

# SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1163035

## Details

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**Other names** SRRF

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-08-06

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, CONFLICT OR NATURAL DISASTER, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FOOD, CLOTHING, BEDDING, MEDICAL AID, ACCOMMODATION, ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION AND OTHER SUCH PURPOSES WHICH ARE CHARITABLE UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE. IN PARTICULAR FOR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE IN SYRIA AND SURROUNDING COUNTRIES.

**Activities:** We raise funds for the relief and assistance for the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster, through the provision of food, clothing, bedding, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation. This includes supporting an orphan's programme and a prosthetic limbs clinic. In particular for, but not limited to the benefit of people in Syria and surrounding countries.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Iraq
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Syria
- Turkey

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£268,331	£186,460	-	-
2024-03-31	£203,679	£223,703	-	-
2023-03-31	£193,823	£152,603	-	-
2022-03-31	£137,974	£75,396	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,381	£50,173	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>BRIAN CROSS</b>	Chair	2015-08-03
Angela Ellis		2024-10-28
James Edward Puckle Markby		2024-10-09
Tristan Elder		2018-12-10
WILLIAM WINTERCROSS		2015-08-06

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1163035 (England and Wales)

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	B V Cross T Elder A Ellis P M Fudakowska J E P Markby W Wintercross	(Appointed 28 October 2024) (Appointed 9 October 2024)
<b>Charity number (England and Wales)</b>	1163035	
<b>Principal address</b>	8 Bankfield Terrace Armitage Bridge Huddersfield West Yorkshire HD4 7PE	
<b>Independent examiner</b>	V J Atkinson BK Plus Limited 52 St Johns Lane Halifax West Yorkshire HX1 2BW	

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# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

#### **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are for the relief and assistance for the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster, through the provision of food, clothing, bedding, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation; and other such purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time determine. In particular for, but not limited to the benefit of people in Syria and surrounding countries.

#### **Public benefit**

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### **Grantmaking**

In accordance with current Charity Commission guidelines, the charity has devised a grant-making policy in order to:

- a) ensure that a consistent approach is adopted to the consideration of applications for financial support.
- b) ensure that partner organisations have risk management and monitoring procedures in place.

The Charity's policy is to support voluntary and charitable organisations helping the most needy in Syria and neighbouring countries as a result of the war.

Policy:

#### a) Beneficiary status

- The charity will consider applications for grants from: Charitable organisations.

#### b) Geographical area

- The trustees consider that the core area to be served by the charity to be Syria and neighbouring countries.
- Applications will only be considered from Charitable organisations that are registered in the UK and Ireland or US conducting their practice in English.

#### c) Purpose of grant

- Grants will normally be made for the purchase of food, medicines and clothing.
- Copies of business plans may be requested as appropriate. Where an award is made by the Charity to cover only a relatively small proportion of the costs to be incurred by a grant recipient, the Trustees may make any payment conditional upon the applicant obtaining the remaining funding from other sources.

#### d) Size of grant

- The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be greater than £20,000, but larger grants may be awarded at the discretion of the trustees.

#### e) Assessment process

The Trustees will normally expect, as a minimum, to be provided with

- A copy of the applicant organisation's most recent set of financial statements.
- Details of the purchase / expenditure to be funded, including a full cost breakdown.
- Confirmation of the amount of financial support already received or pledged towards the overall cost.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### f) Post-Award review

The Charity reserves the right to request from the grantee confirmation that funds have been spent appropriately. It may ask for photographs of what has been funded by an award, or for a report after a suitable period from the body receiving the grant to update the Trustees on the progress of its project.

#### **Achievements and performance**

We have had yet another very productive year, and due to the fall of the Assad government in December 2024, we have decided that co-founder Will Wintercross will visit our education programme in north-east Syria. Supported by our partners, Action for Humanity, he will visit Mahmoudli Refugee Camp School, which we've been supporting for the last three academic years and which we are supporting this academic year too. He will meet with teachers, parents and pupils. In addition, we've continued to support 35 orphans and 15 families of children requiring prosthetics.

#### **Future Plans**

With the expulsion of the Assad regime in December, new hope has sprung in Syria for the first time in 14 years, or arguably in 51 years of Assad terror. While this is clearly positive, 90% of Syrians live below the poverty line and so continued support is still needed.

We are planning once again to host another fundraising dinner and auction, this time at Fishmongers' Hall. We will continue to build on the positive partnership with Action for Humanity and also explore other networks which support the plight of those displaced and injured by the war in Syria.

Finally, it is again worth noting that none of this would be possible without the energy and commitment of my fellow trustees throughout the year; Will Wintercross, James Markby, Angela Ellis, Tristan Elder and Paola Fudakowska also our excellent team of volunteers on the night of the dinner and auction.

#### ***Brian Cross Chair of Trustees***

#### **Financial review**

The charity has received income of £268,331 (2024: £203,679) and incurred expenditure of £186,460 (2024: £223,703) in the year, leaving a surplus for the year of £17,768 (2024 deficit: £20,024).

The expenditure included direct grant payments of £181,476 to Action for Humanity for Child and Orphan and Mahmoudli Refugee Camp School Funds, and support costs of £4,984.

