

# Annual Report and Accounts

For year 2025

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# EQUIPES NOTRE DAME GREAT BRITAIN

Registered Charity 1044902

Annual Report for the year to 31 December 2025

## Legal and administrative information

The official name of the charity is Equipes Notre Dame, Great Britain, and the registered charity number is 1044902. The Official name reflects the involvement in, and links with, the world wide movement for Christian married couples.

The registered address of the charity is 5 Petrebrook, Chelmer Village, Chelmsford, CM2 6QJ. The charity is part of an international movement based in Paris.

The governing document of the charity is the Declaration of Trust made on the first day of August 1994, and amended on 31 August, 2018. This Declaration of Trust restricts the charity from undertaking any substantial trading activity as part of raising funds. In addition, no trustee shall acquire an interest in property belonging to the charity.

The charity's banker is National Westminster Bank Plc. There are no Regional Treasurers or regional bank accounts any longer.

Equipes Notre Dame (Great Britain) is administered by up to eight trustees: the Regional Couples and the GB Treasurers, who meet regularly on line. The main planning and co-ordination of the activities of and for the Teams of Great Britain are carried out at the meetings of the Regional Couples, which are normally held at the same time as the Trustees' meeting.

We continue normally to meet by Zoom. Meetings for a morning are held at roughly 8 – 10 week intervals. In 2025, we met on Saturdays 18 January, 22 March, 24 May and 24 November. We also had an in person meeting on 5 July.

During 2025 the Trustees were Chris and Dominique Thompson (Treasurer Couple), Paul and Janet Deboo (Central Regional Couple) and David and Joanne Harries (Northern Regional Couple). The Southern Regional Couple post was vacant. The International Couple, Paul and Annette O'Beirne, represented the Region.

## Aims and organisation

The object of the charity, as stated in the Declaration of Trust, is the advancement of religion in accordance with the tenets of the Christian faith in particular by the promotion of Christian marriage, family life and the spiritual development of husband and wife.

The Teams in Great Britain are part of the world-wide international movement for Christian married couples, Equipes Notre-Dame, led by an International Leading Team, (Equipe Responsable Internationale (ERI)). The three geographic Regions of Teams in Great Britain, Northern, Central and Southern, form the Province of Great Britain. The Province is part of the Transatlantic Super Region, along with Ireland, South Africa, Zambia, Malawi and Ghana. Each of the Regions of Great Britain has a Regional Couple and is further divided into sectors led by a Sector Couple or Sector Team. The Charity has only voluntary staff.

The principal activity of the charity is to support the monthly meetings of 77 Teams around Great Britain. Monthly Team Meetings are the centre point of the movement, and enable couples to eat together, pray together, and share their joys and sorrows in a caring atmosphere.

The other supporting activities of the charity are:

- The production of a quarterly Regional Newsletter sent to each team couple;
- Other events such as retreats, Gatherings and training sessions;
- Co-ordination and planning, carried out by the Regional Couples and Sector Couples;
- Promotional activities to aid the expansion of the movement;
- Production of literature for use in the Team Meetings and for expansion;
- Adoption and maintenance of the various policies regulating processes and activities;
- Contacts and joint activities with the wider movement around the world.

## Review of progress and activities in 2025

### Normal activities

During the year, 77 Teams had 279 couples and 42 widows and widowers in membership together with 54 spiritual counsellors or advisors. There were also 19 unattached couples. All Teams were kept in touch via the Newsletters.

Central region held a Gathering which was planned to promote the movement in the Northampton Diocese, with some success. Northern and Southern Regions held Gatherings later in the year. Several Teams held full day retreats and a number had picnics during the summer. There were a number of Team celebrations for the Teams' birthday on December 8, or the nearest weekend.

The monthly Virtual Teams meetings on Zoom have been continued, though with reduced numbers.

The production and distribution of the quarterly newsletter for Equipes Notre Dame (Province of Great Britain) continued. The website is being maintained and developed and work continues to keep the content up to date. We are also looking for ways to expand our social media presence in ways which will be accessible to our target audience.

### Expansion

Personal contact and parish promotion continue to be important. Contact has been maintained with Bishops in Dioceses where the movement has the capacity to develop and we are working on informing new priests through seminaries. In common with many organisations, recruiting new, and particularly young, members has become more difficult. However, an information day took place in North London, and this is likely to be repeated. As well as the new Teams commissioned last year, new Teams are being piloted.

### International

A significant part of our expenditure is a contribution to the International movement, which supports Regions with more limited resources and pays for meetings of the Transatlantic Super Region Team, costs incurred by the Super Region Responsible Couple and the cost of a Super Regional Newsletter.

