(A company limited by guarantee)

Trading as Acorn Camps

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

Charity Number 1127958 Company Number 6166793

**Independent Examiner** 

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# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st March 2021

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# ACORN HUNGARY TRUST TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also directors for the purpose of company law, present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to Small Entities.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

#### **Charity Name**

Acorn Hungary Trust

## **Charity Number**

1127958

# Company Number

# Registered Office

77 Camrose Way Basingstoke RG21 3AW

# **Charity Trustees**

Mr Tim Dennis (Chairman)

Mr Ken Oatridge (Resigned 4th December 2020)

Mr David Todd

Mr Matthew Price (Secretary)

Mr Philip Harper Mrs Claire Wroe

# Bankers

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# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Organisation

The Trust was incorporated on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007 as a company limited by guarantee and as a registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009, and is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Acorn Hungary Trust. Under UK company law, all the Trustees are directors of the company. The liability of the company's members in the event of the Trust being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

# ACORN HUNGARY TRUST TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 (continued)

# **Trustee Appointments**

Individuals are asked to be Trustees on the basis of their Christian maturity, their understanding and support of the Trust's work, and the skills and abilities they would be able to bring to the Trustee body. Prior to joining the Trustee body, an individual is provided with details of his or her legal responsibilities as a Trustee, as well as informal training on the work of the Trust. This induction and training process is overseen by the Trust Chairman. Trustees are required to sign the Trust's doctrinal basis annually to indicate their ongoing support of the core truths of Christianity. To be appointed as a Trustee, a candidate should be nominated and seconded by current Trustees, before a vote is taken.

The Trustees meet at least three times each year to review all aspects of the Trust's activities, including its finances, and make planning decisions for its ongoing work.

## Risk Management

The Trustees are experienced in Christian Ministry and of the range of activities undertaken by the Trust and are aware of the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and have procedures in place to mitigate these risks

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Company's objects are:

The promotion of the Christian faith primarily through:

- The provision of residential holidays for young people, primarily in Hungary;
- The provision of training, support and financial assistance for churches;
- The establishment of links between English churches and churches from other countries, primarily in Hungary;
- The promotion of any other charitable purpose according to the laws of England and Wales.

# **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance of public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The remainder of this report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement

The Trust does not charge fees to any of the organisations it provides camps for in Hungary, but provides leaders, activities and pays to transport those leaders free of charge. The Trust is funded purely by the donations.

However, the Trustees view the public benefit of the Trust's charitable purposes as being far broader than the provision of free camps for organisations in Hungary. In particular, the Trustees believe that the provision of camps for young people where they can both learn about the beliefs and implications of religion (in our case, the Christian faith) in a sensible, reasonable, thoughtful and considered way, and enjoy an exciting, challenging and well-supervised holiday is a clear example of advancing religion for public benefit. Specific, intangible benefits, which extend to the wider Hungarian and UK community, include the following:

- Educating, developing and encouraging young people to grow to be mature adults equipped
  with a religious belief, motivating and enabling them to exercise responsibility and leadership
  in all walks of life, including within the Christian church;
- A commitment both to the Christian community and to society as a whole, with a clearly
  defined moral and ethical code, and a desire to serve our fellow human beings within society;
- The teaching of Christian moral and ethical values, such as honesty, integrity, responsibility, respect for human life, service of other people, compassion for the needy and underprivileged, care for the environment and the responsibility to share one's time and resources generously.

# ACORN HUNGARY TRUST TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 (continued)

The Camps are led by a number of leaders, many of whom take on a leadership role for the first time. We aim to train all our leaders, both directly and indirectly, with a view to providing positive role models who will be a constructive influence on and mentors for young people.

# ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year ended 31st March 2021, the Trust has continued to pursue its objectives. We have much to be thankful to God for as we look back over the last twelve months, even if it was not the easiest year.

Sadly due to the Covid virus we were not able to facilitate any church groups from the UK travelling to the UK in the summer. The time gained from this loss was used for completing study projects over the summer.

