

DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1130360

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06271122](#)

Registered 2009-06-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 5.1 TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO REFUGEES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS LIVING IN DEVON AND CORNWALL WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS 5.2 TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF REFUGEES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS RESIDENT IN DEVON AND CORNWALL 5.3 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF REFUGEES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS RESIDENT IN DEVON AND CORNWALL IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST IN THEIR REHABILITATION WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY 5.4 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES 5.5 TO PROMOTE RESEARCH INTO THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF REFUGEES RESIDING IN DEVON AND CORNWALL AND TO PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH

Activities: To provide 1 advice and support to asylum seekers and refugees in Devon and Cornwall 2 Signposting to solicitors to conduct AS appeals 3 Free food parcels to destitute ASRs 4 Free clothing 5 Internet suite 6 A social meeting place for ASRs 7 Arranging English and other courses 8 Talks to educate public in ASR issues 9 Activities to promote health and fitness among ASRs

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DEVON AND CORNWALL
- Cornwall
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£424,497	£500,511	-	-
2023-12-31	£466,098	£329,445	-	-
2022-12-31	£218,505	£215,538	-	-
2021-12-31	£307,080	£239,962	-	-
2020-12-31	£188,822	£187,112	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alana Hunter		2022-01-26
Andrew Eccleston		2022-11-30
Annabelle Mascott		2026-03-03
Ashish Ghadiali		2026-05-13
Azeb Mengisteab		2023-11-29
Edward Charles Lees		2025-02-10
JANE BARKES		2022-06-29
Lenka Reznik-Zelenkova		2025-03-12
Rosemary Brennan		2026-05-13
Sana Murrani		2023-05-31
Verity Meeson		2026-03-03

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Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
& BUSINESS ADVISERS

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Ian Gasper
Trustees	Poorna Dias Gunaswkera Jane Barks Sana Murrani John Stephens, Vice Chair Edward Lees Alana Hunter, Safeguarding Lead Ian Gasper Andrew Eccleston, Treasurer Azeb Mengisteab Sian Pearce Michael White Julian Bild
Secretary	Jane Barks
Senior Management / Leadership Team	Alexander Vessis, CEO Abimbola Adeosun, Finance and Business Administrator
Charity Registration Number	1130360
Company Registration Number	06271122
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England. 7 Whimble Street Plymouth Devon PL21 2DH
Independent Examiner	Westcotts (SW) LLP Matthew Keane ACCA Plym House 3 Longbridge Road Plymouth Marsh Mills Devon PL6 8LT

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

In 2024, Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS) continued to grow to meet the gap in need across the region. Home Office policy changed to start accommodating people in more remote areas resulting in logistical issues to try and support people across Devon and Cornwall.

We built in a level of management so that our Chief Executive didn't directly manage as many staff members and split departments to clarify and focus purpose.

DCRS's vision remains to have a fair, humane and safe asylum experience for all and we do this by promoting independence, preventing destitution and supporting those seeking refuge to build their new home in the UK.

2024 was another tumultuous year with changes in legislation as the tide continued to move away from a trauma informed and human based approaches to divisive, community separating, scarecrow tactics with the Illegal Migration Act and Safety of Rwanda Act.

A 3-year project to gain a legal aid contract was successful in September 2024 bringing on George Rosenberg, Higher Court Advocate, to lead on the contract. This now extends our training pathway through Level 1 and 2 IAA in the casework team to then have an opportunity to move into the legal aid department and has created a separate income stream to diversify our income streams. 2025 will be a definitive year in understanding whether this new department can be successful.

2024 saw successful partnerships being developed with the Plymouth Resettlement Support Service (PRSS) further connecting DCRS to other organisations in the city working with the same population and giving us a seat at the table with the local authority.

DCRS also developed and joined the South West Immigration Alliance (SWIA) connecting to other refugee organisations in the South West working towards increasing the level and complexity of legal advice and representation. With our legal aid contract being successful we aim to be a beacon for this region to achieve that goal.

2024 saw our organisation continue to grow in team size to increase the amount and complexity of work. Whilst the report shows the staff size increasing from 10 to 13 the FTE equivalent went from 8.2 FTE at the end of 2023 to 11.6 FTE at the end of 2024. We also saw a pay review that increased some salaries in line with their revised job descriptions.

The breadth of the work now being completed has also changed increasing the spend by over £20,000 over 2024. This was renting an additional premises (93 New George Street), bringing the venue up to the standard required alongside the additional costs to set up the legal aid department. You will also see from the report that our allocated support costs for destitution, travel, emergency accommodation and relief also increased by over £5,000.

The reserves policy remains unchanged with 3 months of operating costs needed to be available in the event of a closure. We will be moving across £20,000 in line with that policy to our CAF account which will provide us with £90,000 in reserves total.

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Trustees' Report

The financial risks remain continuation funding from grants and trusts. We have expanded who is responsible for bringing in funding through this method so that it doesn't fall on a few people.

We are also looking to diversify our income streams with additional local authority contracts and the legal aid contract. Organisational growth has meant we will lose a number of funders as we move out of the turnover bracket, they are willing to fund reducing the likelihood of success when applying for grants.

This growth has also changed our reporting and auditing requirements to follow an accrual-based accounting model and follow SORP guidance. This has meant that a £500,000 Lottery grant that will be over 4 years has overstated our end of year accounts. We ask funders who wish to enquire about this to get in contact for further clarity.

We currently have 80 volunteers working out to 5.5 FTE (35 hrs per week) which works out to 40% of our total work as an organisation. Without our volunteers many of our services wouldn't be able to run. We are starting to create training pathways for our volunteers also who wish to complete their IAA qualifications, also increasing the capacity in the region.

