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2025

Trustees Annual Report

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Accounts

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CHAIR'S REPORT

2025 was CWUHA's 30th anniversary. When I helped start this charity, I never imagined we would still be going strong and making a difference three decades later. This is only possible because of our dedicated trustees, volunteers, CWU branches and regions, CWU Ireland, and CWU UK. We could not have done this without your support.



In 2025, we again received great support from CWU UK branches and regions and from our good friends at Pellacraft.

We rely heavily on supporters like John and Sue Turnbull, who organise the annual 21-mile CWUHA Longmynd Hike, to sustain our current projects and expand our efforts. The 2025 event drew over 30 volunteers and raised essential funds for our Gaza appeal.

In response to the humanitarian disaster in Gaza, we launched an appeal with the CWU to raise funds for hospitals and families. We also sought an NGO partner to ensure aid reached those in need. Following a recommendation and introduction from Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, we formalised a partnership with UK-Med.



UK-Med is a humanitarian medical aid charity that provides health care to people affected by disasters or conflict. Born of the NHS, they are the first UK-based

NGO verified as an Emergency Medical Team by the World Health Organisation.

Despite many challenges, we are pleased to report that medical supplies and equipment purchased with donations from CWU branches and members have reached UK-Med field hospitals in Gaza. These resources will help save the lives of many Palestinian children.



In 2025, we built on our partnership with Blackpool Coastal Housing, supporting families fleeing domestic abuse across the UK and assisting homeless teenagers.



We continued to sponsor children and a teacher at our supported kindergarten in Moshi, Tanzania, and funded their Christmas party. We also provided sports equipment to the Moshi Street Kids Soccer Academy.

In September, we delivered medical supplies and other aid to Moldova to support Ukrainian refugees and the local community. Several trustees also travelled at their own expense to attend the 10th anniversary of the Phoenix Disabled Centre, which we helped our partner Mad-Aid establish. This remains one of our largest projects.

We primarily use social media to keep our supporters and affiliates informed. If you have not already, please follow us on **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/CWUHA/

You can also find us on Twitter: @CWUHA, Instagram: @cwuha95, and on our website: www.cwuha.org

We hosted several stands at CWU events throughout the year, including the CWU Conference in Blackpool. Thank you to trustees Julia Upton and Becky Crook for managing most of these stands, and to all delegates and branches who donated thousands of pounds for the Andy Kerr project.



Andy's son Matt and his son-in-law Phil raised thousands of pounds for the project by cycling 1,000 miles across Scotland in 10 days.

Despite challenging weather and terrain, they completed the journey and received a warm welcome at the finish.



The project funded the renovation and re-equipping of a children's septic surgery ward at the Institute

of Mother and Child, the largest hospital in Moldova. We once again partnered with Mad-Aid, a charity we have supported in Moldova for over ten years.



The ward had not been repaired or re-equipped since 1986 and was in poor condition.

Each year, over 700 children are treated in this ward for post-operative infections, trauma, abscesses, and other critical conditions. This project is a fitting tribute to Andy, who cared deeply for Moldova and its people.

We consistently support community initiatives across the UK. In December, we partnered with the Halton Brook Residents Association to provide advent calendars to every child in schools and nurseries in Halton Brook, one of the most deprived areas in the country.



Early in the year, CWUHA Secretary Lenny Crook ran the Manchester 10k to raise funds for the Winsford Youth & Community Forum SEN Canoeing Group, who urgently needed new equipment. Lenny raised



£1,000, which CWUHA trustees matched, providing £2,000

for this valuable community project in the UK.

Finally, if you donated or volunteered, I hope you feel you are part of something special.

Carl Webb
Chair of the Trustees

CWUHA SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT

We have had another quite year in respect of our normal work in Eastern Europe. However, we sent a truck full of medical and other aid to Moldova and three of our Trustees flew out to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Mad-Aid Phoenix Disabled Centre last September.

