

THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST (O.T.J.)

England & Wales · Charity number 1191505

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-09-28

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY ASSISTING SUITABLE PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, PARTICULARLY THE DISABLED AND YOUNG, TO UNDERTAKE JOURNEYS OF PILGRIMAGE TO RECOGNISED CHRISTIAN SHRINES WHETHER SITUATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS; AND TO ADVANCE EDUCATION BY ASSISTING SUITABLE YOUNG PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO UNDERTAKE EDUCATIONAL VISITS TO RECOGNISED PLACES OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP OR LEARNING WHETHER SITUATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OVERSEAS.

Activities: THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,301	£4,225	-	-
2023-12-31	£9,754	£5,611	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,067	£5,598	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,304	£2,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY PHILIP CUTHBERT		2020-09-28
CICELYN AMELIA HINDS		2020-09-28
Dr SORIN-IONUT BALABAN		2020-09-28
George Alexander MacLean		2023-11-15
Jeremy Lee		2020-09-28
MAVIS JACOBS		2020-09-28
Rev PHILIP NORWOOD		2020-09-28
Rev TRACY WILLIAMS		2023-03-14

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Trustees' Annual Report
01 January – 31 December 2024

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President The Grand Prior of the Order of Knights Templar in the United Kingdom

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Anthony Cuthbert*

Cicelyn Hinds (Hon. Secretary)

Mavis Jacobs*

Jeremy Lee (Hon. Treasurer)

George MacLean* (Chair)

Rev. Canon Philip Norwood*

Tracy Williams (new)

(* indicates member of the Grand Priory)

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The Trust was originally founded in the 1980s by members of the Knights Templar and current donors include Members of the Grand Priory of Knights Templar in the United Kingdom ('the Grand Priory' / 'GPUK'). The Trustees, therefore, consider it appropriate to maintain links with the Grand Priory and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 20 July 2021 sets out the basis on which the two organisations aim to work together.

The Trustees

The Trust is managed by a board of eight trustees. Currently, five Trustees are Members of the Grand Priory and three are independent of the Grand Priory. The Trustees come from different Christian denominations: the board includes members of the Church of England, the Romanian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Trustees' names are set out on page 1. The Trustees whose names are marked with an asterisk are Members of the Grand Priory. Anthony Cuthbert, the serving Grand Prior, is the Trust's President.

The Trustees met regularly during 2024. All the meetings took place online due to the distances between Trustee's homes.

The Trustees also maintained contact by e-mail between meetings.

The Trust's Activities

The Trust's main activity is making grants to groups and individuals planning to make pilgrimages. Without the Trust's financial support, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for them to do so. The Trust encourages applications from pilgrimage from youth groups, such as schools and churches, as Trustees believe a pilgrimage experience will have life-long benefits.

During the year, the Trust which amounted to £4100 (2023: £5405). The Trustees were pleased to note that there was a wider range of applicants, all of whom made initial enquiries through the Trust's website.

The Trust's finances are covered in more detail on page 3.

At their regular meetings, the Trustees reviewed reports and updates on the Trust's finances, grants and marketing activity. They also reviewed the Trust's governance and its marketing generally, as well as its Safeguarding and Data Protection Policies.

They recognised that the Charity Commission expects charities to identify and manage safeguarding risks to which it may be exposed. It does not meet applicants face-to-face but communicates with them in writing. Applicants make their own arrangements (for example, whether to travel alone or in a group, whether to use a tour company) so that the Trust does not recommend or select any tour or travel companies.

The Trust's work does not involve caring for or supervising children or adults at risk of abuse. Nevertheless, the Trustees had concluded it was appropriate for applicants to provide assurance that organisations arranging pilgrimages had considered safeguarding risks and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks. They reviewed the existing policy, which required confirmation from organisations should be provided before a grant was paid.

Trustees have decided that pilgrims travelling alone should assume responsibility for managing their own safeguarding risks and that pilgrims under 18 would not be given grants unless they were travelling in a group, because of the significantly increased risks that under 18s would assume by travelling alone.

The Trustees confirm they referred to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's governance, as well as when considering its activities, aims and objectives.

Finances

The Income and Expenditure Account for 2024 is attached as an appendix to this Report. At the beginning of the year, the General Fund stood at £22559. At the end of the year, it stood at £20635. Grants agreed amounted to £4100 (2023: £5405).

