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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE ANN, CIARA AND NIAMH COPELAND 200 CLUB TRUST FUND

Other names charity is known by

COPELAND 200 CLUB TRUST FUND

Registered charity number

SC043683

Charity's principal address

CLOVER COTTAGE

SCHOOL ROAD

LANDRAKE, SALTASH

CORNWALL

Postcode PL12 5EA

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	BARRY COPELAND	Chairperson/Treasurer	Whole Year	Trust Founder
2	JEAN HASLAM	Secretary	Whole Year	Trust Founder
3	JOHN TAVENDALE		Whole Year	Trust Founder
4	ANDRINNE CRAIG		Whole Year	Trust Founder
5	GAVIN CALDER	Deputy Chairperson	Whole Year	Trustees 1 - 4
6	LISA SINGLETON		Whole Year	Trustees 1 - 4
7	JAMES FERRIER		Whole Year	Trustees 1 - 4
8	ROS KERRY		Whole Year	Trustees 1 - 7
9	SARAH PAPWORTH		Whole Year	Trustees 1, 2, 5, 6 + 8
10	KATE FERRIER		Whole Year	Trustees 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 + 9
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NONE	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

THE ANN, CIARA AND NIAMH COPELAND 200 CLUB TRUST FUND DEED
signed on Thursday 13 December 2012
at 15 West Street, Johnshaven, Montrose, DD10 0HL

Trustee recruitment and appointment

New Trustees can be proposed by any existing Trustee or Trust supporter, appointment to be ratified by a majority of the existing Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To assist in the advancement of health, the relief of those in need by reason of ill-health/disability or other disadvantage and the prevention or relief of poverty.

To be primarily achieved through helping to provide *LEPRA Health In Action* with the funds required specifically to run the *Koraput Referral Centre* in Orissa state, eastern India; the Centre's work having been dedicated to *the living memory of Ann, Ciara and Niamh Copeland*.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Selling 'shares' by persuading people to commit to paying a minimum of £10 by standing order into the account each month.

Funds will also be generated by Sponsored Runs and the like; undertaken or organised by individual trustees and supporters.

Achievements and performance

Lepra & The Koraput Care Centre Project

The Centre's main aim remains to reach over 3,000 people affected by leprosy, both existing and new cases. Once again, this goal has been achieved; an astonishing feat given the total budget of just over £13,000!

The Centre continues to operate at full capacity and indeed at times beyond, given the budget available. Its annual targets for 2025/26 were much the same as for previous years and once again most of these targets were largely achieved or exceeded.

Interestingly though, 481 people (target 500) attended the Out-Patient Department in this period, compared to 527 in the previous year. In a similar vein, total In-Patient Admissions numbered 154 this year (target 180), compared to 191 last year.

It should be noted however that the slightly reduced numbers attending the OPD clinics and for IPD treatment are more than offset by greater numbers being treated in the local communities, with more smears collected and self-care measures provided externally. This of course may just be a variation for this particular year, but hopefully it shows that the policy aim of early identification and treatment is starting to bear fruit.

However the average stay per patient rose to 15 days this year, as opposed to 14 last year and 13 days in 2023/24. There may be slightly less people needing operations, but the cases are becoming more serious and complicated when they do arise.

The bed occupancy rate for the year remained incredibly high at 140.5% (148.7% in 2024/25), achieved by judicious use of camp beds and spare rooms when needed. Probably a greater bed capacity is needed, but this is unlikely to happen in the current difficult financial climate for most overseas charities.

These numbers really illustrate just how essential the Centre continues to be, given how many people it has served over the last year for a whole range of different issues associated with leprosy. Koraput is in a remote, rural area of India and the Centre remains an amazing example of how many people can be helped with a relatively small amount of money, if invested properly. **It is a perfect example of how effective small charities and overseas aid can be.**

It should also be noted that in many service areas the Centre is continuing to treat more cases than its annual target, with subsequent budgetary implications. There was a slight overspend again, hardly surprising given that the funding remained unchanged from the previous 12 months. The budget for the 2026/27 financial year has remained the same at Indian Rupees (INR)1,458,000 so things are likely to be tight again. This obviously means a cut in real terms, given that the current inflation rate in India is somewhere around 8%.

The Centre's constant ability to make the most out of what it has no doubt remains exemplary, but I continue to wonder if/when patient care will be eventually affected by these decreasing resources if more funds aren't forthcoming. There are only so many 'efficiency savings' that can be made.

There continues to be some small, good news in this area though. The £:INR exchange rate is still improving in the UK's favour, having been around the level of 1:100 for many years. The budget figures for 2026/27 are based on a rate of 1:112, but the current figure is 1:128. This upward trend won't last for ever, but for now the value of funds arriving from the UK (including ours) is nearly 15% higher.