We can also report that with the support of (National President) Andy Mercer and the (DGSP) Martin Walsh, we have secured vehicles from Royal Mail for a convoy which will take place in June 2026. We will be visiting a number of projects but most of the aid will be taken to support the Phoenix Center in Riscani and the Maternity hospital in Chisinau. Our great work in Tanzania, supporting many children with their early education, along with support a number of students through higher education continues. Two of our trustees are planning to visit our projects in Tanzania later this year and will be providing a detailed report on their status.



We have also continued with our project in the North West, supporting families fleeing domestic violence. These are both very important projects and are continuing to make a significant difference to the many children and families we are assisting.



You will recall our main project last year in memory of our great friend Andy Kerr which was a great success. We managed to surpass our fundraising goal through the support of our Regions, Branches and individual members. We also received a significant donation from sister Union CWU Ireland who always step up when most needed. The funds were used to refurbish and update the facilities at a mother and baby unit in a hospital in Moldova in the name of Andy Kerr, a very suitable

legacy for one of our greatest supporters.

In the last 12 months we have found ourselves working to support another humanitarian tragedy in Gaza. It is difficult to comprehend how we continue to witness such events in the 21st century and there nowhere near enough being done to prevent the continued suffering of the Palestinian people. We managed to raise in excess of £20,000 to support of the people of Gaza and have been working with



UK Med to ensure the aid gets to the people who need it most, although it must be said that the distribution of aid has been hampered due to the borders being closed.



A number of trustees completed the Longmynd charity hike in August 2025 and will be taking on the challenge again this year to raise funds in support of our many projects.

With the current world events it is clear that we will need to continue with our work in supporting the most vulnerable Families/children. So, we will continue to ask for your support in whatever way you can offer. You might not see first-hand the difference you are making, but believe us when we say, we couldn't do what we do without you.

We are continuously looking for new projects, so please feel free to contact us if you feel you have something we could get involved with in your area, the only proviso in that it has to involve children.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Lenny Crook
CWUHA Secretary

CWUHA FUNDRAISING ANNUAL REPORT

2025 proved to be an exceptional year of special CWUHA fundraising activity, whilst also maintaining a positive steady income to meet the needs of our established projects & previously agreed ongoing commitments.



Once again, our regular 'bread & butter' income, which is generated by monthly & annual affiliations, was significantly boosted by our invaluable one-off and/or annual events (eg. the CWUHA stand at major CWU activist attended gatherings / conference & sponsored initiatives, such as the Longmynd Hike).

For 2025, our combined affiliation monies, equalling £20,694.50, were slightly down on the previous year's income of £21,147. This was made up of Individual affiliations - £10,161.50 (£10,372 in 2024); Branch affiliations - £8,603 (£8,777 in 2024); & Regional affiliations - £1,930 (£1,745 in 2024). In part, this overall decrease can be attributed to a lesser focus in generating new affiliation opportunities & interest over the course of the year, whilst, instead, directing our efforts towards our 2025 key goal of raising £40,000 for our Andy Kerr Memorial Project (to rebuild and refurbish a neonatal surgery ward at the Mother & Child Hospital in Chisnau, Moldova, in Andy's name and memory).

At future CWU activist events & during conference this May, it will be the Trustees' fundraising objective to continue raising a greater awareness of the importance of our Affiliation Programme, recognising that this absolutely underpins and sustains our regular budgeting & project plans.

That said, we shouldn't underestimate the incredible collective fundraising achievement this year, in not only meeting the optimistic

£40k target that the CWUHA Trustees had set for the 'Andy Kerr Project', but surpassing it.



2025 was a special 30th Anniversary Year for the CWUHA, and it was at our CWUHA 30th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner, held in the Quorn Grange Hotel on the 2nd August 2025, that



we were able to announce the fantastic news about smashing the £40k fundraising target. It was also thanks to the overwhelming support and generosity of the CWU Headquarters, Regional, and Trustee representatives present at that event, along with the additional boost of sponsorship money donated for Matt Kerr & Phil Thomas' 1,000 Mile Bike Ride Challenge, that we were able to advise that the additional money raised from the 30th Anniversary event/ raffle on the night, could, in consultation with Andy's family, further support an appropriate cause of their choosing in Andy's name. The Andy Kerr Project justgiving page finally reached a total of over £43,000.