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity is reporting on its eighth period of activity in these financial statements, the trustees have undertaken a review of the reserves policy and have set the desired level at £10,000 to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet any financial commitments relating to upcoming fundraising events.

Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £119,710 which is in excess of the standard policy amount of £10,000.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It registered with the Charity Commission on 6 August 2015, registered number 1163035.

The charity is governed by its constitution, dated 3 August 2015.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

B V Cross	
T Elder	
A Ellis	(Appointed 28 October 2024)
P M Fudakowska	
J E P Markby	(Appointed 9 October 2024)
V A R Nicholson	(Resigned 10 July 2024)
W Wintercross	

#### Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The first charity trustees on registration were as follows:

- Brian Cross
- William Wintercross
- Lucy Verey (resigned 2/11/16)

Seven further trustees have been appointed since the charity registered, Susan Charteris (resigned 4/5/22), Michelle Churchward (resigned 25/6/19), Tristan Elder (appointed 10/12/18), Victoria Nicholson (resigned 10/7/24), Paola Fudakowska (appointed 1/6/22), James Markby (appointed 9/10/24) and Angela Ellis (appointed 28/10/24).

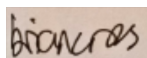
#### Induction and training of new trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

#### Key management remuneration

The charity is managed by the trustees, acting in a voluntary capacity and receiving no remuneration or financial benefits.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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B V Cross  
**Trustee**

Date: .....

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025*

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The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the trust for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund (the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

#### **V J Atkinson**

BK Plus Limited  
52 St Johns Lane  
Halifax  
West Yorkshire

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Date: .....

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	268,331	203,679
<b>Total income</b>		<u>268,331</u>	<u>203,679</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	4	64,103	22,970
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Action for Humanity	5	181,476	196,228
Support costs	5	4,984	4,505
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<u>186,460</u>	<u>200,733</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>250,563</u>	<u>223,703</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		17,768	(20,024)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		101,942	121,966
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<u>119,710</u>	<u>101,942</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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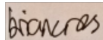
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	1,670		1,995	
Cash at bank and in hand		119,545		101,472	
		<u>121,215</u>		<u>103,467</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(1,505)		(1,525)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>119,710</u>		<u>101,942</u>
<b>The funds of the trust</b>					
Unrestricted funds	12		<u>119,710</u>		<u>101,942</u>
			<u>119,710</u>		<u>101,942</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....



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B V Cross  
Trustee

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the trust's balance sheet when the trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	268,331	203,679

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>		
Event costs	64,103	22,970
	<u>64,103</u>	<u>22,970</u>

The costs above represent an annual fundraising dinner which raises significant funds for the organisation each year.

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Action for Humanity 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Action for Humanity 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>						
Travel expenses	-	2,984	2,984	-	2,910	2,910
Computer and website costs	-	121	121	-	109	109
Stationery and postage	-	579	579	-	298	298
Bank charges	-	112	112	-	54	54
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,796</u>	<u>3,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,371</u>	<u>3,371</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	181,476	-	181,476	196,228	-	196,228
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>						
Support	-	1,188	1,188	-	1,134	1,134
	<u>181,476</u>	<u>4,984</u>	<u>186,460</u>	<u>196,228</u>	<u>4,505</u>	<u>200,733</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	<u>181,476</u>	<u>4,984</u>	<u>186,460</u>	<u>196,228</u>	<u>4,505</u>	<u>200,733</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 6 Grants payable

	Action for Humanity 2025 £	Action for Humanity 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Action for Humanity - Child and Orphan Fund	10,228	8,275
Action for Humanity - Al Baghouz	-	8,690
Action for Humanity - Mahmoudli Refugee Camp	171,248	177,263
Action for Humanity - Gift for Life	-	2,000
	<u>181,476</u>	<u>196,228</u>

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### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	Action for Humanity 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance	<u>1,188</u>	<u>1,134</u>
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Accountancy	<u>1,188</u>	<u>1,134</u>
	<u>1,188</u>	<u>1,134</u>

### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

In common with other small charities, the trustees are involved in the day to day activities of the charity and purchase goods and services on behalf of the charity, which are reimbursed. These payments are not in the form of reimbursement of expenses for acting as a trustee, and are instead reimbursement of charitable activity costs, therefore they are not disclosed in this note.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 10 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,670	1,995

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,505	1,525

### 12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	101,942	268,331	(250,563)	119,710
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>At 31 March</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>resources</b>	<b>expended</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	121,966	203,679	(223,703)	101,942

### 13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

### 14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

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# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**Brian Cross – Chair of SRRF**

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# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £101,942 which is in excess of the standard policy amount of £10,000.

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The charity is governed by its constitution, dated 3 August 2015.

The members of the trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

B V Cross	
T Elder	
A Ellis	(Appointed 28 October 2024)
P M Fudakowska	
J E P Markby	(Appointed 9 October 2024)
V A R Nicholson	(Resigned 10 July 2024)
W Wintercross	

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The first charity trustees on registration were as follows:

- Brian Cross
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The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

### Key management remuneration

The charity is managed by the trustees, acting in a voluntary capacity and receiving no remuneration or financial benefits.