Overall, the position at the end of 2024 looks good as we continue to grow our services to support the increased need in the region.

Structure, governance and management

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

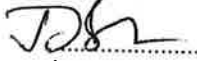
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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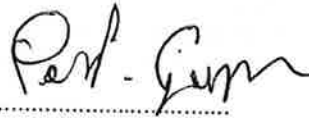
Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12/19/2015 and signed on its behalf by:

JANE BARKES



Jane Barks
Company Secretary and Trustee



Ian Gasper
Chairman and Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £ (As restated)
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	59,554	25,991	85,545	15,019
Charitable activities	4	81,125	256,961	338,086	946,995
Investment income	5	866	-	866	2,936
Total income		141,545	282,952	424,497	964,950
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	(96,112)	(404,399)	(500,511)	(324,514)
Total expenditure		(96,112)	(404,399)	(500,511)	(324,514)
Net income/(expenditure)		45,433	(121,447)	(76,014)	640,436
Net movement in funds		45,433	(121,447)	(76,014)	640,436
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		143,494	598,537	742,031	101,595
Total funds carried forward	14	188,927	477,090	666,017	742,031

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 14.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (As restated)
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	7,655	4,931
Current assets			
Debtors	12	264,480	415,000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>397,542</u>	<u>322,100</u>
		662,022	737,100
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(3,660)</u>	-
Net current assets		<u>658,362</u>	<u>737,100</u>
Net assets		<u>666,017</u>	<u>742,031</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		477,090	598,537
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>188,927</u>	<u>143,494</u>
Total funds	14	<u>666,017</u>	<u>742,031</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity 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.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 18/12/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Jane Barkes
Company Secretary and Trustee



Ian Gasper
Chairman and Trustee



Andrew Eccleston
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (As restated)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(76,014)	640,436
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		2,555	-
Investment income	5	<u>(866)</u>	<u>(2,936)</u>
		(74,325)	637,500
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	12	150,520	(415,000)
Increase in creditors	13	<u>3,660</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>79,855</u>	<u>222,500</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	866	2,936
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	11	<u>(5,279)</u>	<u>(4,931)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(4,413)</u>	<u>(1,995)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		75,442	220,505
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>322,100</u>	<u>101,595</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u><u>397,542</u></u>	<u><u>322,100</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
7 Whimble Street
Plymouth
Devon
PL21 2DH

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

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Restatement of financial statements

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was required.

A restatement of income and fixed assets was undertaken in order to bring treatment and disclosure of balances into line with the Charities SORP FRS102 .

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities

Where services or facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this benefit is included in the financial statements at its fair value unless its fair value cannot be reliably measured, then at the cost to the donor or the resale value of goods that are to be sold.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Computer equipment	25% straight line
Furniture and fittings	25% straight line

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

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Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donated services and facilities	59,554	25,991	85,545	15,019
	<u>59,554</u>	<u>25,991</u>	<u>85,545</u>	<u>15,019</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds Legal Aid £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £ (As restated)
Normal operations	-	77,188	256,961	334,149	946,995
Legal aid	3,937	-	-	3,937	-
	<u>3,937</u>	<u>77,188</u>	<u>256,961</u>	<u>338,086</u>	<u>946,995</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	866	866	2,936
	<u>866</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>2,936</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total	Total
	Legal Aid	General	funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£ (As restated)
Normal operations	-	44,991	41,480	86,471	65,727
Legal aid	3,937	-	-	3,937	-
Appeals rights exhausted	-	-	29,765	29,765	-
Staff costs	-	42,180	297,362	339,542	226,712
Allocated support costs	-	1,344	35,792	37,136	32,075
Governance costs	-	3,660	-	3,660	-
	<u>3,937</u>	<u>92,175</u>	<u>404,399</u>	<u>500,511</u>	<u>324,514</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £3,660 (2023 - £Nil) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 7 for further details.

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	General	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	780	780
Other fees paid to examiners	2,880	2,880
	<u>3,660</u>	<u>3,660</u>

Accounts and statutory reporting were all carried out by internal staff in 2023 and previous years.

Due to a sudden increase in income, the charity has now engaged external advisers who have also assisted with a restatement of the previous year figures to ensure compliance with the Charities SORP.

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	325,518	216,907
Other staff costs	14,024	9,805
	<u>339,542</u>	<u>226,712</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Staff	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	1,565	3,366	4,931
Additions	<u>3,779</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>5,279</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>5,344</u>	<u>4,866</u>	<u>10,210</u>
Depreciation			
Charge for the year	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>2,555</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>2,555</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>4,126</u>	<u>3,529</u>	<u>7,655</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,565</u>	<u>3,366</u>	<u>4,931</u>

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12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £ (As restated)
Prepayments	543	-
Accrued income	263,937	415,000
	<u>264,480</u>	<u>415,000</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £
Accruals	<u>3,660</u>

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	143,494	137,608	(92,175)	188,927
<i>Designated</i>				
Legal Aid	-	3,937	(3,937)	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>143,494</u>	<u>141,545</u>	<u>(96,112)</u>	<u>188,927</u>
Restricted funds				
Other restricted under £10k (see note below)	14,684	56,379	(55,939)	15,124
Blue Threads	30,251	30,000	(30,029)	30,222
Befriending Project	17,227	25,000	(36,672)	5,555
Access To Justice	11,974	105,949	(117,923)	-
Bristol Law Centre	5,757	9,800	(15,557)	-
ARE Home	18,644	25	(18,669)	-
Lottery Community Grant	500,000	44,508	(118,610)	425,898
NACCOM	-	11,291	(11,000)	291
	<u>598,537</u>	<u>282,952</u>	<u>(404,399)</u>	<u>477,090</u>
Total funds	<u>742,031</u>	<u>424,497</u>	<u>(500,511)</u>	<u>666,017</u>