We cannot thank the CWU Branches and Regions enough for their unprecedented level of support with this.

The other boost to our funds, once again, came from the now well established Annual Longmynd Hike - held on Saturday 30th August 2025. This event alone, raised over £1,000 (this year specifically to be donated to the CWUHA/CWU Gaza Appeal). The Trustees would again wish to extend a huge thank you to all who participated and/or supported this, especially John & Sue Turnbull, who have made this such a mainstay of the CWUHA's fundraising calendar.

Other special thanks go to those Trustees (their friends & families) who have taken part in, or supported, other fundraising events, sponsored runs, quiz nights etc throughout 2025. All of these sterling efforts add up and provide our small volunteer run charity with a real morale and financial boost.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the work undertaken again during 2025 to realise the outstanding Gift Aid % monies, legitimately owed to us from previous years' donations (received via our 'justgiving' account), generated a very welcome additional £10,474.94. Now that we are up-to-date with claiming our Gift Aid entitlement, it will continue to be a priority going forward to recoup any future Gift Aid that the charity is eligible to receive from donations made to us via the 'justgiving' platform.

Lastly, at the close of 2024, it was agreed that 'Fundraising' would now form part of the CWUHA Trustees' Annual Financial Budgeting & Reporting Process, in order to achieve a greater collective focal point throughout 2025 and beyond. It is felt that this has been particularly beneficial since its inception.

Julia Upton
CWUHA Trustee & Fundraising Lead





2025 Report on the Project between the Communication Workers Union Humanitarian Aid (CWUHA) and Blackpool's Children and Families' Emergency Housing Homeless Hostel.

2025 was the fifth year of the CWUHA's project with Blackpool Coastal Housing (B.C.H.). The funding of £8000 is vital as the rise in demand for the hostels and increased prices of food, clothing and utilities have put a massive strain on finances.

The hostels are:

Children and families' emergency housing homeless hostel, including 16 dispersed properties, supporting over 220 children with around 90% of them on child protection plans.
Young Persons 16 – 18 years old homeless hostel, supporting 6 young people.
Care Leavers 16 – 18 years old homeless hostel, supporting 6 young people.

The emphasis of the Children and families' emergency housing homeless hostel has always been to support the children and families that are fleeing domestic violence and arrive at the hostel with nothing. These families have been supported in a number of ways including:

- Baby baths, baby bouncers, baby gates, baby monitors, baby bouncers.
- Christmas trees and decorations, presents, socks, gloves and pyjamas.
- Food blenders and slow cookers.
- Prams, cots, highchairs and Moses baskets.
- School uniforms, school shoes, school bags and school coats.
- Reading and colouring books and other stationary.

The school uniforms, coats, prams and baby products are always a vital part of the help that we offer as these items are very expensive to buy especially for a family of three or four.

With the support again throughout the year, we were able to provide over 70 children with Christmas Eve bags which contained new Christmas PJ'S and a Christmas story book.

One of the young people that we were able to help this year was Sheldon staying in one of the hostels. Sheldon is a homeless 16 year old who is currently studying Level 3 Diploma at Blackpool Football Club in coaching. He is a keen footballer with aspirations to become a professional. He has excellent attendance at college and is achieving well. A local grass roots football club was found who also have a semi-professional layer for Shelton to join. Shelton has been attending Thornton Football club twice a week to try out for the team, he has

recently been successful and has been asked to join the team. Shelton is an outstanding, motivated, young man who wants to succeed in everything he does. We were able to pay for his initial sign up and monthly fees to join this football club.

The funding is also used to pay for trips, parties and external events. This gives the families a much-needed break from the limited space that they have access to in the hostels and also allow them to mingle in a more social setting with other residents and the staff.

