

Friends of Turkey

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 28 February 2025

Charity number 1060199

Friends of Turkey
Legal and Administrative Information
for the year ended 28 February 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	P.O. Box 76535 London SW20 2FX
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Trust deed dated 10 April 1996
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1060199
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Andrew J. Baldwin Andrew L. Bowker (until 1 November 2024) Joanne Davidson Stephen D. Harris Cathryn B. Hoard David A. Stockwell
BANKERS	Santander Bank PLC
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	John R. Burston Severn Accountancy Services Unit 5, St James Court 285 Barton Street Gloucester GL1 4JE

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Friends of Turkey
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 28 February 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 2025.

Objects of the charity

The charity is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal object, as set out in its trust deed, is the advancement of the Christian faith amongst the people of Turkey.

Review of activities

During the year the Trust has circulated its bi-monthly "Call to Prayer" bulletin to Christians in the UK and elsewhere who have requested it. The website now provides more information about the church in Turkey and about the partners supported by the Trust.

On-line prayer meetings took place in March and September 2024, with interviews of partners in Turkey and allowing participants to take part from their homes.

The Trust continues to make grants to help some Turkish churches, projects and leaders in the regular ministry of the gospel and in refugee relief.

All the work of the Trust has been carried out on a voluntary basis, there being no paid employees.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year receipts totalled £53,468 (2024: £62,720, including donations for earthquake relief), and payments totalled £54,244 (2024: £53,348).

The cash held by the charity decreased by £776 to £29,187 of which £24,314 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have adopted a reserves policy whereby the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than six months of normal general fund expenditure, and aim not to exceed twelve months of expected general fund expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £24,314 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Stephen Harris

Date: 11 April 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

FRIENDS OF TURKEY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2025 which are set out on the attached pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102- effective 1 January 2015) have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J R Burston, FCPA, LLB, OE

John Burston

Severn Accountancy Services

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09-May-25

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 28 February 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted			2025 £	2024 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Income receipts						
Donations, legacies and grants		21,633	-	28,785	50,418	62,035
Gift aid		1,174	-	1,629	2,803	608
Bank interest		247	-	-	247	77
Total receipts		<u>23,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,414</u>	<u>53,468</u>	<u>62,720</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	3,605	-	-	3,605	4,526
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	13,000	-	37,639	50,639	48,822
Total payments		<u>16,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,639</u>	<u>54,244</u>	<u>53,348</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		6,449	-	(7,225)	(776)	9,373
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>6,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,225)</u>	<u>(776)</u>	<u>9,373</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		17,865	-	12,098	29,963	20,590
Cash funds at this year end		<u>24,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>29,187</u>	<u>29,963</u>

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
for the year ended 28 February 2025

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025 £	2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	24,314	-	4,872	29,187	29,963
	<u>24,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>29,187</u>	<u>29,963</u>
Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to the charity	2,012	-	880	2,892	2,803
	<u>2,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>2,892</u>	<u>2,803</u>
Liabilities					
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Stephen Harris

date: 11 April 2025

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 28 February 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Call to prayer	2,352	-	-	2,352	2,132
Travel and meetings	620	-	-	620	1,090
Website	162	-	-	162	1,194
P.O. box and other administrative costs	471	-	-	471	109
	<u>3,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>4,526</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Overseas mission	13,000	-	32,169	45,169	32,858
Relief of poverty	-	-	5,470	5,470	15,964
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,639</u>	<u>50,639</u>	<u>48,822</u>

4 Staff costs and trustees expenses

The charity has no employees and no remuneration was paid to any trustee. Sometimes the Trustees act as agents for the charity and make payments and purchases on its behalf and are reimbursed for this expenditure, e.g. payment for stationery and other consumables. Such expenditure is not related to services provided by Trustees and is, therefore not disclosed as such. Apart from reimbursement of costs of travel to trustee meetings, none of the Trustees was paid expenses for service provided to the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at
	29/02/2024				28/02/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>17,865</u>	<u>23,054</u>	<u>(16,605)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,314</u>
Restricted funds					
Silas fund	1,945	5,605	(6,200)	-	1,351
Earthquake fund	1,080	2,778	(3,858)	-	-
Other specific purposes	9,072	22,031	(27,581)	-	3,522
	<u>12,098</u>	<u>30,414</u>	<u>(37,639)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,872</u>
Total funds	<u>29,963</u>	<u>53,468</u>	<u>(54,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,187</u>