

Operation Rescue UK & Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100397

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-10-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: Operation Rescue (UK & Ireland) is established for charitable purposes only and its object shall be to raise and channel support to the projects organised under the auspices of Operation Rescue in Ethiopia so that orphans and street children can develop physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually and their families be provided with necessary care and support.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works:

Accommodation/housing, Counselling/support, Education/training, Medical/health/sickness, Relief of poverty

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Hiv/aids, Homelessness, Overseas/developing countries, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£58,645	£57,868	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cherith Beck		
Dr Irvine Lavery		
Kate Doherty		
Mr Denis Ferguson		
Mr Merville Boyd		
Ms. Lesley Matchett		
Shannon Boyd		
Sylvia Cooper		
Victor Magowan		

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Accounts

WE HAVE NO ASSETS OTHER THAN THE MONIES LISTED BELOW.

**Kate Doherty [CHAIR OF TRUSTEES]
Operation Rescue. [UK & Ireland]**

Account for year ended 31st December 2024

Receipts:

Opening Bank Balance		
	Dankse Bank[Charity Account]	61,178.00
Donations:		52,124.01
Gift Aid:		6521-23
		119,823-24

Expenditure

• **Electronic Transfers**

29/04/24		24,623 -15
01/07/24		8118 -48
16/10/24		25,020 - 00
11/03/24	Transfer to Business Investment Account	50,000 - 00
	• Danske Bank charges	106-74
		107,868-37

Balance as on 31st December 2024.

[Charity Account]	11,954-87 -
[Business Account]	50,672-22
	62,627-22

I have examined the books and documents presented and certify that this account is in accordance therewith.

Signed 

Date: 16th April 2025

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Account for year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts

Opening Bank Balance	Dankse Bank.	77642.25	
	Nationwide Flex Account.	1617.03	
			79259.28
Donations:			50,552.08
Gift Aid			6481.91
			£136,293.27

Expenditure

• Electronic Transfers

11/04/23	15.000 -00	
18/10/23	60,000-00	
• Bank charges for electronic transfers	40.00	
• Danske Bank charges	75.27	75,115.27

Balance as on 31st December 2023 61,178.00

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Signed



Date:

6th March 2024

Operation Rescue UK & Ireland

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Annual report

2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION

For OPERATION RESCUE UK & IRELAND

NIC 100397

REGISTERED ADDRESS :

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD: 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

Purposes of the charity

Operation Rescue [UK & Ireland] was set up in 2012 to raise funds and channel support to the projects which are run by Operation Rescue, an indigenous NGO which seeks to help street children and other destitute children and families who are living in great poverty in the northern part of Tigray province in Ethiopia. Currently Operation Rescue runs three community-based day centres in Mekelle, Adigrat and Adwa. During 2023, the total of children cared for was just short of 700.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

As is clear from the accompanying financial report, during 2023, £75,000 was sent to Operation Rescue to enable them to continue with this work.

The ongoing civil war which began in November 2020, which followed the onset of the pandemic in the spring of 2020, meant that no trustees were able to visit the project for some time so, following the announcement of the cease fire in November 2022 and the opening up of air travel to Mekelle in January 2023, two trustees Merville and Shannon Boyd paid a much valued visit to Operation Rescue centres in February 2023 , travelling through checkpoints and seeing burnt out vehicles as they travelled north to Adwa and Adigrat. They were able to see at first hand something of the trauma caused by the civil war which cost 1 million lives over that 2-year period. However, they also had the joy of seeing that all three centres had not suffered much infrastructural damage and were up and running, providing services to the children and their families. Staff in the centres were in good heart, given their experiences, giving thanks to God for His protection and provision.

ORE supporters have continued to be amazing in their financial and prayer support. During the year money has continued to flow into our account even though we made no specific appeal for funds.

During 2023 all remaining links with the Nationwide Building Society came to an end, due to them being unable to provide us with an appropriate charity account and now all finances are being managed appropriately and efficiently through the Danske Bank. It is a great relief to be able once more to send money through the banking system to the project.

In September 2023, three Trustees, Merville and Shannon Boyd and Kate Doherty, Chair of Trustees, were able to make a longer visit to the project. This was invaluable in several ways. Firstly, the two Trustees who had visited in February were able to see considerable progress in terms of coping with the trauma of the war and to see staff and children operating in a more normal environment. It was an opportunity to spend time with the staff and to affirm them for their work and a celebration event for them and a lively activity day for the children were organised during the visit. Responding to requests from senior staff at the project the trustees brought out significant numbers of sports kits which were distributed to children in all three centres, encouraging them to get involved in these restorative activities.

Secondly, it was an invaluable opportunity to spend time with Getachew Tesfay, General Manager and other senior staff to discuss plans for the future, most notably the completion of a fourth centre at Maichew and the building of a centre at Adwa where rental costs and cramped accommodation limit the potential of that vibrant centre. Those discussions then fed into a valuable meeting of Trustees in the autumn enabling decisions to be made re the allocating of finances to the project.

Plans are now in place for one of the senior staff Abadi Tesfay, Project Manager to visit Northern Ireland in February 2024 to update Trustees directly on progress .

We continue to entrust all at ORE into God's loving care and protection, thanking Him for enabling the work to continue even after such traumatic events.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities during 2023, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that our activities have helped to achieve the purposes of our charity and provided benefit to the beneficiaries of the charity - the many children supported by Operation Rescue in Ethiopia.