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	86,911	174,544	(117,961)	143,494
Restricted funds				
Other restricted under £10k (see note below)	14,684	206,553	(206,553)	14,684
Blue Threads	-	30,251	-	30,251
Befriending Project	-	17,227	-	17,227
Access To Justice	-	11,974	-	11,974
Bristol Law Centre	-	5,757	-	5,757
ARE Home	-	18,644	-	18,644
Lottery Community Grant	-	500,000	-	500,000
	<u>14,684</u>	<u>790,406</u>	<u>(206,553)</u>	<u>598,537</u>
Total funds	<u>101,595</u>	<u>964,950</u>	<u>(324,514)</u>	<u>742,031</u>

The restatement of the total funds in the 2023 Balance sheet is due to the recognition of a one-off grant award in that year, which will be paid in tranches over 4 years, in line with the expenditure. The restatement and inclusion of this adjustment in the 2024 Accounts is due to the Charity transitioning from cash to accrual-based accounting to comply with SORP following this increase in annual income.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,655	-	7,655
Current assets	184,932	477,090	662,022
Current liabilities	(3,660)	-	(3,660)
Total net assets	<u>188,927</u>	<u>477,090</u>	<u>666,017</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £ (As restated)
Tangible fixed assets	4,931	-	4,931
Current assets	138,563	598,537	737,100
Total net assets	<u>143,494</u>	<u>598,537</u>	<u>742,031</u>

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



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Date: 22.9.25

DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

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DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT



2023 Financial Report



Mission, Vision & Values

DCRS Vision

A fair, humane and safe asylum experience for all

DCRS Mission

To promote independence, prevent destitution and support those seeking refuge to build their new home in the UK

DCRS Values

- **Welcoming** – being inclusive, accessible and safe; working with empathy, understanding and integrity
- **Experienced and persistent** – providing high quality advocacy and support to those seeking refuge, no matter how long the process takes
- **A lifeline** – helping people when they have no-one else to turn to
- **A place of hope** – fostering resilience and supporting people to use and develop their skills to become part of the wider community, keep active and build a new life
- **Connected** – providing the best possible service by collaborating with other organisations and supporters whilst sharing best practise
- **Responsive** – adapting to the evolving needs of our community
- **Well informed** – developing and maintaining excellent standards of knowledge for staff and volunteers

Mission, Vision & Values

DCRS Vision

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The Co-operative Bank pic.

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Chair of Trustees

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Alana Hunter

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Poorna Dias Gunaswera

Azeb Mengisteab

Abbas Mohammed

Sana Murrani

DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

Staff Members

Alexander Vessis	CEO
Abimbola Adeosun	Finance and Business Administrator
Azza Gasim	Communications & Fundraising Officer
Maia Walton	Volunteer Co-ordinator and Development Officer for Cornwall Refugee Resource Network
Suvi Rehell	Befriender Project Manager
Craig Walker	Activities Co-ordinator
Tressa Thomas	Activities Co-ordinator
Waleed Abdallah	Casework Manager and OISC Level 1 Casework Supervisor
Camilla Bostock	OISC Level 2 Asylum and Protection Caseworker
Vincent Ibekwe	Caseworker
Tom Rose	Caseworker
Yeshi Adhanom	Complex Asylum and Immigration Caseworker
Henry Kong	Complex Asylum and Immigration Caseworker

Chair's Introduction

DCRS has had a year of meeting the challenges that a 'hostile environment' yields for asylum seekers and refugees. We have provided a space where individuals are safe and feel supported in their journey. This has been true of those who arrive in Plymouth whether sent by the Home Office or other ways or have been housed in hotels in Devon and Cornwall.


We started the year as an organisation reviewing our vision, aims and values. We recommitted ourselves to providing "A fair, humane and safe asylum experience" and "to promote independence, prevent destitution and support those seeking refuge to build their new homes in the UK".

A successful financial year in terms of grants received has allowed us to carefully expand to meet the organisation's needs.

Devon & Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS) is managed by its trustees who meet regularly. Day to day administration is in the hands of the CEO. New recruits are found through local contacts or Reach Volunteering.

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The board of trustees are satisfied that the service provided to a under-supported section of the population constitutes a public benefit.



Ian Gasper, Chair

CEO Report

2023 has been a year of change, growth and development for Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support with the year wrapping up in a strong financial and staffing position to enter 2024.

The organisation has seen a tripling of need across the region with 5 hotels opening to accommodate an additional 943 people. Staff had to adapt to the need and offer our support where possible with caseworker phone and email services being utilised more for service users in more remote regions. HealthPoint conducted over 500 health assessments to support the tenants in the hotel alongside the frontline GP practices and we offered training to external stakeholders looking to support those we commonly serve.

There was a changing of the guard with Jackie Otunnu and Alex Miranda moving on to new adventures as we welcomed Waleed Abdallah, Abimbola Adeosun, Azza Gasim, Maia Walton, Rebecca Van Der Veer, Vincent Ibekwe and Tressa Thomas to our organisation. This has brought new opinions and ways of working to help grow the organisation into the coming years.

The Nationality and Borders Act and Illegal Migration Act came into existence changing the landscape of claiming asylum in the UK. This has made our organisation understandably uneasy as we try to understand what this will mean for those we serve.