The Trustees set a grants budget at the beginning of each year, and due to the size of the Trust, rigorous financial control is exercised to ensure the long term viability of the Trust and the important donation activity it makes.

There were no returned grants (grants returned to the Trust for whatever reason) during the period under review, (2023 - £NIL).

Trustees noted that whilst the traditional destination for pilgrimages, the Holy Land, is still too dangerous for travellers, alternative European destinations are becoming more popular. In addition to Rome, applicants have applied for assistance to travel to Assisi, Salamanca and of course Lourdes. Home pilgrimages to Canterbury and Walsingham remain firm favourites with youth groups.

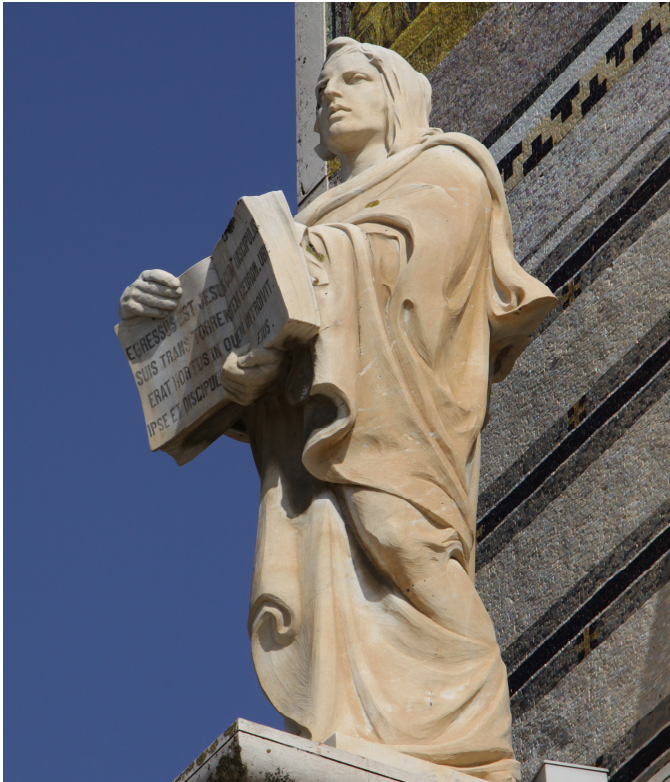
The Trustees wish once again to record their thanks for continuing donations from Members of the Order and from friends of the Order. They wish to thank donors who have covered costs relating to the operation of the Trust. They also take this opportunity to confirm that Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Temple Pilgrimage Trust Annual Report and Accounts.

Trustees have managed funds in accordance with the rules of good governance issued by the Charities Commission once again and have maintained a favourable number of grants this year.

Financial pressures are increasing on small charities like ours, as there is increasing demand on sources of funds. Trustees are keenly aware that they are stewards of the current Trust, and must manage finances and expectations prudently.

George MacLean
Chair



Origins of the Templar Pilgrimage Trust

The Trust was established to emulate the highest ideals of the medieval Order of Knights Templar, founded by Hugh de Payens and eight companions in Jerusalem in 1119. Their primary aim was to give aid and protection to pilgrims travelling to the holy places of Christendom, especially in the Holy Land.

The aim today is still to offer aid, not by force of arms as in those far-off days, but by practical Christian care.

The Trust achieves this by providing grants to those who would otherwise be deprived of the benefit that a visit to a Christian shrine can bring, whether they go in search of healing—physical or mental—or of spiritual regeneration.

To experience at first hand the spiritual dimension of a shrine, such as Lourdes or Walsingham, can make faith come alive in a way that can never be achieved in a school classroom. In the same way a pilgrimage, in the steps of St Paul or to the Holy Land, can bring the Bible to life in new ways.

The Trustees' approach is based on an ecumenical definition of Christianity, and recognises that each pilgrim has a different perspective guiding the search for a greater understanding of God, personal spirituality and the world in which we live.

Foundation

In 1982, on the Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux, the Templar Pilgrimage Trust (OTJ) was launched by the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem*, in furtherance of its work for charity. The Trust received approval from the Charity Commission for England and Wales in 1983.

The Modern Order of Knights Templar

*In 2003 the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem joined with other English Templars to form the Grand Priory of Knights Templar in England and Wales. The Grand Priory itself is a member of the Ordo Supremus Militari Templi Hierosolymitani Knights Templar International.

