

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION TRUST Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2023

The Creative Communication Trust is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered Charity no. 1012007. Its address is at 8, Lindisfarne, Biddick, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7JR.

The charity trustees during the year to 30th June 2023 were Mr Tom Baker (treasurer), Revd. Ian Kent, Mr Doug Green, Mrs Ruth Grant, Mr Christopher Neufeld, Mrs Keira Batchelor, Mr Andrew Batchelor.

The non-trustee officers of the charity were: Revd. Rob Bianchi (chief officer) and Revd. Margaret Bianchi (secretary).

Names of Banks Investment Account - Current - Caf Cash Deposit- Lloyds TSB, 81 Front Street, Chester le Street, DH3 3AJ. Auditor Mr S Lamb (FCCA)

Objects of the charity are: (i) to advance the Christian religion in any part of the world (ii) to advance religious education in accordance with the doctrines and principles of the Christian faith by working amongst young people in order to further the communication of the Christian faith and in particular: (a) by encouraging and initiating sports activities amongst children and young people in inner city areas and (b) through the medium of the performing arts.

The trustees' policy is to fulfil the aims of the charity through the appointment of Revds. Rob and Margaret Bianchi, for whom the trustees provide regular financial support to enable them to undertake non-income generating work to achieve the objects of the Trust. The current policy of the trustees is to concentrate on advancing the Christian religion through the medium of outdoor activities.

To achieve this a programme has been set up entitled "Outdoor Adventure Development Ministries" under which most of the work is taking place.

Below is a summary of the work undertaken during 2022-2023:

ODM has continued to receive income higher than normal due to the fundraising for Ukrainian refugees in Romania and Moldova.

In Romania, ODM continues to be a conduit to send money to support local projects, this includes supporting Ukrainian refugees and running youth camps.

In Moldova, most financial support has come from churches in the Cheam area (in Surrey), in future all support will come from them and not through ODM.

In Burundi the money sent out is used to provide wages for 2 people so they can run camps for young people, train people (such as fisherman) on water safety and run a minibus. It was agreed that Rob Bianchi would no longer visit Burundi, due to the cost, and the money donated would all go to supporting the local projects. It was also agreed that ODM would only support the projects in Burundi until the end of 2024, after which they will need to find another source of financial support. In the UK, the youth camps were successful at their new site and the bursary fund was used to help several young people attend camp.

Plans have been put in place during this year for when Rob and Margaret retire in Autumn 2023.

There will be more focus on local rather than international projects, in accordance with the overall aims of ODM. Ian Kent will take over running activities locally, when he steps back from being a Methodist minister.

ODM has received a donation for youth work in local schools and churches. Going forward this will be used to cover Ian's wages and training. ODM will also handle funds from St Georges Mission bursary to ensure this money is used to achieve the most benefit. It was agreed that this will provide services for young people in the church rather than assets.

The trustees acknowledge that Rob Bianchi is personally insured for the activities he undertakes and when he works for other bodies (e.g. Ventures) comes under their insurance provision. Furthermore, the trustees acknowledge that Creative Communication Trust has no assets or debts. In completing a