We have forged strong partnerships to enhance our impact within our networks. Locally, collaborations with entities like the Pickwell Foundation and Torbay Community Development Trust (TCDT) have enabled us to provide training and assistance to our remote clientele. Additionally, securing a contract with the local authority has allowed us to work alongside the Olive Project and Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council, offering support to the tenants in the Exeter hotel.

On a broader scale, our involvement in NACCOM (The No Accommodation Network) links us with housing initiatives and organizations nationwide, facilitating both collaboration and training opportunities.

Similarly, as members of the South West Immigration Alliance (SWIA), we are collaborating with partners throughout the region to enhance OISC capacity. In Plymouth, participation in the Resettlement Contract, initiated by Plymouth City Council, strengthens our efforts in supporting the refugee community. Our partnership with Plymouth University is thriving, marked by the engagement of two social work students, three PhD students, and multiple trustees. Moreover, improved referral processes with the Law Clinic have bolstered our organization's efficacy. In Cornwall, our alliance with the Cornwall Refugee Resource Network (CRRN) has united community sponsorship groups under a single banner, amplifying our efforts. This collaboration, backed by Cornwall Council, enhances our ability to assist those we commonly serve.

We placed a large amount of work to training our caseworkers with Camilla and Georgia gaining their OISC Level 2 Asylum and Protection and have started representing clients. We are further developing our casework team to take on a legal aid contract with the hope that we will have the contract start date by September 2024.

Our wellbeing department developed the HealthPoint and Befriending Projects with HealthPoint seeing over 250 patients in 2023. We also recognised the value of our activities running through the winter as the days became shorter and with social isolation growing so continued to develop our music, creative clubs and indoor activities.

We believe all these developments are helping towards plugging a gap in the inhumane asylum system, opening more doors and opportunities. Everyone at DCRS remain humbled, honoured and lucky to serve and be a part of a community of people with the resilience, strength and courage to forge a new life here and we look forward to many more positive decisions and stories of success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Vessis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alex Vessis, CEO

Financial Report

The financial status of DCRS in 2023 has remained strong, marked by the receipt of substantial grants resulting in a surplus for the year amounting to £136,652.

Key funders include The National Lottery Community Fund, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Blue Thread, Bristol Law Centre (JTI), the Postcode Lottery, and Ministry of Justice.

Expenditure for the year exceeded the budget slightly, totalling £329k compared to the budgeted £296k. This variance can be attributed to slightly higher than anticipated staff costs, offset by funding received from the Livewell Foundation and Cornwall Refugee Resource Network Project for activity and volunteer coordinator positions. Additionally, investments were made in new computer systems for both existing staff members and new additions to our team. In preparation for commencing advanced legal work and expanding our operations, we also incurred expenses for rent, repairs, and office furniture related to our new office location at 93 New George Street.

The charity's reserves policy dictates maintaining reserves equivalent to three months of operating costs and dissolution expenses. Currently, this amount stands at £69k and undergoes quarterly review.

The charity's annual reserve target is set at £100k, well above the mandated reserve level. This target will be subject to periodic review in alignment with updated official reserves requirements.

As of the year-end, the charity held £238k in unrestricted reserves and £322k in cash. The difference of £84k is restricted income which has not yet been used.

£466K

Gross Income at end of 2023

£329K

Gross Expenditure at end of 2023

£136K

Surplus

Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Fund 2022
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds	2,360	119,587	121,947	1,309
Voluntary income	241,252	72,030	313,282	214,604
Incoming resources from charitable activities	1,632		1,632	2,592
Other incoming resources	14,300	14,936	29,236	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	259,544	206,553	466,098	218,505
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	122,892	206,553	329,445	215,340
Governance costs				198
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	122,892	206,553	329,445	215,538
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	136,652		136,652	2,967
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AS AT 1ST JANUARY 2023	86,911	14,684	101,594	98,627
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023	223,563	14,684	238,247	101,594

Balance Sheet

For the period from 12 December 2022 to 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
6501: Bank current account	252,097.83	106,009.51
6505: BLF Bank account	-	-
6510: COIF deposit account	69,938.15	67,001.79
6590: Petty Cash	63.84	96.01
6595: Debtors	-	-
6600: Sports & Fitness Petty Cash	-	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable	(83,853.09)	(71,512.97)
Total Current assets	238,246.73	101,594.34
Liabilities		
6602: Wages Control Account	-	-
6699: Agency collections	-	-
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	238,246.73	101,594.34
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	136,652.39	2,967.29
Z01: Starting balances	101,594.34	98,627.05
Z03: Gains and losses own use	-	-
Total Reserves	238,246.73	101,594.34

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	223,563.12	86,910.73
Designated	-	-
Restricted	14,683.61	14,683.61
Total	238,246.73	101,594.34

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145(5)(b) Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the account under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions 2017 given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b)
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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 record. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me a reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act ; and
- to which, in my opinion, attentions should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of accounts to be reached.

Dated: 10/04/2024

Signed: J. Gilding

Independent Examiner

Mr John Gilding

104 Lucas Lane

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We couldn't do this without the help and support from our partners!



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We'd like to say a big thank you to all our supporters, both individuals and organisations, for the generous contributions.