Further detailed information about the English Grand Priory, its charities and the international Order is available on our website: www.knight-templar.org.uk



Templar Pilgrimage Trust

A charitable trust, founded on chivalric principles, supporting individuals and groups undertaking pilgrimages that benefit not only themselves, but also those amongst whom the pilgrims live and work

Charity No. 326561

Aims

This Trust supports groups and individuals wishing to undertake a pilgrimage to a recognized Christian shrine. We are especially keen to support young persons and the disabled and to encourage school visits. The destination may be in this country or abroad and we look for an educational outcome. Applications are welcomed from persons and groups from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Activities of the Templar Pilgrimage Trust

The Trust currently has an income-generating capital base of around £25,000. Using the interest income and other donations, the Trust makes grants totalling approx £3,000 per year.

The Hyman Grant of £500 goes to deserving individuals or groups to make their pilgrimage possible. The Trustees look for a clearly defined itinerary, an understanding of the concept of making a pilgrimage and the expectation of a wider benefit to the local community when the pilgrims return home.

The Mallett Grant of £500 goes to church schools, to help children build their own faith in God, or to teachers for a personal pilgrimage that will help to bring a sense of faith in God to the children they teach.

The Trustees make further grants, of varying size and number, to other applicants whose requests meet the objects of the Trust.

Past Grant Recipients

Recipients of grants are asked to provide the Trustees with a brief report of their experiences, and a selection of the reports is published in the Grand Priory's magazine.

Past recipients have included children and school teachers, many from deprived communities, as well as clergy, ordinands and students.



Funding

The initial funds were raised by the Grand Priory through an appeal to its members and friends. Many members continue to contribute regularly under Gift Aid. The capital of the Trust was augmented in 1985 by a legacy and in 2005 by a major grant from the Grand Priory. The Trust also receives annual support from a pilgrimage organising company, and fund-raising events are carried out throughout the year.

Grant Applicants

If you would like to apply for a grant, please email mavisjacobs@talktalk.net giving a brief outline of the pilgrimage proposed or write to:

The Hon Applications Secretary
Templar Pilgrimage Trust
34 St Augustine's Gate
Norwich NR3 3BE

Donations

Please use the tear-off slip on the right to send your donation; if possible, we would welcome it under the Gift Aid scheme, as that gives the Trust a further amount for every £1 you give. Please send your donation and the completed form to:

The Hon Treasurer
Templar Pilgrimage Trust
19 Mandeville Road
Shepperton
Middlesex TW17 0AL

Donation £
Date sent:

Honorary Officers & Trustees

Patron Mr Alistair McCabe
McCabe Pilgrimages

President The Grand Prior OTJ

Chairman The Revd Canon Philip Norwood

The **Trustees** are drawn from within the membership of the Knights Templar and also from individuals with independent external expertise

To: The Templar Pilgrimage Trust

Please accept a donation of

£

(Payable to 'Templar Pilgrimage Trust')

Please send me more details of the Trust and modern Knights Templar

Yes No

Please send me a Bank Standing Order form

Yes No

Title:
Name:
Address:

Postcode:
Email:

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I should like the Templar Pilgrimage Trust to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration, unless I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations. I understand that I must be paying an amount of UK income tax and /or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount the Trust will reclaim on my donation within a tax year.

I will inform the Trust if my name and/or address change, or if I cease to pay UK tax

Signed:
Date:

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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Jason Tailby (Resigned March 2023)
George MacLean (Chair) (Appointed June 2023)

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Finances

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2022 the Trustees set a grants budget above the level of donations they expected to receive. In setting the grants budget, the Trustees were mindful of their aim to make grants to as wide a range of pilgrims as possible. Later in the year, it also became clear that rising inflation meant the costs of making pilgrimages, which had been rising, would be rising further, so reducing the real value of the grants the Trust makes. The Trustees feel it is important for grants to lose as little value as possible, because significant losses in value could call into question the value of the Trust's activities.

Donations in 2023 were £5392 (2022: £1560). There was also an increase in returned (unused) grants of £1700 (2022, £NIL).

Trustees noted the increase in domestic pilgrimage requests as there were growing tensions in the Middle East. This meant that sums involved were considerably lower than in previous years.

The Trustees wish once again to record their thanks for continuing donations from Members of the Order and from friends of the Order. They wish to thank donors who have covered costs relating to the operation of the Trust. They also take this opportunity to confirm that Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Temple Pilgrimage Trust Annual Report and Accounts.

