

Yeshua Trust

Annual Report of the trustees for the year

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Purposes for Public Benefit:

- 1) The prevention and relief of poverty
- 2) The advancement of education
- 3) The advancement of religion

Beneficiaries:

- 1) General public
- 2) Community – safety/crime prevention
- 3) Interface communities
- 4) Children and Youth (4 – 16 years)

What Yeshua Trust Does: its Public Benefit

The activities of Yeshua Trust / Annalong Christian Fellowship over the period 2023 -2024 are as follows:

The trustees have had regards to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement and are satisfied that Yeshua Trust's activities successfully achieve this.

Use of the Bridge building (Annalong Christian Fellowship's building): general statement

- To facilitate Annalong Christian Fellowship open public meetings several times per week, thus advancing the Christian faith.
- To facilitate The Bridge activities (umbrella public name for variety of different activities operating at the Bridge) –Lunch Club and Cuppa & Chat (public drop-in) twice weekly, Public Worship on Sundays, (No charge is made for attendance of any of these. Donations only.)

- To facilitate funding donations, meetings, events and fund-raising for other Christian ministries.
- Yeshua Trust /Annalong Christian Fellowship gives a public platform to ministries (see those cited below) to share their work and raise funds / donations.

Regular Donations and Giving to Christian ministries operating UK-wide and abroad - general statement:

- This forms approximately 89% of Yeshua Trust's spending, the remainder of which goes to maintain and service The Bridge building in the centre of Annalong village which is used for Annalong Christian Fellowship meetings and to support the Bridge activities (see Use of Bridge building above).
- Income is in the form of personal donations to the trust by Annalong Christian Fellowship members and those attending Christian meetings in the Bridge building. Generous donations by The Wee Charity Shop, Newcastle, in the form of designated funds to fund The Bridge activities, also form a sizeable proportion of income.
- Regular financial donations made by The Yeshua Trust help support various Christian ministries whose purposes include the following:
 - i) The promotion of the Christian faith.
 - ii) The prevention and relief of poverty
 - iii) The advancement of education

Yeshua Trust has financially supported the following organisations / ministries during the financial year 1/4/2023 – 31/3/2024 (see accounts details) with the following outcomes and impact:

- **CAP: Christians Against Poverty:** A highly respected award-winning national charity, supported by Archbishop Justin Welby and the Prince of Wales among others, with the following Impact Statement: "Our service literally saves lives. It keeps families together, relieves stress, restores health, keeps families in their homes, provides friendship and can connect people to church and to the God that loves them."
- **Lifeline Ministries, Kenya:** 6 schools, 950 pupils, feeding programmes, widow support, wages for 25 teachers, 5 cooks. There is further ongoing expansion.
 - i) Boreholes sunk, and maintained, to provide water at Mali-Sabah and Kona, Kenya.
 - ii) Business start-up and support for Kenyan widows.
 - iii) Support for orphans and needy children to receive an education.
 - iv) Maize plantation to supply feeding programmes for the Kitale schools, Kenya.
 - v) Provision of school buildings including toilet blocks.
 - vi) Support for churches in Kenya – Kitale, Kisumu, Kisil, Nyakach, Koru, Ragumo, Nzola, and Maili-saba.
- **Trans-Mission (Ken Needham):** An international Christian speaking ministry to over 70 different countries with the simple and profound message of Jesus Christ.

- **Youth for Christ, Ukraine** supporting humanitarian Christian mission.
- **Latin Link** Christian outreach in Peru.
- **Rock Street Chaplains**, local Christian street outreach.
- **Ballymartin Alpha** donation towards expenses of Christian outreach course
- **United Christian Broadcasters** Christian radio outreach.
- **The Bible Network** Christian outreach worldwide.

Yeshua Trust, outcomes/impact achieved 2023-2024

Advancement of Religion:

- i) **Public worship and fellowship meetings have been conducted every Sunday** morning at 11am throughout the year and everyone is very welcome to attend. While it is mainly attended by the core members of Annalong Christian Fellowship, meetings are regularly attended by members of other denominations locally and also, particularly in holiday season, by visitors and tourists such as those staying in the local caravan parks. Several visiting mission teams, from USA , also attended and shared at our meetings during their stays in N Ireland. Visiting speakers are welcomed regularly and represent a wide range of ministries, mostly ministering abroad, and donations are made to these (see more detailed financial support report). The regular Tuesday night prayer meeting is also open to anyone wishing to attend.
Details of these meetings are available on the Annalong Christian Fellowship website: christianfellowshipannalong.org
- ii) **Financial support for the following Christian ministries** (see Financial support / Impact report above for more details):
 - a) CAP Christians Against Poverty
 - b) Transmission (Ken Nedham)
 - c) Lifeline Ministries, Kenya
 - d) Youth for Christ, Ukraine
 - e) Latin Link
 - f) Rock Street Chaplains
 - g) Ballymartin Alpha
 - h) UCB
 - i) Bible Network

Prevention and Relief of Poverty:

Cuppa & Chat and Lunch Club, run free of charge (donations only) twice weekly in The Bridge (Annalong Christian Fellowship's building). This provides cakes and pastries, and in the lunch club soup, sausage rolls, sandwiches etc in order to help alleviate the poverty and loneliness which affects many local people of all ages from all sections of the community, both Catholic and

Protestant, who would otherwise struggle to afford to go out regularly to meet up with friends. A regular core of Cuppa & Chatters and lunch clubbers includes the elderly, disabled, unemployed and young parents experiencing social isolation, bereavement and other social problems from both sides of the religious divide. Good friendships have been built up amongst those participating and both they, and in some cases spouses / carers, have testified as to how much they value this service. Many animated and very interesting discussions have resulted around the tables.

Craft Sessions which were held in the Bridge and attended by all ages, including several disabled locals.

Donations to other charities: Yeshua makes donations to the following ministries, all of which have relief of poverty as a key component of their mission:

- I) **Christians Against Poverty, UK**
- II) **Lifeline Ministries, Kenya**
- III) **Youth for Christ, Ukraine**
- IV) **Transmission Ministries**
- V) **Latin Link**
- VI) **Rock Street Chaplains**
- VII) **Ballymartin Alpha**
- VIII) **UCB**
- IX) **Bible Network**

For details, see financial support / impact reports above

Furthering Education:

Lifeline Ministries, Kenya - 6 schools, 950 pupils, teaching a full primary and increasingly, secondary education. There is ongoing development of school buildings, resources and increasing numbers of pupils in various parts of rural Kenya.

Reference and administrative details

The Yeshua Trust is registered in Northern Ireland under Charity Number 104735.

The charity is constituted as a trust.

The principal administrative office of the trust is at:

239 Head Road, Annalong, Newry, Co Down, BT34 4RJ

The trustees who held office during the period 1st April 2023 to the date of this report were:

- Thomas Guist
- William David Gordon
- Natalie Amanda Gordon

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the existing trustees who have all the powers conferred by the Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 as amended by the Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 2001. It is a requirement that any trustee holds to basic doctrines of faith set out in the Trust Deed. The trustees arrange for suitable familiarisation with the trust's affairs for any newly appointed trustee.

Financial position

At the end of the financial year, the financial position of the trust was satisfactory. The cash basis accounts prepared by the trustees are attached to this report.

The trustees' policy is not to hold reserves, beyond the financial resources required for immediate needs and to meet existing current obligations.

The trustees consider that the trust is a going concern and there are no uncertainties such as might cast doubt on the trust's ability to meet its obligations and continue to fulfil its mission as blessed by the Lord.

Approval:

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....29-08-2024.....

TS Guist..........(Trustee)