



**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Accounts for the Period 27 July 2016 to 31 March 2017**  
**for**  
**AID TO THE BALKANS UK (A2B)**  
**Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

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**for the Period 27 July 2016 to 31 March 2017**

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## AID TO THE BALKANS UK (A2B)

### Report of the Trustees for the Period 27 July 2016 to 31 March 2017

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ending 31 March 2017. This report is presented in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1168468

##### **Principal address**

17 Maple Green  
Great Barton  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk  
IP31 2SN

##### **Trustees**

The charity trustees are appointed as and when appropriate by the body of trustees in office. The trustees who served during the period and those currently in office are:

Dr Sam Whitmarsh	Chairperson	- appointed 27 July 2016
Mr David Ayrton	Treasurer	- appointed 27 July 2016
Ms Tracey Bishop		- appointed 27 July 2016
Mr Andrew Davies		- appointed 27 July 2016
Mr Paul Heffer		- appointed 27 July 2016
Mr John Selley		- appointed 27 July 2016

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the Constitution dated 11th November 2015. It was established to take forward the work of the Unincorporated registered charity number 1077088.

The overall management and control of the charity rests with the individual members of the Board of Trustees.

The charity trustees meet in accordance with the Constitution which requires the presence of at least two or, if greater, a third of its members to form a quorum. The Board may appoint a Chairperson and revoke such appointment at any time. All business is decided by a simple majority, each trustee having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting has a second or casting vote.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Charity trustees are elected the body of trustees by a resolution at a properly convened meeting and serve for a term of three years. Trustees retiring at the end of their term are eligible for reappointment. In selecting potential candidates for appointment as trustee, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience of individuals to ensure their suitability to administer the CIO.

There shall be a minimum of 3 trustees and there is no maximum. There are currently 6 trustees.

##### **Voluntary staff**

The charity benefits from the services provided by volunteers. Voluntary help is not valued for the purposes of the financial statements.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have in place policies addressing the main operational risk areas and they aim to use best practice. An appropriate level of funds will be maintained to help mitigate the main financial risks.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

A2B is an organisation that works to 'Lift Dignity and Restore Hope' amongst the most vulnerable members of society in Albania. By meeting both immediate and longer term need through a range of activities in Health, Education, Livelihoods and Protection, we aim to help people lift themselves out of the cycle of poverty.

A2B is based on Christian values and principles, believing that true human development seeks to address all areas of a person's life, physically, economically, emotionally and spiritually.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been set up to take forward the work of Aid to the Balkans Forward Trust (A2B), operated as an unincorporated charity (Registered with the Charity Commission 1077088) since 1999.

Over the past year or so the Committee have been laying the foundation to run the charitable activities through this Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and on 1 April 2017 the assets of the old charity were transferred to this new body, it started to operate from that date.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity has not received any income or incurred any expenses since it was registered on 27 July 2016.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 September 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Andrew Davies - Trustee

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**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the Period 27 July 2016 to 31 March 2017**

	Notes	£
Receipts		-
Payments		-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		-

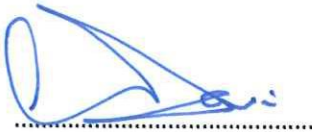
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**Statement of assets**  
**At 31 March 2017**

	Notes	£
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>=====</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>=====</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 September 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Andrew Davies -Trustee

The notes form part of these accounts



**AID TO THE BALKANS UK (A2B)**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Period 27 July 2016 to 31 March 2017**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting basis**

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The CIO had no financial activity during the period.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for specified purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements, where applicable.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2017.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2017.

**3. GUARANTEES AND SECURED DEBTS**

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

**4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

The charity had not received any income or incurred any expenses since it was registered on 27 July 2016 up to the accounting date, 31 March 2017.