This is my first year has year of being the Chair of the TPT and I am very honoured to be involved with the interested and goals of the Trust. This year Trustees have managed funds in accordance with the rules good governance issued by the Charities Commission once again and have maintained a favourable number of grants this year. With pilgrims unable to travel to the Holy Land because of the conflicts, Trustees have noticed more and more popular destinations for pilgrims seeking help. We have also maintained our block grants to organisations which focus on taking young people to either Lourdes or to Walsingham here in the UK, as Trustees understand participating in pilgrimage from an early age will have a lifelong benefit.

Financial pressures have seen small charities trust struggles with fundraising and is always looking for new benefactors to enable us to continue in our important and excellent work. Trustees regular meeting schedule has changed this year since so many requests for funding are looking for a summer departure date rather than spread evenly throughout the year and we believe this is due, on the whole, to pilgrims no longer seeing the Holy Land as a possible and safe destination.

I would like to thank the existing Trustees for making me so welcome and for trusting me with the important role of Chair of this Trust and I look forward to working together to meet our goals in the years ahead.

George MacLean
Chair

THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST (Registered Charity 1191505)			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023			
			2022
Income			
Donations received	5392		1560
Returned Grants	1700		0
Gift Aid Reclaimed	1239		256
Interest on Investment account	394		92
Accumulation Fund increase in value	1030		-841
	9754		1067
Expenditure			
Insurance	96		320
Zoom annual subsription	101		
Website			345
Website domain protection	9		
Grants	5405		6000
	5611		6665
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4144		-5598
Assets	as at 31.12.23		31.12.22
LLOYDS Current Accounts	2195		1542
COIF Deposit Fund	11442		9048
COIF Ethical Investment Fund	8856		7826
PayPal	66		0
	22560		18416

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The Trust's Activities

The Trust's main activity is making grants to groups and individuals planning to make pilgrimages. Without the Trust's financial support, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for them to do so.

In 2022, after two relatively quiet years, the number of applications increased, approaching pre-pandemic levels. As a result, the number and value of the grants agreed increased markedly. During the year, the Trust made 17 grants (2021: 3), which together amounted to £6,000 (2019: £1,900). The Trustees were pleased to note that there was a wider range of applicants, all of whom made initial enquiries through the Trust's website. Compared to the year before the pandemic, there was a smaller proportion of pilgrimages made to places overseas: in 2019, 80% of grants were for overseas pilgrimages, but in 2022 the proportion was about 60%.

The Trust's finances are covered in more detail on page 3.

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As agreed in 2021, during the year the Trustees considered ways of raising funds from other sources, with a view to providing a larger and broader income base. They agreed to approach grant making charities that supported charities with a Christian ethos. Towards the end of 2022, approaches were made to a number of potential funders.

The Trustees confirm they referred to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's governance, as well as when considering its activities, aims and objectives.

Finances

The Income and Expenditure Account for 2022 is attached as an appendix to this Report. At the beginning of the year, the General Fund stood at £24,014 (2021: £21,919). At the end of the year, it stood at £18,416 (2022: £24,014). Grants agreed amounted to £6,000 (2021: £1,900).

The Trustees set a grants budget at the beginning of each year. Having agreed it would be appropriate to use capital to increase the amounts paid in grants, at the beginning of 2022 the Trustees set a grants budget above the level of donations they expected to receive. In setting the grants budget, the Trustees were mindful of their aim to make grants to as wide a range of pilgrims as possible. Later in the year, it also became clear that rising inflation meant the costs of making pilgrimages, which had been rising, would be rising further, so reducing the real value of the grants the Trust makes. The Trustees feel it is important for grants to lose as little value as possible, because significant losses in value could call into question the value of the Trust's activities.

During 2021, factors such as the increase in the Accumulation Fund and insurance compensation meant that income exceeded expenditure by £2,095. Having regard to the level of the Trust's reserves, the Trustees agreed the excess from 2021 could also be applied towards the 2022 grants budget, which they set at £6,000.

Donations in 2022 were £1,560 (2020: £2,226). The income item showing the largest change from year to year was the value of the Accumulation Fund, which had increased by £1,277 in 2021 but unexpectedly reduced by £841 in 2022.