Trips and parties this year have included:

- Christmas Party.
 - Christmas crafts and a buffet for every one and Christmas party games.
- Chinese New Year Party.
 - Chinese New Year event with residents and children playing games like hunt the snake and colouring Chinese lanterns. There was also sweet and sour curry and rice to take away made for the families as well as fortune cookies.
- Halloween Party.
- Teddy Bears Picnic event.
- Summer Holidays Party
- Trip to Blackpool Zoo.
 - The CWUHA kindly paid for the hostel children to have a day out at Blackpool Zoo. Most of the children had never been to a zoo before. The children had an opportunity to feed the animals and listen to keeper's talks on sea lions, orangutans and giraffes. All of the families struggle financially and most cannot afford to take their children to attractions and events in the school holidays. This was a real treat for the families and one the children will remember for a long time.
- Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.
- Trip to Santa's Grotto at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.
 - Purchased tickets for the children to visit Santa in his Grotto at the Pleasure Beach for over 30 families.

Blackpool Coastal Housing and its staff do amazing work all throughout the year especially in the school holidays and once again with the help of CWUHA they have been able to support many families, children and young people. It is a privilege for CWUHA to be able to support the work and all the staff involved. Every time I meet any member BCH's staff involved in this project they demonstrate a level of care, compassion and commitment that is second to none, they are a credit to the organisation.

The CWUHA can only continue to support these projects with the generous donations from all of its supporters, so a big thank you goes out to all the people that have made a donation throughout 2025. Another year of more smiles delivered in the UK.

Paul Newsham
UK Projects

PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT – TANZANIA

First and foremost, the CWUHA wish to put on record a huge thank you to Alex Pearson and Ray Atkinson for all the work that they have done over many years for the children in Tanzania.



CWUHA started working in Africa in 2008. We regularly check in with our partners in Tanzania, who keep us updated on their work and the children they help. Every two to three years, volunteers visit Moshi, Tanzania.

These visits are essential to assess the needs of our in-country partners, identify the most pressing areas that require support, and provide essential funding and aid where applicable. These reports are reviewed by the Trustees to secure new or existing funding.

Overview of Current Partnerships

Our last visit was in 2023, during which we engaged with our in-country partners, who play a significant role in providing essential services to children in need. Our current partners are: Killimahewa School, the Bahath Foundation, and the Excel Foundation, who provide crucial access to education for children who would not normally have such an opportunity. These charities also provide accommodation, food, clothing and essential health care assistance.

Killimahewa School. This institution serves preschool children aged 3 to 7 years. We began supporting the school in 2008, when it had just one classroom. Efforts from the



CWUHA have led to vital improvements in facilities, including 5 classrooms, toilets, electricity and an outdoor play area. We continue to support 50 children attending the



school, including a teacher, daily food, and a uniform. During our last visit, we observed around 70 children attending. Each child received

assistance from the CWUHA, which included a food parcel for each child's family.

Bahath Foundation: Established by two former street children, this organisation provides education, healthcare, clothing, and food to street children and underprivileged youth. Their mission aligns closely with our goals, and we are committed to supporting their initiatives. The CWUHA sponsors 2 children at this Foundation each year.

Excel Foundation; Operating two facilities in Moshi and Arusha, run by two local women, this charity focuses on educational support for underprivileged children. Our collaboration has led to improved access to educational resources for many children. Again, we sponsor 2 children annually, providing a good standard of education and enabling employability.

Moskisa Football Academy is another potential charity which we have supported on an ad hoc basis. This charity encourages children to balance education with sports. Providing accommodation away from home, education and basic life skill for self-dependency, these are children who would not be able to afford such an education without the charity - on our last visit we provide footballs, food, 2 x 2nd hand bicycles - these are so the children can collect plastic from the streets and recycle for small amounts of money - the children are keen to support the effort and really do want to be self-sufficient!



Our visit revealed an urgent need for school supplies at Killimahewa School. The teachers expressed significant concern regarding the lack of adequate educational aids, which impedes the quality of education that can be provided. In response, we purchased some items in the UK, and larger purchases, including food for all the children and their families, were purchased in Moshi from local stores.

