

Shalom Life
(A company limited by guarantee, not having share capital)

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

The directors present their report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) with the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, also prepared in accordance with the aforementioned Statement of Recommended Practice and FRS102.

The directors, who are also trustees of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial period together with the dates of any changes, are set out on page 1 and are listed below.

Directors

The directors who served during the period are as follows:

Alain Emerson
Francis Hughes (Resigned 20 September 2024)
Michelle Hughes (Resigned 20 September 2024)
Thomas Mark Emerson (appointed 20 September 2024)
Claire Emerson (appointed 20 September 2024)
Deborah Carson (appointed 20 September 2024)

In accordance with the Articles of Association the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The main purposes of the organisation are as follows:

1. Advancement of Religion with the promotion of Christian values.
2. Advancement of Education - The moral and intellectual development and enhancement in knowledge and understanding of individual beneficiaries and an improved sense of wellbeing and increased self-esteem of individual beneficiaries as they develop new skills, capabilities and knowledge.
3. Advancement of Community Development by encouraging individuals to be good citizens.
4. The Prevention or Relief of Poverty
5. Advancement of Health or the Saving of Lives

We are committed to the service of the local population and provide various services and events to all ages in the community such as:

1. A weekly service of worship each Sunday is open to the general public.
2. We provide the venue for the local Bulgarian Church Saturday service.
3. This includes regular Bible teaching for adults, and separate age-appropriate programmes for children and young people.
4. Regular meeting of small groups of people for fellowship and prayer.
5. Monday Drop In open to the general public for friendship, pastoral care and support, craft and other activities
6. Ongoing support for those struggling with addiction
7. Sign posting to Advice and Counselling Services
8. Programmes for children and young people which include games activities, arts & crafts activities, friendship opportunities and spiritual development.
9. A weekly mother and toddlers group

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10. Saturday bread collection and distribution.
 11. Distribution of Food Bank parcels, clothing or household furniture
 12. We organise minor household repairs and maintenance and also help with transport issues for those in need.
 13. We encourage people who attend to be involved in helping others in the community through volunteering at various organisations,
 14. we organise social events for the local community including Fun Days and outings
- We believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ, is a power that can change lives and bring a new sense of purpose and hope to believers irrespective of age, gender, background or culture.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities which shows the results of the company is set out on page 9. The reported deficit for the year is £4,229 (2023: £6,683) The directors continually review all funding opportunities to maximise the incoming resources for the charity.

Reserves Policy

The company's policy is to achieve a level of free reserves which matches the needs of the company both at the current time and the foreseeable future. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves which are available for general use.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Shalom Life is a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. It is recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland under the reference NIC107104.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the directors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Special Provisions relating to small companies

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Board



Alain Emerson

Director

Date: 22 December 2024