Our training side of work has continued to develop. The five year plan with a primary focus on training up a small cohort of Hungarian youth leaders each year to teach the Bible faithfully, relevantly and clearly continues.

The first year CORE Training program had its graduation in September. Many lessons were learned, not least in terms of learning to teach online. Our second CORE Training course began in September 2020 with 9 students. We were grateful that we could begin with a residential weekend away in person, and then sadly the training then went online due to Covid restrictions.

One significant benefit of Covid has been that we have had to learn quickly how to deliver training online. This has opened up some possibilities of running online training in the future.

We were delighted that Szilárd Tam joined the team on a two-year short-term mission placement through Crosslinks. Szilárd, a native Hungarian living in London moved to Budapest and has settled in quickly to the team bringing with him experience and energy.

We continue to be involved in Langham Preaching Hungary training Pastors in Bible teaching and this year helped run the online conference and deliver some of the talks. We also taught one of the main sessions at the National Hungarian Youth Leaders' online conference.

Our regional training event, planned for Feb 2021 was sadly cancelled due to Covid. We have however, already planned for a similar event in 2022.

We continue to have a real sense that God has been very much at the heart of all that has occurred this year and are grateful that He chose to use individuals such as us to be a part of His great work.

# **FUTURE PLANS**

Acorn Camps is rebranding, and will launch as Acorn from mid-April. The training course will be renamed Acorn Bible Training and have its own website.

We are also looking to set up a Hungarian charity to take the training work forward. Whilst the training of youth leaders is becoming our primary focus we will continue to facilitate English-language Christian camps as they provide an ideal setting for delivering training.

However, Covid has taught us, that only one thing is certain - that no one knows the future. So we make plans, but are learning to be flexible and utilise all the online opportunities that we can.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 8 and shows a net decrease in funds of £9192 in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (2020: decrease of £11,851). Total funds at the end of the year were £156,943 (2020: £166,135). Details of income and expenditure are set out in the accounts from page 8 onwards.

# ACORN HUNGARY TRUST TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021 (continued)

#### Reserves

The Trustees set a minimum level of reserves at £30,000, which is currently being met. At this level, the Trustees believe they are giving appropriate regard to the Trust's administration costs and allowing sufficient time to make necessary contingency plans in the event of a significant drop in funding.

The Trustees have noted that the level of reserves currently exceeds what might be appropriate for an organisation of our size, but plan to use those funds for projects and in the running of the Trust over the next 2-3 years.

# Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees as company directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Trust for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to
  presume that the company will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy of the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant independent examination information (information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's independent examiner is unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to ensure that this is the case.

# AUDITORS

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

# **Small Company Provisions**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Trustees on 8th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Timothy Dennis Chairman of Trustees

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT



# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ACORN HUNGARY TRUST, COMPANY NO: 6166793 AND CHARITY NO: 1127958.

I report on the financial statements of the above charity (a company limited by guarantee) for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1-9

# Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and 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 seeking 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 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

- (1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
  - the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act (2006); or
  - the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
  - the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
  - The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

(2) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Chartered Certified Accountants 167 Clarence Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3TX Date: 12 October 2021

# ACORN HUNGARY TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
INCOMING RESOURCES	1		
Incoming Resources from Donors		56,940	60,964
Gift Aid Recoverable		3,329	4,082
Incoming resources from financial activities – Intere	est	590	1,451
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		60,859	66,497
RESOURCES EXPENDED – Charitable Activities	1		
Cost of Activities (Camps)		2,874	19,866
Charity Operating Costs		8,427	10,187
Employment Costs	2	58,013	47,974
		69,313	78,027
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(8,455)	(11,531)
DEPRECIATION	3	(737)	(320)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(9,192)	(11,851)
Balance brought forward - 1st April 2020		166,135	177,986
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD  @ 31st March 2021		156,943	166,135

# Total recognised gains and losses

There were no recognised gains and losses for these years, except as shown above.