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DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

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FINANCE REPORT 2022

DEVON & CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT



DCRS Annual Finance report 2022

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support, 7 Whimble Street, Plymouth PL1 2DH

Charity no.1130360
Company Limited by Guarantee no. 06271122
OISC Exemption no. N200100427

Trustees:

Ian Gasper	Appointed September 2014 - Chair April 2022
Emma Stevenson	Appointed May 2021 - Treasurer
Bridget Bimha	Appointed July 2021 - Safeguarding
Jane Barkes	Appointed June 2022 - Secretary
Poorna Dias Gunaswkera	Appointed June 2022
Andrew Eccleston	Appointed November 2022
Alana Hunter	Appointed January 2022
Timothy Nyahasha	Appointed January 2023
John Stephens	Appointed January 2022
Diana Bale	Retired June 2022
Hazel Poad	Retired April 2022
Marie Hull	Resigned July 2022
John Jebb	Retired November 2022
Elizabeth Hardinge	Retired February 2023
Christine Reid	Retired February 2023

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DCRS ensures that asylum seekers and refugees (ASRs) , seeking help, receive the full benefit of their entitlements under UK and international law. We provide a culturally sensitive and practical response to the needs of the ASR community.

The board of trustees are satisfied that the service provided to a under-supported section of the population constitutes a public benefit.



Ian Gasper – Chair

CEO Report January 2022

January 2022 started with DCRS re-finding its feet after the difficulties and barriers that the COVID pandemic caused. We re-opened to the public, focusing on our core work and word quickly spread through the community. Based on learning what the major changes in our society meant we decided to have a hybrid triage service, offering both face to face, email and telephone services. This was gratefully received as we started to cover the entire geographic region with this additional method of communication.

Activities started to build with new colleagues joining the service. This involved holding Mental Health days offering a variety of different things from paddleboarding to wild cooking on Dartmoor. We have built new relationships and rekindled old ones so that we could make sure our offer was the best it could be with the funding available to us.

Our core activities of English classes and Music continued gaining good traction with our English classes receiving an average of 20+ students three times a week. The English classes continue to give our users the building blocks required whilst they wait for spaces with the ESOL qualified provision in the city.

We developed our website, social media channels and newsletter with the help of new volunteers and existing staff members. This has resulted with weekly updates available, a more cohesive straightforward website and quarterly newsletters that are sent out to all our supporters and service users enabling them to stay up to date.

Three new projects began at DCRS to complement our core services. The Fresh Claims Project supporting failed asylum seekers to find a new chance to re-enter the asylum system and move out of destitution. The A.R.E Home provides wrap around support for the same group to have short term accommodation, subsistence support, one to one mental health support and access to our existing services. Finally, Health Point began in June, offering a triage service with dedicated GP and mental health professionals available every Tuesday between 10am and 2pm.

In February, we saw the beginning of the Initial Accommodation Hotels in Tiverton and subsequently an additional 6 hotels were included, across both counties increasing the capacity of those that we serve by an additional 943 people. This has again meant our service has needed to adapt to an increased demand. Logistically, we are unable to access the area from Ilfracombe to Newquay, so we trained existing voluntary sector groups wishing to help in each region instead. We continue to offer specialist support.

The political and legislative landscape in 2022 appeared to become more hostile towards refugees with the introduction of the Nationality and Borders Act being introduced. As a result our partnership working has continued to be imperative, and we have developed stronger links with our main partners in Plymouth and forged many new relationships across both counties.

Through all these changes we have developed a strong core team with a dedicated group of 40 volunteers who continue to work towards creating a fair, humane and safe asylum experience for all.

Treasurer's Report:

The financials of DRCS in 2022 have remained strong, with a surplus in year of £2,967. Income came in from ongoing funders including the Lottery Community Fund, Aurum Trust, AB Charitable, Blue Thread and Lloyds Bank Foundation, as well as smaller grants and significant donations of £40.3k, over £7k higher than in 2021.

In year expenses were slightly higher than anticipated, with increased expenditure on computers as it was discovered much of the existing hardware needed replacing. The demand for translators also increased, which is an increasingly expensive resource. The charity is looking at alternatives to the current pay per minute service. Staffing costs were also slightly higher than budget.

The charity has no ongoing debtors or creditors.

The reserves policy of the charity is to have three months of running costs as well as dissolution costs. This amount is currently £66k and is reviewed on a quarterly basis.

As at the end of the year the charity held £101k of unrestricted reserves. The charity held £172.5k, including £71.5k of restricted income which has not yet been used.

Moving forward, it is the aim of the charity to maintain a surplus and have at least £100k of unrestricted reserves at the end of the year, leaving headroom above the required reserves.

		<i>Unrestricted Total 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted Total 2022 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2021 £</i>
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donations and legacies	2	189,678	26,235	215,913	306,369
Charitable Activities Income	3	2,592		2,592	703
Investment Income	4				8
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>192,278</u>	<u>26,227</u>	<u>218,505</u>	<u>307,080</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	5	204,120	11,220	215,340	239,962
Governance Costs		198		198	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>204,318</u>	<u>11,220</u>	<u>215,538</u>	<u>239,962</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-11,716	14,684	2,967	67,117
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD					
AS AT 1st JANUARY 2021		<u>98,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98,627</u>	<u>31,510</u>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		<u><u>86,911</u></u>	<u><u>14,684</u></u>	<u><u>101,594</u></u>	<u><u>98,627</u></u>

Total	2022 £	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	67,002	66,354
Cash at bank	106,010	51,329
Cash in hand	96	24.91
Accounts Receivable (deferred funds)	-71,513	-21,654
	<u>101,594</u>	<u>117,708</u>
LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year		2,573
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	<u>101,594</u>	<u>98,627</u>
FUNDS		
Surplus for the year	2,967	67,117
Funds brought forward	98,627	31,509
	<u>101,594</u>	<u>98,627</u>

