



Christian Rural Evangelism Network
Charity number SC051109

Annual Report and Accounts

For the first 18 months period from 8 July 2021 to 31 December 2022

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	January	2024	To	31	December	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Christian Rural Evangelism Network	
CREN	
SC051109	
Langside	
Carnock Road	
Gowkhall	
Dunfermline	Postcode KY12 9NX

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	Director - Chair		
2	Director - Treasurer		
3	Director - Secretary		
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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

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution, current version dated July 2021. CREN was registered on 8 July 2021.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The Board of Trustees appoints charity trustees to fill vacancies by way of resolution passed by a majority vote. New trustees are recommended or nominated from existing members of CREN charity and on is on voluntary basis, i.e., trustees are not paid remuneration for their services. The maximum number of charity trustees is 5 and the minimum number of charity trustees is 3. On each AGM, one third of the longest serving trustees shall retire, but are eligible for re-election. At the conclusion of an AGM such trustees will be deemed to have been re-elected at the board meeting unless they advise the board that they do not wish to be re-appointed, or a resolution for the re-appointment of that charity trustee was put to the board meeting and was not carried.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	Advancement of religion.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The principal activities of CREN, which is affiliated to the Gospel of Jesus as ministered by [REDACTED], carries out the following activities: a) to promote the spread of all materials which in the view of the organisation glorify and broadcast the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as contained in The Holy Bible to poor, remote and marginalised communities around the world; b) the relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship or other disadvantage by providing access to material resources they require in promoting the spread of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; and c) help alleviate, where possible and to whatever extent it is within its means to do so, suffering and hardship, whether spiritual, financial or material among those poor, remote and marginalised communities around the world. These activities will directly result in the following expected outcomes that achieve the organisation's purposes: (a) distributing Christian materials such as The Holy Bible will help CREN achieve its objective of promoting and spreading of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to rural, poor and marginalised parts of the world; (b) assisting poor and illiterate communities with access to Christian material resources will help advance the Christian religion and promote religious and racial harmony; and (c) the distribution of Christian reading, audio and visual materials will assist advance religious and educational awareness to rural, poor and marginalised parts of the world.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During the year to 31 December 2024, CREN carried out its activities in the UK and overseas through a network of CREN nominated members under the supervision of the trustee board. In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have considered The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)'s public benefit guidance.

Our key objectives for the first year of operation included developing policies and criteria that form the framework for the decisions made by the trustees in the UK, including the following:

- Identifying and selecting rural areas where the gospel of Jesus Christ has not penetrated;
- Selecting new areas in accordance with CREN's selection criteria and deciding whether to support or not;
- Assessing the missionary workers' needs and resources in the area;
- Purchasing policy and distribution of resources to the area, for example Bibles, Tracts, Audio players, Bicycles, Camping materials etc.

CREN has established its policy frameworks that guide trustees in selecting the projects and deciding on the allocation of financial resources to the missionary activities in the target countries. The following countries were included in project selection process during the year: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia.

During the year, the Trustees, who are all based in the UK, have the responsibility for managing and monitoring the work in overseas areas through several mechanisms:

- Trustees hold regular weekly meetings to review current work in each overseas areas.
- Trustees receive regular feedback from local CREN representatives by way of telephone and video calls.
- Trustees receive written reports from CREN representatives that provide details of the work being done and materials received and distributed to missionary workers.

CREN reports are the posted on our website
www.christianruralevangelism.org

Achievements and performance (continued)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Activities between January to December 2024:

1. Clothes collection and missionary resources distribution - Malawi.

Throughout the year, CREN ran several campaigns to collect clothes for sending to Malawi and Zimbabwe. Although there have been logistical delays, two shipments were delivered in the year. Over 100 Bibles and 5 drums of clothes were delivered by CREN to poor families.

2. Printing of over 20,000 Christian books and over 40,000 tracts.

A total of 20,000 Spoken Word Books and 40,000 tracts were printed and delivered to several villages in Zimbabwe and Malawi. This has improved the access to reading material for Christian and missionaries in rural villages.

3. Establishment of over 45 Seed Libraries in Manicaland area, Zimbabwe

CREN established 45 seed libraries in Manicaland, Zimbabwe. These libraries were made available to about 40 rural assemblies with over 1,200 believers in total. Each library has Spoken Word books, solar speakers, MP3 players and Message SD cards. CREN is also grateful to the Voice of God Malawi for providing 500 Christian literature sermon books for free distribution.