### Review of financial activities and affairs

In 2025 the charity had a turnover of £16,398 (total income) an increase of 8% on 2024 (£15,176). We had an operating surplus of £1,007, compared with a deficit of £1,690 in 2024. The charity depends on contributions from Team couples to support its activities. In 2025 these amounted to £13,274 12% higher than in 2024 (£11,841). This may be partly due to our efforts to communicate the financial circumstances of the movement, and possibly some effect of recent expansion. Expenditure continues to be low but part of this is due to limited expansion work, though some public relations work is scheduled for 2026 and we are likely to begin work in 2026 on our four yearly national Gathering.

The contribution to the Super Region was £11,000. There was no expenditure on fundraising.

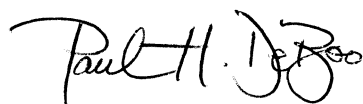
The reserves of nearly £25,000 seem adequate, and income increased and expenditure reduced slightly in 2025. The situation always needs to be kept under review; in particular the Gathering is likely to be organized at a deficit. The Treasurers will take action to draw this, and the general financial situation, to the attention of Teams couples.

The Solidarity Fund stands at £1,355, including Gift Aid received, which is available to support members participation in Teams events. There will be demand for support to enable couple to join the Gathering, so contributions will be welcome.

Signed

Date

For and on behalf of the Trustees

  
P H De Boo

21 March 2026

## EQUIPES NOTRE DAME, GREAT BRITAIN

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED****31 DECEMBER 2025**

## Income

|                                  | 2025          | 2024          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    |               |               |
| Contributions from Team Couples: | 13,274        | 11,841        |
| Bank Interest                    | 182           | 233           |
| Solidarity Fund                  | 85            | 57            |
| Regional events                  | 408           |               |
| Refund from HMRC                 | 2,449         | 3,045         |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>16,398</b> | <b>15,176</b> |

**Expenditure****Regions**

|                            |     |     |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Regional Couples' expenses | 430 | 100 |
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**Province**

|            |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Newsletter | 2,193 | 2,654 |
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| Publicity and expansion | 1,151 | 1,087 |
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| Insurance and licenses | 407 | 454 |
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|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Payment to Transatlantic SR/ERL | 11,000 | 12,000 |
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| <b>14,751</b> | <b>16,195</b> |
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**Other Expenditure**

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Independent Examiner's Fees | 125 | 125 |
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| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>15,306</b> | <b>16,420</b> |
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|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over Expenditure | 1,092 | (1,244) |
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|-----------------------------|----|-----|
| Transfer to Solidarity Fund | 85 | 446 |
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| Transfer from Solidarity Fund |  |  |
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|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over Expenditure | 1,007 | (1,690) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------|

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

|                                 | 2025          | 2024          |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Surplus brought forward         | 23,695        | 25,385        |
| Plus surplus/(deficit) for year | 1,007         | (1,690)       |
| <b>Surplus at 31 December</b>   | <b>24,702</b> | <b>23,695</b> |

## Cash and Bank Deposits

|                                     |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Province of GB Bank Current Account | 9,596 | 9,577 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|

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|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Province of GB Bank Capital Deposit | 16,460 | 16,278 |
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| Cash and Bank Deposits (Current Assets) | 26,056 | 25,855 |
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| Less creditors |  | 891 |
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| Less Solidarity Fund | 1,354 | 1,269 |
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|---------------|---------------|
| <b>24,702</b> | <b>23,695</b> |
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**Non monetary assets** include printed promotional material, banners and display boards

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on

For and on behalf of the Trustees

*Paul H. De Roo* 21 March 2026

*JE De Roo*

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### Solidarity Fund

|                                |              |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance brought forward        | 1,269        | 824          |
| Gift Aid                       | 85           | 446          |
|                                | 1,354        | 1,269        |
| Payments                       |              |              |
| <b>Balance carried forward</b> | <b>1,354</b> | <b>1,269</b> |

### Accounting policies

The Financial Statements are agreed on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting of Charities issued by the Charity Commission. Expenditure is accrued to the financial year it applies to whilst interest and income is included when received.

The only current liabilities recognised are cheques outstanding and the Solidarity Fund. There were no cheques outstanding at the year end. Current assets are not recognised until the cash is received.

### Monetary Assets

The Province operates a current bank account and a capital account. The capital account earns a small amount of interest and holds cash which is not expected to be paid out in the near future. Regions no longer hold bank accounts. The Provincial Treasurers act as Treasurers to the Regions.

Annual contributions should be sent to the Provincial Treasurers and are banked centrally. Regions collect income relating to events which they organize and this is banked in the Province account, and recorded as Regional activity income.

### Non monetary assets

Purchases are charged to the receipts and payments at the time of purchase. They are not held in the Accounts at a valuation unless they are held for sale or income generation. Currently there are no assets of this nature.