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS & LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted Total 2022</i>	<i>Restricted Total 2022</i>	<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>
		£	£	£
Donations	40,311			34,936
Grants	151,967	26,277		110,188
Total	<u>192,278</u>	<u>26,277</u>	<u>218,505</u>	<u>307,080</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

			<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>
J2 Fax Refund				90
Improving Lives Plymouth				500
0800 - Social Change	985		985	
0901 - Other Funds Generated	1608		1608	
Total	<u>2,592</u>	<u></u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>590</u>

2022

Total

£

Expenditure

1501: English Class Expenses	928
1510: Volunteer Expenses	905
1901: Staff Salary	153,820
1902: Staff Expenses	1,604
2120: Council Tax	1,060
2130: Building Lease	6,500
2135: Building Repair Costs	825
2140: Utilities - Water	292
2141: Utilities - Electricity	2,413
2142: Utilities - Phone & Broadband	5,159
2150: Photocopier	716
2160: Computer Expenses	8,843
2170: Postage	341
2201: Training	1,847
2301: Insurances	2,037
2340: Office Expenses	3,824
2360: Subscriptions	1,233
2370: Translation	5,549
2501: Communications & Marketing	995
2900: SU Food	4,314
2920: SU Relief	2,085
2950: SU Activities	3,665
2960: SU Computer Courses	3,456
2961: SU Travel Costs	2,436
9004: Health & Safety	66
9005: Equipment & Stationery	428
9011: Audit and Governance	198
Expenditure totals	215,538

		2021	2020
		£	£
1501	English Class Supplies	1,706	555
1830	Relief	918	1,591
1901	Staff Costs	128,946	140,413
1902	Staff Expenses	8	289
1905	66354	2,883	4,168
2001	Volunteer Expenses	113	98
2120 & 2130	Rent, Rates	9,428	7,316
2140 & 2401	Heat, Light & Water	1,979	3,237
2145	Health & Safety	5,897	4,048
2150	Equipment & Stationery	642	266
2170	Postage	478	520
2201	Training	2,680	150
2301	Insurances	2,123	1,250
2310	Telephone, Fax & Broadband	5,061	5,600
2330	Computer Expenses	3,550	4,174
2331	Photocopier	288	268
2340	Office Expenses	3,550	2,267
2360	Administration	441	1,191
2501	Newsletter and Website	29	132
2701	Repairs & Renewals	55,949	313
2710	RTP/Solicitors Travel Costs	113	509
2900	SU Food Programme	-	5,266
2950	SU Sports & Activities	9,850	853
2960	SU Computer Courses	3,330	3,276
	Other		10
		<u>239,962</u>	<u>187,760</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Dated: th 29 Mar 2023

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DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

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Volunteer Co-ordinator
GDPR Treasurer
Food Programme Co-ordinator (June to August 2021)
HR Committee (from September 2021)
HR Committee (from August 2021)
Treasurer (from August 2021)
Trustee for Safeguarding (from August 2021)
Secretary
Retired (26th May 2021)
Retired (30th June 2021)
Retired (30th June 2021)
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Resigned (from August 2021 to November 2021)

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Service Manager (from December 2021)
Project Support Worker (from August – November 2021)
Finance and Admin Manager
Project Support Worker
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Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2021

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REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2020

After the very difficult year of 2020, we started planning for a return to providing a normal service for our Service Users. The £34,000 mentioned in last year's Finance Review, together with further grants, was used to completely refurbish our offices and drop-in centre. The landlord provided ventilation extractor equipment for both floors which provides all our working and service areas with good ventilation.

Our staff continued to work from home, and with the continued assistance from The Plymouth Mental Health Team, we were able to provide the best service we could. English classes continued in Abbey Hall in the Minster Church of St Andrews and some social activities continued via Zoom.

During the summer months our Activities and Volunteer Co-ordinator was able to organise some outdoor activities, visits to places of interest, local walks and outdoor art classes. We held a couple of popup clothing events and worked with local food banks to provide food.

Our Finance and Admin Manager carried on working in the office and to oversee the refurbishment. In August we decided to bring our staff back into the centre and start to interview our Service Users by appointment only, which has worked very well. We hope to start our drop in centre mornings as soon as conditions allow.

All of our staff worked under considerable pressure for the last two years, and the Trustees admire the dedication, and professionalism that they have shown.

FINANCE REVIEW

2021 saw a mixed year for DCRS financially. Thanks to carry forward funds from 2020 we ended with a surplus, but running costs were reduced due to Covid. Moving into 2022 we have cash of £119k, a similar position to last year.

During the year we received £234k in donations and grants, as well as £96k income received in 2020 which was deferred into 2021. £22k of income has been deferred into 2022 due to restricted use.

Expenditure in the main part reduced from previous years, as the centre was still running restricted activities due to the impact of Covid. We saved money on staff costs with two members of staff on maternity who were not immediately replaced. We also saw reduced costs on utilities and activities as well as other general running costs.

We did spend a significant amount on refurbishing the premises, which was funded through £34k of grant funding received in 2020, an additional £10k received from the National Lottery in addition to our regular funding, and £6k taken from general DCRS reserves. The total spend on this project totalled £50k. Positive feedback has been received from staff and volunteers on the improvements – which as well as being essential for the general condition included additional safety measures for Covid.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The reported surplus for the year is £67k, but the financial picture for future years will be more challenging. Whilst financial grants that we are grateful to receive do not increase in amount, our running costs are seeing the same impact of high inflation along with the rest of the country – including the cost of utilities and increased staff costs. We also expect to see a drop in the amount of small donations received from the general public as people's disposable income drops. We also expect to see more Service Users requiring our assistance as the fixed amount they receive will buy them much less.