# Continuing operations

All amounts shown above relate to continuing activities.

#### Funds

Funds in balance brought forward on 1 April and carried forward on 31 March 2019, 2020 & 2021 include Designated Fund of £150,000 and the rest of the funds are unrestricted.

# ACORN HUNGARY TRUST BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021	2020 £
FIVED ACCETS	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	2,609	1,261
		2,609	1,261
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments	4	4,762	6,438
Short Term Deposits		143,117	141,865
Cash in Bank and In Hand		6,456	16,571
		154,335	164,874
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		154,335	164,874
LIABILITIES			
Falling due in more than one year	5	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS		156,943	166,135
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted		6,943	16,135
Designated		150,000	150,000
TOTAL FUNDS			
		156,943	166,135

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts.

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1st January 2015).

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on  $8^{th}$  October 2021 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

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Timothy Dennis, Chairman of the Trustees.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST March 2021

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31st March 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention and accruals basis and are in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for smaller entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1st January 2015) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 7 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law.

# (b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

# (c) Incoming Funds

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. The following specific policies apply:

Voluntary income by means of donations or gifts is included on receipt. Gift Aid recoverable on voluntary income is included when the voluntary income is recognized.

Grants and legacies to the Charity are accounted for as soon as the Charity is notified of its legal entitlement to the amount due.

Interest and investment income is included when receivable

# (d) Resources Used

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, including the cost of unrecoverable VAT.

Charitable expenditure includes the costs incurred by the charity in delivering of its activities to and services to its beneficiaries. These include costs directly attributable to its activities and services, costs to support them and costs associated with meeting the statutory and constitutional requirements of the Charity, including the strategic management of the charity.

Donated services are included at the value to the charity where this value can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

The number of financial transactions is small and the Management Committee time on strategic review is small in relation to total time so no specific management cost has been allocated to governance.

#### (e) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Amounts over £100 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write-off the asset over their estimated life, usually 5 years.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2021 (continued)

# (f) Current Assets

Amounts owing to the Charity, including income tax, are shown as debtors. Where appropriate a provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable is deducted.

# 2. TRUSTEE AND EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

# (a) Trustee information

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year. Payments were made to the following Trustees, or their spouses, for expenses incurred on behalf of the Trust, or for expenses incurred in exercising their duties as trustees.

		2021	2020
		£	£
	Jane Dennis - wife of Trustee, Tim Dennis	713	1,381
	Tim Dennis	0	154
	Ken Oatridge	0	83
	Gareth Wroe – husband of Trustee, Claire Wroe	130	233
		843	1,851
(b)	Employee Information		
		2021	2020
	The average number of staff on the payroll	2	2
			£
	Salaries and Wages	48,650	44,251
	Social Security Costs - after Employer Allowance	0	0
		48,650	44,251
3. FIXE	ED ASSETS		
		2021	2020
		£	£
Purchase	e cost		
Br	rought forward at 1st April 2020	5,755	5,755
Ad	dditions	2,084	0
Di	isposals _	0	0
Ca	arried forward at 31st March 2021	7,839	5,755
Accumul	lated depreciation		
Bı	rought forward at 1st April 2020	4,494	4,174
Cl	narge for the year	737	320
Di	isposals _	0	0
Ca	arried forward at 31st March 2021	5,231	4,494

# Net book value

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2021 (continued)

	At 31st March 2021	2,608	1,261
4.	DEBTORS		
0.7.5		2021	2020
		£	£
	Income Tax Recoverable	3,329	3,508
	Other Debtors and Prepayments	1,433	2,930
		4,762	6,438
5.	LIABILITIES		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Falling due within one year		
	Income tax and other associated costs	0	0
	Other creditors	0	0
		0	0
	Falling due after one year	0	0

# 6. TAXATION

As a Charity, Acorn Trust Hungary is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation on Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

# 7. RELATED PARTIES

The Trust does not have any related parties.

# 8. CONTROLLING PARTIES

The Trust is controlled by the Trustees.