for a future of peace and development in land battered by conflicts; while access to **basic medical assistance** gives dignity to the poorest and increases life quality.





## Emergency in the Middle East

**Emergency Relief projects** guarantee the distribution of **primary goods** to support the population affected by the **war** and, where possible, the reconstruction of what has been destroyed, in order to encourage the rebirth and the development of the civil society.

**Activity** - Over the period PTS UK have carried out the following activities in order to deliver the Public Benefit Objects of the charity and we were pleased to note that increasing UK supporters continue to support and encourage the work of the global NGO. As we became more integrated with the main PTS network in 2022 the Trustees felt it was important to increase their number and expertise and were delighted that Sir Stephen Bubb agreed to join us.

**BIO: Sir Stephen Bubb JP FRSA** is Director of Charity Futures, and the Acting Director of the Oxford Institute of Charity. He was Chief Executive of the UK charity leaders representative body [Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations](#) (ACEVO) from 2000 to 2016. He received a knighthood in 2011 for his services to the voluntary sector.

Stephen has longstanding advocacy of charities, and we were delighted that he was able to join us as the UK charity undertakes a reorganisation and broadens its remit to support a range of projects promoted and delivered by Pro Terra Sancta.

In addition to Sir Stephen increasing the Trustee number to 4, we also established an Advisory Board in 2022. The Advisory board was initiated with Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Antoine Mattar and Baroness Helen Liddell as founding members and acts as a sounding board and critical friend to the charity as it seeks to grow in the UK.

Events planned for 2023 include an event at The House of Lords and further outreach within the UK. 2022 has focused on reorganisation and laying the groundwork for 2023.

Costs have been kept to an absolute minimum with limited expenses related to a mailbox, virtual office and other mandatory expenses which represent 6.8% of income. No staff within the UK were paid and the charity worked on a voluntary basis.

**Financial Review**

2022 was very much focused on a restructure and planning for increased activity in 2023. We also noted that some donors preferred to make donations directly overseas. We still were able to attract a small number of new donors and the income increased Fourfold on the previous year.

Costs are kept to a minimum, with a small amount being spent on office and phone rental.

Incomings	Outgoings
£4651	£322

As at FYE 2022 - No grants have been made during the period.

**Plans for the future.**


The plan for 2023 is to continue to build the online presence and raise the profile of the charity in the UK, through events and profile raising, continuing the growth in donations. The Trustees continue to work together to support the activities of the Pro Terra Sancta Network. The Advisory board’s support and guidance has been critical in 2022 in laying firm foundations for growth into 2023.

**Declaration**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees.**

Christina Rogers

  
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Chair UK Trustee

Tommaso Saltini

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