Full details of the plans for and performance of Koraput can be found in the attached *Koraput Centre April 2026 Update* from *Lepra*.

Our Performance

The Trust started the year with funds of **£5784**. In July 2025 **£7500** was donated to *LEPRA Health in Action* in order to meet our annual commitment to meet as much as possible of the running cost of the **Koraput Centre** in Odisha State, India. This included £694 of Gift Aid reclaimed on eligible donations made in the financial year 2024/25, which was received very promptly from HMRC in May 2025.

Over the period covered by this report £10085 was paid into the Trust's account, including the Gift Aid mentioned above. However the monthly donations include an extra payment made by me each month, to exactly match the banking charge levied by CAF Bank. Thus in reality **£10024** is the true figure raised through sponsored events, monthly and one-off donations. That is the **largest sum of money that we have ever raised in a 12-month period**, giving us a balance on 31 March 2026 of **£8308**.

As always **100% of the funds raised will continue to be passed on** to Koraput.

The annual Trustees Meeting wasn't scheduled until late July, so I proposed that an immediate donation of **£8300** be made to *LEPRA Health in Action*, which happened in late May. At current exchange rates that sum equates to **over 70%** of the projected budget for this year, **the biggest proportion that we have ever covered**. Thank you all!

In just over 13 years of existence we have thus donated around £84,000 to Koraput.

I am really pleased to once again report that our regular monthly support in the UK has remained remarkably constant. I cannot emphasise too much that this is the bedrock of the Trust. We continue to be guaranteed an annual income of around £4000, before any other fundraising activities take place, any one-off donations are received or regular donations from outside the UK are considered. That is a healthy situation to be in.

The Trust has also **received more support than ever this year from friends and family outside of the UK**, especially the Republic of Ireland, the USA and Australia. This was further supplemented by **the magnificent sponsorship efforts of two of our Trustees**, Andrinne's *31 days of Wild Swimming* in May and Kate's cycling exploits in the *Poppyscotland East Lothian Sportive* last September.

Future Needs and Plans

However there is much work to be done. *Lepra UK* are struggling to maintain the funding levels of many of their projects and **it is clear that Koraput would close without our significant level of help**. The only way that we can guarantee Koraput will remain open is by maintaining (or even increasing) our current level of funding each year.

Realistically it is unlikely that the level of regular monthly contributions are going to rise significantly. Nor can we assume that our generous support from outside the UK will continue to rise, although hopefully it will continue at its current levels. Therefore we need to continue to raise sponsorship through participating in challenges and events, either as individuals or as a group.

Now that I have a splendid new hip and can actually get on my bike again, I am returning to the sponsorship saddle again this summer. This is a 4½ day tour in Scotland, with my usual cycling buddy Gavin, based on the Northeast 250 route (www.northeast250.com).

We are actually doing 280 miles, along with some 17,000 feet of ascent, in order to start and finish in Johnshaven (where else could we begin and end?). This is also a possible precursor to running it as a group ride for interested parties in 2027. That event will be van supported; this time we are carrying our own luggage!

If there is some event that you have always wanted to do, or a special challenge that you fancy, please give it a go and raise some money for us if you can. If you let me know what you are doing, I can easily set up a direct donation link for you and make your fundraising easier.

Summary

Given that our aim is to guarantee the Koraput Care Centre at least 50% of its annual budget, **I am delighted to report that we have far exceeded our goal once again and that this has been yet another successful year of fundraising.**

I remain amazed at the level of regular support the cause continues to receive, more than 18 years after that dreadful morning in 2008, and equally how so many people who never even knew Ann, Ciara or Niamh buy into our efforts.

THANK YOU ALL!

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As the Trust has no overheads or expenses, there is no need to hold large amounts of funds in reserve. The only real financial policy of the Trust is that outgoing payments to Lepra will always be covered by assets; in other words no overdrafts or loans will be taken out.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

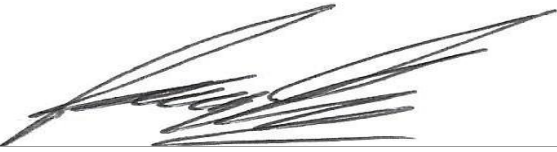
None

There are expenses related to the Trust's website (www.copelandfamilytrustfund.com) but not the email address (copeland090108@gmail.com). Like the monthly bank account charge these are covered by private funding so **100% of the funds raised continue to be passed on** to Koraput.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	BARRY JOHN COPELAND	
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIR & TREASURER	
Date	26 May 2026	