

# **Community Action Romania (CAR) 1062573**

## **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020.**

The main activities of CAR, i.e., providing relief to people in extreme difficulties, and the extension of the Christian message in Romania, have continued through 2021. These activities were effected through CAR's counterpart, Pro Community Romania (PCR), which is a Romanian charity managing the aid in Romania.

Regrettably because of travel restrictions under Covid-19 only one visit to Romania was undertaken by trustees, but regular communication was maintained via WhatsApp to encourage, support, and observe our counterparts (PCR). The Romanian team also attended the three trustee meetings via Zoom to formally report on progress. In addition we invited supporters to informal meetings with the team via Zoom

2021 continued to be a very trying year significantly impacted by covid restrictions both here in the UK and in Romania. Sadly, the last year has seen several deaths in the village and Covid restrictions (like here) has seen the schools closed for significant periods and frequent curfews with no travel allowed other than to shops. Even then, if travelling out of the village you needed to supply the route, timings, and shops you would visit to the police and get authorisation. Thankfully, this eased a little towards the end of 2021

The church has been able to reconvene in the latter part of the year

All things considered it is remarkable what was achieved given the circumstances:

- One of the richest blessings of the past year was the purchase of the minibus for the work and church. This has made such a difference at bringing some of the elderly and infirm into the church and family gatherings (when allowed). For one lady who had been house bound for three years there were many tears of joy as she was able to travel in the minibus to go to church. In addition, the ability to transport the food relief to the remote families and support youth outreach has really been outstanding.
- We have been able to organise for Danny to be put on a formal contract in Romania working for Pro Community Romania (our sister charity) thus ensuring he is covered for taxes, health insurance and pension contributions. A special thanks to all those that have made donations to make this possible
- One of the consequences of the church not being able to meet physically has been the further development of the technology and equipment in the church to be able to broadcast their services through Facebook. This continues and can be seen at 8:30 every Sunday morning, frequently with Danny and Sarah leading and now with Tobi on drums and Ella on bass.

[biserica betania carand - search results | Facebook](#). They are regularly getting over 300 people on line and their Christmas service, even though they met in church, had nearly 1000 views.

- Despite travel restrictions the team has provided food aid and compassion to over 34 families each month. A hot meals service is also provided on an informal basis to a few local people in need, a few days each week.
- Using the tractor and funding from the charity we were able to supply wood to the church and several families in need. This is however becoming more difficult as the political situation in Romania essentially means you can only collect a small amount of wood per person each year, this makes it hard for Dani to bring for himself and for others. The charity is working with Danny and Sarah and local officials to see if dispensation can be granted for charitable purposes.
- The 4X4 Jimny continues to be an asset, frequently having to assist people stuck in the forest or where there has been an accident in recovering cars from ditches.
- Contributions continue for medical expenses to those in need.
- At the beginning of the school year, we provided the school manuals that the children needed to be able to do their learning more efficiently.
- While it was not possible to undertake a Christmas meal for the isolated and poor in the community due to Covid, extra food was provided to each family plus their annual Christmas gift, and together with the youth of the church gave and delivered presents to all the children of the village on Christmas eve.
- A benevolent fund for use of the team in Romania in emergency situations to provide essential aid. Frequently the team last year faced urgent medical requests and on occasions were called upon to transport people needing to reach hospital or doctors. We also helped with funeral costs of a family who suddenly lost their mother and were struggling to handle the costly process.
- Direct support to fund Pastor Daniel, Vetuta, Danny and Sarah to be able to support the church and community full time.
- We also provided the church with a multifunctional printer to help the charity and church with printing ability rather than having to pay someone every time printing is needed.

We are only able to continue this work thanks to our partners Pro Community Romania and their unfailing efforts.

We are always thankful for our sponsors and donors, many of whom have supported the charity over many years. While it seems harder for us to raise funds than it used to be, our small charity continues to be blessed and our receipts were up slightly on the previous year. We were able to claim over £2,800 of gift aid tax recovery. As a result, our bank balances remain stable.

It is worth noting that administration costs remain low, this year at a level less than 2.5% of total payments and is more than covered by gift aid. This means that every penny we receive goes directly to the good causes.

The trustees Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees.

And signed on their behalf by ..... R N Edwards - Chairman

**COMMUNITY ACTION ROMANIA****Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Balance in all funds 1 January</b>		22051.03		17863.38
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>				
Gifts and Donations	33148.52		26611.41	
Tax Reclaims	2887.97		4302.98	
<b>Add Total Income</b>		<b>36036.49</b>		<b>30914.39</b>
		<b><u>58087.52</u></b>		<b><u>48777.77</u></b>
<b>DIRECT CHARITY EXPENDITURE</b>				
Adopt a Friend	9718.00		9154.00	
Personal Support	14976.00		10480.00	
Children & Youth	620.00		1340.00	
Pastor Daniel Medical	360.00		360.00	
Igas Dana Medical	240.00		240.00	
Wood for fuel	500.00		600.00	
Emergency Fund	850.00		250.00	
Vehicle purchase	8000.00			
Vehicle Maintenance	300.00		500.00	
Equipment for streaming & Printing	843.00			
Basic Expenses	600.00		600.00	
Contribution to Romanian bank charges	372.00		260.00	
Christmas Gifts (CAR to Dani & Daniel)	200.00		200.00	
Facemasks			90.00	
Carand Sunday School			250.00	
Computer Purchase			1200.00	
Boiler Maintenance			640.00	
<b>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>				
Website	349.38		39.78	
Bank Charges	147.00		154.00	
Insurance	183.91		183.91	
Postage and other admin.	175.13		80.05	
Trustees Travel exp			55.00	
Gift to Indep Inspector			50.00	
<b>Deduct Total Payments</b>		<b>38434.42</b>		<b>26726.74</b>
<b>Balance on 31 December</b>		<b><u>19653.10</u></b>		<b><u>22051.03</u></b>
		<b><u>58087.52</u></b>		<b><u>48777.77</u></b>

**COMMUNITY ACTION ROMANIA**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	19653.10	22051.03
Represented by:		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	19653.10	22051.03

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

I have examined the books and vouchers of Community Action Romania and confirm that the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021 are in agreement therewith.

  
Inspector's Name & Address

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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022