Even though the community faces tough economic times, the children we met, some as young as three, looked healthy and happy. Their smiles, despite poverty, are inspiring and moving, showing their resilience. Still, it is important to remember that most children rely on the one meal they get at school, which is likely their main source of food.

Future Plans: Looking ahead to our next visit in **September 2026** we have outlined several objectives to enhance the experiences of children at our supported foundations:

- We will check and help maintain classrooms and playground equipment to keep them safe and accessible for the children.
- We will identify what school equipment is needed and plan to buy it locally if we cannot bring it with us.
- We also aim to provide recreational items that encourage physical activity and relaxation, supporting the children's well-being.

Our continued commitment to supporting our partners in Moshi is imperative. The collective effort of CWUHA and its supporters can lead to significant, positive changes in the lives of these children.

Through ongoing collaboration and dedicated resource allocation, we can foster an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive. We welcome all the financial support you can offer.

This work would not be possible, and these charities would struggle to survive without generous funding from CWUHA and its supporters, through the donations you give.

We thank you all sincerely.

If you would like to volunteer or help, please contact Trish Vollans or Julie Upton.

Trish Vollans - CWUHA Project Manager

CWUHA FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

2025 Our commitments this financial year continuing support for Tanzania for children's education and teacher's wages. We also continued to support Moldova with visits in June and October. Moldova hospital wards renovation in a children's unit within a neurological hospital in Chisinau in the name of Andy Kher, along with our projects here in the UK.

We will still continue to support our projects above for the foreseeable future.

All this can only be achieved with your continued support and I thank you all on behalf of all poor and vulnerable people who have received help during 2025.

The trial balance attached reports all monies spent & received during 2025 most of which are self-explanatory.

Accounts total December 31st.

Categories 1200 to 1214 - £69,578.41 all monies in accounts as of 31st December.

0100 - 2,464.00 renovation a part building for storage of humanitarian aid.

3200 — £45,946.90 Retained earnings of which can only be used as honoraria for Trustees and Officers. Our policy will always be honoraria will never be paid.

Income.

4001 - £520.60. Donations received. E Garner £360.60, Sale of Badges £160.00

4002 - £3105.00 Donations Received None Gift Aid. £2,400.00 30th Anniversary celebrations, £425.00 Royal Marsden Cancer Unit, £125.00 Mat & Phil, £155.00 South Wales & Marches and Northern Ireland Region Sale of Badges.

4101 - £10,161.50 Affiliations from Individuals.

4102 - £8603.00 Affiliation from CWU Branches.

4104 - £1930.00 Affiliations from CWU Regions.

4507 to 4509 - £88.57 Donations through Charity Trusts.

4600 - £10474.94 Gift Aid from HMRC.

4701 - £750.00 Restricted Income UK Projects. £600.00 Quiz Night, PayPal Donation £150.00.

4702 - £120.00 Restricted Income Tanzania Fund.

4704 - £43,024.32 Restricted Income A Kher Project Moldova.

4705 - £13,345.02 Restricted Income Gaza Appeal.

4809 – Other Misc. Income £500.00 N Walmsley Convoy Fund.

Expenditure.

5011 - £6953.00 Project Donations. £3283.00 Cancer Help, £2000.00 WYCF re L Crook 10k run, £80.00 C Webb Anniversary Function, £1000.00 Elsie Dot donation, £590.00 Halton Association advent calendars.

5015 - £4300.00 Donations overseas. Mad-Aid transport cost charitable goods for Moldova.

5016 - £4570.00 Tanzania Projects. £2520.00 Children's education, £210.00 children's Christmas party & Lucas's bonus, £1840.00 Lucas teacher's wages.

5501 - £839.00 Fund raising cost, Mat & Phil bike ride across Scotland for A Kher fund.

5701- £8645.00 Restricted funds UK Projects, Blackpool Coastal.

5704 - £15,903.64 Restricted fund A Kher Project, Hospital ward renovation and children's play area.