We are incredibly grateful to all individuals and organisations who have donated to the charity in 2021. We will be looking in 2022 to work with existing donors as well as building relationships with new donors, which will enable us to continue the vital work of the charity and hopefully improve the range of activities that we offer our Service Users.

Below is a list of major organisations who have donated during 2021.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTORS

Lottery Community Fund, Aurum Trust, Plymouth University, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Souter Trust, Livewell Foundation, AB Charitable Trust, Comic Relief, Blue Thread, The Bike Project.

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- Proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity and for publication is reliable.
- The charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.
- There have been improvements in health and safety over the last year and we are continuing to develop our risk management policies.
- The charity aims to maintain reserves to cover a three month period of charitable activity.

In order to carry out these responsibilities, the Trustees keep their policies, financial controls, and risk assessment under regular review, and take care to ensure that policies and controls are complied with.

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have confirmed that there are no related party transactions. Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses during 2021.

Dated: 24-02-22

Signed: 

Mrs Hazel Poad

Chair of the Board of Trustees
Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DEVON and CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145(5)(b) Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
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Dated:

24/02/2022

Signed:



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Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2020 £</i>
	Notes				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donations and legacies	2	194,781	111,588	306,369	188,017
Charitable Activities Income	3	703		703	632
Investment Income	4	8		8	173
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>195,492</u>	<u>111,588</u>	<u>307,080</u>	<u>188,822</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	5	114,094	118,907	239,962	1,710
Governance Costs					
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>114,094</u>	<u>118,907</u>	<u>239,962</u>	<u>1,710</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		69,999	-2,881	67,117	1,710
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AS AT 1st JANUARY 2021		<u>28,628</u>	<u>2,881</u>	<u>31,510</u>	<u>29,799</u>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		<u>98,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98,627</u>	<u>31,509</u>

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The charity is able to use its total funds for any purpose in connection with its charitable objectives

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

<i>Notes</i>	<i>2021</i> £	<i>2020</i> £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	66,354	60,099
Cash at bank	51,329	66,346
Cash in hand	25	59
	<u>117,708</u>	<u>126,504</u>
LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year	-19,081	-94,995
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	<u>98,627</u>	<u>31,509</u>
FUNDS		
Surplus for the year	67,117	1,710
Funds brought forward	31,509	29,799
	<u>98,627</u>	<u>31,509</u>

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

For the year ending 31st December 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 in accordance with Section 476 of The Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of The Act with respect of accounting records and for the preparation of accounts (effective January 2007)

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24.02.2022 and signed on its behalf by

Signed: H. Poad

Mrs Hazel Poad
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules. Accruals accounting has been applied and the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The accounts comply with The Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commissions Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2019), Accounting by Charities.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that if it had been incorporated as a company under The Companies Act 2006 it would have qualified as a small company.

Incoming Resources

Grants are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Resources expended

Direct charitable expenditure represents expenditure incurred directly to support the particular charitable objectives of the charity. Costs of management and administration of the charity have been identified on the basis that they are not direct charitable expenditure.

Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is exempt from Corporation Tax under the provisions of Section 1184(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS & LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2021</i>		
	£	£	£	£
Donations	33,536	1,400	34,936	38,094
Grants	161,956	110,188	110,188	149,923
Total	195,492	111,588	307,080	188,017

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2021</i>		
	£	£		£
J2 Fax Refund	90		90	
Improving Lives Plymouth	500		500	
St John's Training				60
BT Refund				37
Equipment Refund				10
Crowdfunder (PCC)				2,500
Crowdfunder				470
SPARC Cornwall				1,750
Agency Support				730
Total	590	0	590	5,557

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

All the charity's investment income of £8 (2020: £173) arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

5. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2021	2020
<i>Notes</i>	£	£
English Class Supplies	1,706	555
Relief	918	1,591
Staff Costs	128,946	140,413
Staff Expenses	8	289
Employer NIC & Pension	2,883	4,168
Volunteer Expenses	113	98
Rent, Rates	9,428	7,316
Heat, Light & Water	1,979	3,237
Health & Safety	5,897	4,048
Equipment & Stationery	642	266
Postage	478	520
Training	2,680	150
Insurances	2,123	1,250
Telephone, Fax & Broadband	5,061	5,600
Computer Expenses	3,550	4,174
Photocopier	288	268
Office Expenses	3,550	2,267
Administration	441	1,191
Newsletter and Website	29	132
Repairs & Renewals	55,949	313
RTP/Solicitors Travel Costs	113	509
SU Food Programme	-	5,266
SU Sports & Activities	9,850	853
SU Computer Courses	3,330	3,276
Other	-	10
	<u>239,962</u>	<u>187,760</u>

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John JEBB	Clothes Store Co-ordinator
David HUNTLEY	Chair of HR Committee
Diana BALE	Secretary
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Kevin Orford	Treasurer (until October 2020)

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REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2020

It is difficult to imagine anything that could disrupt the work of DCRS as COVID-19 has. From the moment it became clear that the virus was so potent, all work at the centre and beyond stopped.

It was vital that all our efforts went into our principle charitable task of supporting Service Users (SU) through their applications for refugee status. Face to face meetings with our advisory staff ceased. A freephone service was provided and SUs that didn't have them were given up to date mobile phones.

All advisory staff worked remotely and the hours they could be contacted by phone were extended from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Interpreting facilities were made available through Language Line to assist our staff.