As a result of lower income and higher level of grants, in 2022 there was an overall excess of expenditure over income for the year amounting to £5,598, compared to a £2,095 excess of income over expenditure in 2021.

The Trustees noted the effects of the pandemic receded during 2022, as shown by the higher number of applications. They also noted, however, the effects have not disappeared altogether, as shown by the relatively high proportion of domestic pilgrimages. The Trustees consider that broader economic issues, such as rising pilgrimage costs and greater unpredictability around the value of investments, will be issues demanding greater attention in 2023.

The Trustees wish once again to record their thanks for continuing donations from Members of the Order and from friends of the Order. They wish to thank donors who have covered costs relating to the operation of the Trust. They also take this opportunity to confirm that Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust.

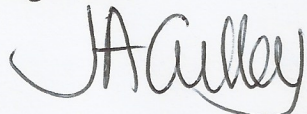
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
Income	£s	£s
Donations received	1,560	2,226
Returned Grants	0	250
Gift Aid Reclaimed	256	249
Interest on Investment account	92	2
Accumulation Fund increase in value	-841	1,277
Compensation Re Insurance		300
	1,067	4,304
Expenditure	£s	£s
Insurance	320	309
Website	345	0
Grants	6,000	1,900
	6,665	2,209
Excess of Expenditure over Income	5,598	(2095)
Assets in £s as at	31.12.22	31.12.21
LLOYDS Current Accounts	1,542	4,391
COIF Deposit Fund	9,049	10,957
COIF Ethical Investment Fund	7,826	8,667
Total Assets at Year End	£18,417	£24,014

Approved at their meeting on 14 March 2023
and signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature:



Full Name: JOHN ANDREW CULLEY
Position: CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date: 14 March 2023

THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST (Registered Charity 1191505)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

Income

2021

Donations received	1560		2226
Returned Grants	0		250
Gift Aid Reclaimed	256		249
Interest on Investment account	92		2
Accumulation Fund decrease in value	-841		1277
Compensation Re Insurance			300
	1067		4304

Expenditure

Insurance	320		309
Website	345		0
Grants	6000		1900
	6665		2209

Excess of Expenditure over Income

5598

(2095)

Assets

31.12.22

31.12.21

LLOYDS Current Accounts	1542		4390
COIF Deposit Fund	9048		10957
COIF Ethical Investment Fund	7826		8667
	18416		24014

I have examined the books and records of the Trust and confirm that these accounts are in agreement herewith

A.K.HODGE
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THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST (O.T.J.)

England & Wales - Charity number 1191505

Accounts



**THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST (OTJ)
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 – 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Reference and administration details

Patron	Alistair McCabe
President	The Grand Prior of the Order of Knights Templar in the United Kingdom
Trustees	Sorin Ionut Balaban* John Culley (Chair) Anthony Cuthbert* Cicelyn Hinds (Hon. Secretary) Mavis Jacobs* Jeremy Lee (Hon. Treasurer) Rev. Canon Philip Norwood* Rosemary Nutt (died 24 January 2022)
Charity number	1191505
Contact address	28 Clifford Road, South Norwood, London SE25 5JS

The Trust

The object of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian religion by helping people make journeys of pilgrimage to recognised Christian shrines and helping young people make educational visits to recognised places of Christian worship or learning. The shrines and places of worship may be in this country or overseas.

The Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The Trust's governing document is a CIO Foundation Constitution, registered on 28 September 2020.

The Trust succeeded the Templar Pilgrimage Trust (OTJ), charity number 326561, which was established in 1984 under a deed of trust. That charity was closed in November 2021, its funds being transferred to the Trust to enable the continuation of its charitable work. The period covered by this Report, therefore, includes some activities of the previous charity as well as activities of the Trust.

The Trust was originally founded in the 1980s by members of the Knights Templar and most current donors are Members of the Grand Priory of Knights Templar in the United Kingdom ('the Grand Priory' / 'GPUK'). The Trustees, therefore, consider it appropriate to maintain close links with the Grand Priory and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 20 July 2021 sets out the basis on which the two organisations aim to work together.

The Trustees

The Trust is managed by a board of seven trustees. Currently, four Trustees are Members of the Grand Priory and three are independent of the Grand Priory. The Trustees come from different Christian denominations: the board includes members of the Church of England, the Romanian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Trustees' names are set out on page 1. The Trustees whose names are marked with an asterisk are Members of the Grand Priory. Anthony Cuthbert, the serving Grand Prior, is the Trust's President. The other Trustees are independent of the Grand Priory.