5705 - £20,000.00 Gaza Appeal.

6201 - £2572.00 Advertising & Promotional Expenses.

7304 – £216.00 Office Expenses Just Giving fees.

7305 - £150.00 Bank Charges.

7307 - £288.00 Accounts Software annual fee.

7503 – £2590.00 Meeting Expenses, 30th CWU HA Anniversary Function.

7900 - £500 Miscellaneous Expenses, South Midlands appeal Tomasz postal member.

We are always willing to look at new projects or ideas for support, as long as it reflects our standards of helping vulnerable children either home or abroad. Unfortunately, with all the tragedies & conflicts around today we have to reject appeals from larger charitable organisations because of their running cost. We pride ourselves with 7% or less in admin/running cost, whereas the larger charitable organisations run in some cases over 50%, that's why we deal directly with likeminded charities.

Eric Parker

Financial Officer.

CWU Humanitarian Aid

Trial Balance

As of December 31, 2025

	DEBIT	CREDIT
1200 Bank Current Account - 20031169	30,834.07	
1210 Bank Deposit Account - Tolstoy - 20093259	35,129.66	
1212 Caxton - Convoy 2	3,609.46	
1214 Caxton - Convoy 1	0.22	
1301 Convoy Drivers Funds:Drivers Fund Account - Carl Webb	0.00	
0100 Storage Building	2,464.00	
3201 Retained Earnings		46,946.90
4001 Donations Income:Donations Received		520.60
4002 Donations Income:Donations Received - Non Gift Aid		3,105.00
4101 Affiliations Income:Affiliations Individuals		10,156.50
4102 Affiliations Income:Affiliations Branch		8,603.00
4104 Affiliations Income:Affiliations Regions		1,930.00
4507 Fund Raising Income:SumUp payments		45.00
4508 Fund Raising Income:Charities Trust		10.75
4509 Fund Raising Income:CAF		32.82
4600 Gift Aid		10,474.94
4701 Income - RESTRICTED:UK Projects		750.00
4702 Income - RESTRICTED:Tanzania Funds		120.00
4704 Income - RESTRICTED:A Kher Fund Moldova		43,024.32
4705 Income - RESTRICTED:Gaza Appeal		13,345.02
4809 Other Income:Misc Income		500.00
5011 Project Donations:Donations Paid to UK beneficiaries	6,953.00	
5015 Project Donations:Donations paid to Overseas beneficiaries	4,300.00	
5016 Project Donations:Donations paid to Tanzania	4,570.00	
5501 Fund Raising Costs:Fund Raising Expenses	839.00	
5701 Expenditure - RESTRICTED:UK Projects	8,645.00	
5704 Expenditure - RESTRICTED:A Kerr Project	15,903.64	
5705 Gaza Appeal	20,000.00	
6201 Advertising and Promotions:Promotional Expenses	2,572.80	
7304 Office Expenses:Admin fees - Just Giving	216.00	
7305 Office Expenses:Bank Charges	150.00	
7307 Office Expenses:Software Expenses	288.00	
7503 Meeting Expenses:Meeting Room Costs	2,590.00	
7900 Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00	
TOTAL	£139,564.85	£139,564.85

CWUHA NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS/TRUSTEES 2026/2028

At the close of nominations, the following nominations were received:

Chair: Carl Webb

Secretary: Lenny Crook

Finance Officer: Eric Parker

Fund Raising Officer: Julia Upton

Vice Chair: Mick Kirkby

Project Managers: 3 places

1. Paul Newsham
2. Steve Rowlands
3. Trish Vollans

Trustees: 14 places

Asim Masood
Becky Crook
Chris Webb
David Hudson
Fevzi Hussain
Ian Young
Jack Chambers
John Strachan
Peter Sharrocks
Shelley Banbury
Stephen Albon

****CWU Ireland Trustees, are appointed posts.*

Nominated CWU Ireland Trustees

Jimmy O'Connor
Pascal Connolly

If you have any queries with the above, please contact:

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Chair

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