4. Hosted Music Concert for Christian Youth in Doncaster, United Kingdom

As part of its commitment to raise missionary work in the UK for youth, CREN arranged a one day music concert in Doncaster, allowing youth to assemble, fellowship and express their support for missionary work in Africa. About 300 attendees were present.

5. Purchase of 1000 solar audio speakers for rural Africa

CREN purchased 1000 solar audio speakers and 1000 SD cards to be distributed to rural group to support literacy and improve access to Christian literature and information through audio voice and sermons. These were delivered during 2025.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of CREN to fund charitable activities from ongoing donation revenues rather than to accumulate reserves. The cash balance at 31 December 2024 of £824 provides for minimal working capital relating to the administration expenses and purchase of Christian resources for missionary work.

The Trustees are confident that CREN will continue to receive regular donations and therefore, the trustees considered it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Details of any deficit

None.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

In common with most missionary charitable organisations, CREN benefits substantially from the contribution made by its volunteers who give their time and talents willingly for the benefit of the activities of the charity. All areas of CREN operations rely on the contribution of volunteers and much of the activities would be unable to continue in the absence of such commitment. CREN has volunteers internationally in the UK, South Africa, USA, Zimbabwe, Malawi and China, providing support for key operations including purchases of materials, printing, shipping, distribution of materials, marketing and advertising, IT support and financial support through donations.

Other information - Operating framework and controls

CREN Operating Model

CREN specifically targets deprived places in the world with poor road access and communication infrastructure. We initially obtain information about the communities that require missionary support through referrals from CREN members (these are trusted local Christians and ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ), who are situated in the community or know the missionary workers in those rural communities that require our support on evangelism work. CREN trustees in the UK undertake a selection of the communities that meet its criteria for evangelism support. The trustees make telephone calls and where appropriate, arrange video calls with the local missionary workers in the newly identified areas in order to obtain accurate information on current missionary efforts in the area and to assess resource requirements. CREN works through their trusted local representative in the country (who are part of the CREN network), to make the initial contacts and arrange a physical visit to the selected areas.

Key controls to ensure resources are provided in accordance with the organisation's purposes

The operations and financial resources of CREN are governed centrally from the UK and all Christian resources are purchased and distributed centrally in the UK. CREN has a policy not to provide direct monetary support to local CREN representatives as our operating model is to provide resources that enable the evangelism work. After the shipment of resources to a particular area, the local CREN representative will be required to provide regular reports with evidence that the resources have been distributed to the intended recipients. The trustees maintain a schedule of all resources purchased, resources shipped, and resources distributed by area, which is reviewed weekly to ensure all materials are accurately recorded. The Trustees independently corroborate that resources supplied are received by the intended recipients through direct contact with local missionary workers in those areas, who will then confirm receipt of resources, with documented evidence and pictures being provided.

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Other information - Appreciations

CREN Trustees extend their appreciations to the voluntary contributions from its members (financially and in kind), which have made the CREN missions possible. Because of your contributions, hundreds of believers in several village communities in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Malawi have received the much-needed Christian materials and clothes throughout the year.

During the year, CREN expanded its support network to include over 30 Ambassadors who kindly agreed to represent and spread the aims of CREN. The trustees held quarterly meetings with the Ambassadors, introducing them to the activities of CREN in the United Kingdom and abroad. We look forward to working with the Ambassadors to expand the CREN operations. We are looking forward to continuing the missionary journey with you in 2025 and beyond. May the Lord Jesus bless you and prosper all your work for those in need of spiritual and material resources. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus bless you and prosper all your work and associates.

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)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	22 September 2025	22 September 2025

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	16,920				16,920	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	16,920	-	-	-	16,920	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,920	-	-	-	16,920	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	16,786				16,786	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts	315				315	
Legal costs					-	
Other costs	535				535	
					-	
A3 Sub total	17,636	-	-	-	17,636	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,636	-	-	-	17,636	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(716)	-	-	-	(716)	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(716)	-	-	-	(716)	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	1,540				1,540	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(716)				(716)	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	824	-	-	-	824	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

			22-Sep-2025
			22-Sep-2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The Charity only has an unrestricted General Fund. The General Fund is available to meet the ongoing costs of pursuing the charitable purposes of the charity.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
N/A			
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

X

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

X

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
N/A			

C6 Other information

1 Donations

2 Grants

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2						
Report to the trustees/members of		Christian Rural Evangelism Network						
Registered charity number		SC051109						
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date				Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
		1	January	2024	to	31	December	2024
Set out on pages		1 to 10 (commencing from Trustees Annual Report)					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner		The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement		My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement		In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
		1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or						
		2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed:						Date:	22 September 2025	
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
Address:								

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.