The Mental Health Team at Mount Gould hospital provided a Covid secure room where new clients could be welcomed and helped.

All our usual activities at the centre and outside stopped. In many ways the loss of our offices and all that happened there, distressed our SUs greatly. Our Activity and Volunteer Co-ordinators have made strenuous efforts to create opportunities for small group activities. These included language classes, a pop-up clothes shop, women's group sessions and other social activities provided via the internet. All these activities lifted their participants' spirits significantly.

With restaurants closed we began distributing food vouchers to families and individuals who needed them.

Apart from 3 months of the year, our Finance and Admin Manger worked alone in our office to coordinate the day to day running of our charity.

All our staff members were under considerable pressure during all of 2020 and the Trustees wish to express their thanks for the dedication and professionalism that they have shown.

FINANCE REVIEW

DCRS moves into 2021 in a slightly stronger financial position. At the beginning of 2021 our funds stood at £126,504 which includes a sum of £34,000, related to COVID-19 support and is intended to cover the necessary expenses in making our premises Covid secure. As a result, on normal working, we made a small surplus of £1710. In such difficult times this was a good outcome. Finding new donors continues to be a hard task and we are most grateful to charities that commit their help over a period of years. In addition we wish to thank individuals and organisations within the Devon and Cornwall area and many Counties beyond for their continued assistance during 2020. Listed below are major organisations who have donated this year.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTORS

AB Charitable Trust, Aurum Trust, Awards For All, Beyond Borders Totnes, Cornwall Community Foundation, Devon Community Foundation, Groundwork Trust UK, Lloyds Bank Foundation, NACCOM, The Lottery Community Fund.

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

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Dated: 19th March 21.

Signed: H Poad

Mrs Hazel Poad

Chair of the Board of Trustees
Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Dated: 17 Mar 2021

Signed: 

Independent Examiner

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Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		<i>Unrestricted Fund 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2019 £</i>
	Notes				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donations and legacies	2	74,487	113,529	188,016	151,262
Charitable Activities Income	3	631		631	5,557
Investment Income	4	173	-	173	417
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		75,293	113,529	188,822	157,238
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	5	68,312	118,615	186,927	176,029
Governance Costs		185	-	185	185
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		68,497	118,615	187,112	176,214
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS		6,795	-5,085	1,710	-
TRANSFERS					
Gross transfers between funds - In		296	8,243	8,539	-
Gross transfers between funds - Out		-5,690	-2,849	-8,539	-
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,402	308	1,710	-18,976
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD					
AS AT 1st JANUARY 2020		27,226	2,572	29,799	48,775
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020		28,628	2,881	31,509	29,799
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Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
<i>Notes</i>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	66,346	66,172
Cash at bank	60,099	37,344
Cash in hand	59	129
	<u>126,504</u>	<u>103,645</u>
LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year	-94,995	-73,848
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
	31,509	29,797
NET ASSETS		
	<u>31,509</u>	<u>29,797</u>
FUNDS		
Surplus for the year	1,710	-18,978
Funds brought forward	29,799	48,775
	<u>31,509</u>	<u>29,797</u>

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For the year ending 31st December 2020 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 in accordance with Section 476 of The Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of The Act with respect of accounting records and for the preparation of accounts (effective January 2007)

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19th March 21 and signed on its behalf by

Signed: 

Mrs Hazel Poad

Chair of the Board of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules. Accruals accounting has been applied and the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The accounts comply with The Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commissions Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2019), Accounting by Charities.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that if it had been incorporated as a company under The Companies Act 2006 it would have qualified as a small company.

Incoming Resources

Grants are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Resources expended

Direct charitable expenditure represents expenditure incurred directly to support the particular charitable objectives of the charity. Costs of management and administration of the charity have been identified on the basis that they are not direct charitable expenditure.

Taxation

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS & LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
	<i>2020</i>	<i>2020</i>		
	£	£	£	£
Donations	22,070	16,024	38,094	29,250
Grants	52,417	97,506	149,923	122,012
Total	<u>74,487</u>	<u>113,529</u>	<u>188,016</u>	<u>151,262</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
	<i>2020</i>	<i>2020</i>		
	£	£	£	£
Red Cross Training	30		30	
Equipment Refund	90		90	
Communications Refund	39		39	
Travel Refunds	25		25	
Red Cross Funding	38		38	
START	248		248	
NLS Solicitors	83		83	
St Vincent de Paul Society	78		78	
St John's Training				60
BT Refund				37
Equipment Refund				10
Crowdfunder (PCC)				2,500
Crowfunder				470
SPARC Cornwall				1,750
Agency Support				730
Total	<u>631</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>5,557</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

All of the charity's investment income of £173 (2019: £417) arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

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5. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff Costs	140,413	125,860
Employer NIC & Pension	4,168	5,821
Staff Expenses	289	23
Rent, Rates	7,316	9,166
Heat, Light & Water	3,237	2,903
Health & Safety	4,048	-
Equipment & Stationery	266	1,037
Postage	520	892
Telephone, Fax & Broadband	5,600	4,088
SU Food Programme	5,266	7,546
Volunteer Expenses	98	325
Training	150	411
Computer Expenses	4,174	3,320
Insurances	950	876
Relief	1,591	1,070
SU Sports & Activities	853	6,275
SU Computer Courses	3,276	3,510
Repairs & Renewals	313	188
RTP/Solicitors Travel Costs	509	901
Photocopier	268	482
Administration	658	113
Office Expenses	2,267	836
English Class Supplies	555	69
Newsletter and Website	132	131
Recruitment	-	175
Other	10	11
	<u>186,927</u>	<u>176,029</u>