Stephen Britt-Hazard, who became a Trustee of the previous charity in 2011, was regrettably unable to continue as a Trustee for health reasons. The Trustees wish to record their appreciation of his years of service and of his contribution to the Trust.

With deep sadness, the Trustees report the sudden death of Rosemary Nutt shortly after the end of the year under review. Rosemary had been a Trustee of the previous charity since 2018. The Trustees greatly valued her experience and knowledge of the pilgrimage and travel sectors. She will be sorely missed.

The Trustees met four times during 2021. Because of the COVID pandemic and government restrictions, all the meetings took place by videoconference. The Trustees also maintained contact by e-mail between meetings.

The Trust's Activities

The Trust's main activity is making grants to groups and individuals planning to make pilgrimages. Without the Trust's financial support, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for them to do so. Like so many other organisations, the Trust found its activity during 2021 remained affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Although 2021 saw fewer periods of lockdown than in 2020, with more travel generally as a result, the Trust's activities remained relatively low. During the year, the Trust made three grants (2020: 12), which together amounted to £1,900 (2019: £4,450). The Trust assisted an ordinand going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, a priest walking to Canterbury and a group walking a path in Argyll following the steps of St Columba. The Trust's finances are covered in more detail on page 3.

The Trustees also considered actions to raise funds from other sources, with a view to providing a larger and broader income base. They concluded such action would be better postponed for a year and intend to address fund raising again in 2022. The Trust continued producing its general newsletter, with three editions giving details of the Trust's work, illustrations of the benefits to pilgrims and reference to broader aspects of pilgrimage, such as travelling in a more environmentally conscious way.

During 2020, following a review of the Trust's governance, a new CIO had been formed and approved by the Charity Commission. The change of structure was completed by transferring assets to the new CIO and closing the previous charity in November 2021.

The Trustees confirm they referred to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's governance, as well as when considering its activities, aims and objectives.

Finances

The Income and Expenditure Account for 2021 is attached as an appendix to this Report. At the beginning of the year, the General Fund stood at £21,919 (2020: £24,143). At the end of the year, it stood at £24,014 (2020: £21,919). Disbursements of grants amounted to £1,900 (2020: £4,450). Having agreed it would be appropriate to use capital to increase the amounts paid in grants, at the beginning of the year the Trustees had set a budget for grant payments above the level of donations they expected to receive.

Departing from their previous practice, the Trustees planned for grants in 2021 to be capped at or about the level of the Trust's projected donations, with a view to breaking even over the year. This change from previous practice was agreed following the fall in applications and general uncertainties connected with the COVID pandemic. The Trustees were pleased to see one-off factors such as the increase in the Accumulation Fund and insurance compensation produced an excess of income for 2021.

Donations in 2021 were £2,226 (2020: £1,849). The increase in the value of the Accumulation Fund during 2021 was £1,277 (2020: £659). One grant of £250 was returned (2019: £0). The Trust also received £300 compensation arising out of a complaint against insurers. As a result, the excess of income over expenditure for the year was £2,095 (2020: excess of expenditure over income of £2,228).

The Trustees intend to continue a cautious approach in 2022, waiting to see how broadly and quickly the effects of the pandemic recede.

The Trustees wish once again to record their thanks for continuing donations from Members of the Order and from friends of the Order. They wish to thank donors who have covered costs relating to the operation of the Trust. They also take this opportunity to confirm that Trustees do not receive any remuneration from the Trust, nor do they claim travel or other expenses incurred in attending meetings.

THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST (Registered Charity 1191505)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Income	2021	2020
Donations received	2226	1849
Returned Grants	250	0
Gift Aid Reclaimed	249	218
Interest on Investment account	2	34
Accumulation Fund increase in value	1277	659
Compensation Re Insurance	300	0
	4304	2760
Expenditure		
Insurance	309	309
Website	0	129
Grants	1900	4550
	2209	4988
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2095	(2228)
Assets	as at	as at
	31.12.21	31.12.20
LLOYDS Current Accounts	4390	3574
COIF Deposit Fund	10957	10955
COIF Accumulation Fund *	8667	7390
	24014	21919

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The Trustees confirm they approved this Report at their meeting on 8 March 2022

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Full Name: JOHN ANDREW CULLEY

Position: CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date: 8 March 2022

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