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Lourdes Children & Families Trust

Charity Registration No.: 1179877

Trustees' Annual Report, Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 31 October 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

The charity's purpose is arranging an annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes for families from the Manchester area, especially families who have children with special needs or financial difficulties

Achievements and Performance

- 150+ people part of the 2024 CAFt Pilgrimage (largest ever numbers)
- 16 cyclists cycled 500 miles through France to raise £20,000+ in sponsorship

Financial Review

Income: £34,500 (donations & fundraising events).

Expenditure: £22,000 (Assisting families with costs, admin costs).

Reserves carried forward: £28,000 (£12,000 increase this financial year)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is run by 5 trustees, all unpaid. It meets quarterly to set strategy and review finances. No related party transactions occurred.

Plans for the Future

The charity has just had another successful pilgrimage in 2025 with old and new families attending. Planning has already started for a bumper year in 2026

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Dom Roddy, Chair – 21 August 2025

Accounts

Receipts

Receipts	£
Donations & legacies	31,500
Fundraising events	3,000
Total Receipts	34,500

Payments

Payments	£
Family Accommodation Costs	13,000
Family Travel Costs	5,000
Contribution to Salford Diocese & Sanctuaire Lourdes	500
Merchandise	1,000
Governance & other costs	2,500
Total Payments	22,000

Net movement in funds: £12,000 surplus

Funds brought forward: £16,000

Funds carried forward: £28,000

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Lourdes Childrens and Famiies Trust for the year ending 30/10/2024

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. I have carried out an independent examination as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

My examination included a review of the accounting records, a comparison of the accounts to those records, and consideration of any unusual items or disclosures.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 have not been met.

Signed: Martin Julian Blythe (Independent Examiner , ex bank manager)

Date: 27 August 2025