There are no private benefits. There is no harm

Charity Trustees on the date the Annual Report was approved:

Mr Merville Boyd

Miss Shannon Boyd

Miss Sylvia Cooper

Miss Kate Doherty

Mr Denis Ferguson

Dr Irvine Lavery

Mr Victor Magowan

Ms Lesley Matchett

Miss Cherith Watson

The charity is administered according to its constitution which was initially adopted at a meeting of the charity on 21st February 2012. It was amended in accordance with Article 6 on 1st August 2014 and was further amended in accordance with Article 6 on 28th March 2015.

Signed:

Kate Doherty

Date 9th March 2024

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Chairperson
Operation Rescue UK & Ireland

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 100397

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF
OPERATION RESCUE UK & IRELAND NIC 100397**

I report on the accounts of Operation Rescue UK & Ireland for year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act [Northern Ireland] 2008

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65[9][b] of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65[9][b] of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

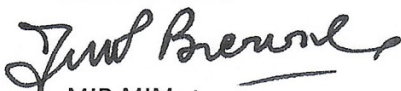
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- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters [1] to [4] listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

David Browne



MIB MIMgt

'Ardbuan'

25 Monalla Road

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Date: 5 / 3 / 2024

Operation Rescue UK & Ireland

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We have no other assets.

Kate Doherty
Chair of Trustees.

Operation Rescue. [UK & Ireland]

Account for year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts

Opening Bank Balance	82,072 - 61
Donations:	40,689 - 00
Gift Aid	8455 - 88
Bank Interest	90 - 54
	£131,308 - 03

Expenditure

- **Electronic Transfers**

08/06/22	10,000 -00	
14/07/22	20,000-00	
14/10/22	20,000-00	
Payment in lieu of personal donation	2000 -00	
• Bank charges for electronic transfers	40.00	
• Danske Bank charges	8.75	52,048.75

Balance as on 31st December 2022

£79,259.28

I have examined the books and documents presented and certify that this account is in accordance therewith.

Signed:



Date: 23/2/2023

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ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

As is clear from the accompanying financial report, during 2022, £52,000 was sent to Operation Rescue to enable them to continue with this work.

2022 has again been an unprecedented year for the project and for the Trustees.

The ongoing civil war which began in November 2020 which followed the onset of the pandemic in the spring of 2020 meant that the project centres were not always able to stay open but when that was the case efforts were made to distribute food to the families of the children. At times, especially after the end of August, there were serious fears for the staff and children as news reached us of drone attacks which led to loss of life and the destruction of buildings, but we give thanks to God for His protection and provision. In those circumstances the advice from local government officials in Mekelle was to minimise the time when the children would be together in one place so arrangements were made for them simply to come at lunchtime so that they could get that vital meal. Communication through internet was generally not possible and our main means of communication throughout the year was via Telegram where audio and text messages were exchanged between Getachew, General

Manager, Merville Boyd and Kate Doherty [Trustees.] This was only possible when Getachew was able to go to a UN office at certain specified times. Hearing his voice and that of other staff at certain times was deeply reassuring as the conflict continued. This communication with ORE during the year enabled us to see the amazing work still being done by project staff in circumstances which have clearly been very traumatic. During the year there was deep anxiety about what was happening in Adwa and Adigrat where the other project centres are based as communications were completely cut off but again we are deeply thankful to God that, as in Mekelle, the centres have not been damaged and the staff and children protected apart from a small number caught up in the fighting.

It was with deep thankfulness to God that we learned of a peace agreement made between the Federal Government and the Tigray authorities in early November in South Africa. This was greeted with much relief by all at Operation Rescue although by the end of 2022 it was clear that much still remains to be done to enable anything approaching normal life to be resumed.

ORE supporters have continued to be amazing in their financial and prayer support. During the year money continued to flow into our account even though we made no specific appeal for funds. Up to June 2021 we were able to send regular contributions to ORE via electronic transfer, but this method of support ceased in June 2021 when the banks closed, and they have remained closed since then. Using methods including use of the Tigray Development Association, an umbrella organisation for NGOs and other contacts, it has been possible to send money to the project to purchase vitally needed supplies of food and it is to the enormous credit of the staff at the project that every receipt of money was followed by verification using Telegram, the only means of communication possible.

2022 was an incredibly difficult year in relation to banking arrangements. In May 2022 Nationwide announced it was closing all Treasurers' Trust accounts with 60 days notice. An extension was sought when it became clear that it was not going to be easy to find a new account and this was granted but Nationwide mistakenly closed the account in September without giving notice which created enormous problems regarding the 70 + Standing Orders coming into the account each month. A temporary Nationwide account enabled donations still to be received and it was a great relief when, in late November, a permanent new home for the account was found with the Danske Bank, to which application had been made 6 months earlier. The very trying experience over a period of 6 months exacerbated by many refusals from banks is deeply concerning as it seems to illustrate the low priority given to charities by banking institutions. As Trustees, we feel this is a matter of concern and one we would urge the Charity Commission to address.

As at other times in these last couple of years, we have thrown ourselves on God's mercy, bringing our many requests for peace and protection and for necessary aid to God in prayer. Our usual Trustees meetings were held using Zoom technology and always included times of prayer. Zoom meetings specifically for prayer were also called. During the year I sent out regular updates/requests for prayer by email to our supporters and it has been most gratifying to see the response from these. We are fortunate to have several churches here in Northern Ireland and in England who retain very close links with the project, maintained in most cases through links with trustees. We register our thankfulness for their financial and prayerful support over the years.

As we reflect on another year with no opportunity to make our usual visits to the project there is still such strong evidence of the deep bonds of love that connect us here at home with the staff in ORE.

We continue to entrust all at ORE into God's loving care and protection, believing that one day soon we can meet again with them to praise and honour God our Heavenly Father and also see progress resumed on a fourth centre at Maichew, a project close to our hearts.

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Date: 23/02/2023