The trustees' report was approved by the Trustees.

*Brian Cross*

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B V Cross

**Trustee**

Date: 24/01/2025.....

# **THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***

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The trustees is 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the trust for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees is responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund (the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

**V J Atkinson**

BK Plus Limited  
52 St Johns Lane

Halifax

West Yorkshire

HX1 2BW

Date: *27 January 2025*

*BK PLUS LIMITED*

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	203,679	193,824
<b>Total income</b>		<u>203,679</u>	<u>193,824</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	4	22,970	20,179
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Action for Humanity	5	196,228	124,812
Support costs	5	4,505	7,953
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<u>200,733</u>	<u>132,765</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>223,703</u>	<u>152,944</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		(20,024)	40,880
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		121,966	81,086
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<u>101,942</u>	<u>121,966</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	1,995		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		101,472		123,046	
		<u>103,467</u>		<u>123,046</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(1,525)		(1,080)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>101,942</u>		<u>121,966</u>
<b>The funds of the trust</b>					
Unrestricted funds	12		<u>101,942</u>		<u>121,966</u>
			<u>101,942</u>		<u>121,966</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24/01/2025

*Brian Cross*

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B V Cross  
Trustee

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees has a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the trust's balance sheet when the trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	203,679	193,824

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>		
Event costs	22,970	20,179

The costs above represent an annual fundraising dinner which raises significant funds for the organisation each year.

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Action for Humanity 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Action for Humanity 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>						
Travel expenses	-	2,910	2,910	-	6,153	6,153
Computer and website costs	-	109	109	-	478	478
Stationery and postage	-	298	298	-	170	170
Bank charges	-	54	54	-	72	72
	-	3,371	3,371	-	6,873	6,873
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	196,228	-	196,228	124,812	-	124,812
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>						
Support	-	1,134	1,134	-	1,080	1,080
	196,228	4,505	200,733	124,812	7,953	132,765
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
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# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 6 Grants payable

	Action for Humanity 2024 £	Action for Humanity 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Action for Humanity	-	1,690
Action for Humanity - Child and Orphan Fund	8,275	17,581
Action for Humanity - Al Baghouz	8,690	-
Action for Humanity - Mahmoudli Refugee Camp	177,263	95,541
Action for Humanity - Syria Earthquake	-	10,000
Action for Humanity - Gift for Life	2,000	-
	<u>196,228</u>	<u>124,812</u>

### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	Action for Humanity 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Governance	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,080</u>
	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
Accountancy	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,080</u>
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### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

In common with other small charities, the trustees are involved in the day to day activities of the charity and purchase goods and services on behalf of the charity, which are reimbursed. These payments are not in the form of reimbursement of expenses for acting as a trustee, and are instead reimbursement of charitable activity costs, therefore they are not disclosed in this note.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

<b>10 Debtors</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Prepayments and accrued income		1,995	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income		1,525	1,080
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General funds	121,966	203,679	(223,703)	101,942
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2022</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 31 March 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General funds	81,086	193,824	(152,944)	121,966
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

### 14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

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**SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023  
for  
THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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

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## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

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##### Future Plans

Tragically the funds we raise continue to be essential, as most of the world looks away from the targeted death and destruction in Syria. So, we are planning once again to host another fundraising dinner and auction, this time at Trinity House in October 2022. We will continue to build on the positive partnership with Action For Humanity and also explore other networks which support the plight of those displaced and injured by the continuing war in Syria.

Finally, it is again worth noting, that none of this would be possible without the energy and commitment of my fellow trustees throughout the year; Will Wintercross, Victoria Nicholson, Tristan Elder and Paola Fudakowska and our excellent team of volunteers on the night of the dinner and auction.

##### Brian Cross - Chair of SRRF

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The charity has received income of £193,823 (2022: £137,974) and incurred expenditure of £152,943 (2022: £75,396) in the year, leaving a surplus for the year of £40,880 (2022: £62,578).

The expenditure included direct grant payments of £124,812 to Action for Humanity for their Education at Al Baghouz, Child and Orphan and Syria Earthquake Funds, and support costs of £7,952.

The charity had unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2023 of £121,966 (2022: £81,086).

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

The charity is reporting on its seventh period of activity in these financial statements, the trustees have undertaken a review of the reserves policy and have set the desired level at £10,000 to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet any financial commitments relating to upcoming fundraising events.

Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £121,966 which is in excess of the standard policy amount of £10,000. The trustees have made a commitment to provide further grant funding to Action for Humanity during the 2023/24 year, the amounts paid in 2023/24 will utilise these excess reserves.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It registered with the Charity Commission on 6 August 2015, registered number 1163035.

The charity is governed by its constitution, dated 3 August 2015.

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The first charity trustees on registration were as follows:

- Brian Cross
- William Wintercross
- Lucy Verey (Resigned 2/11/16)

Five further trustees have been appointed since the charity registered, Susan Charteris (resigned 4/5/22), Michelle Churchward (resigned 25/6/19), Tristan Elder and Victoria Nicholson (appointed 16/9/19) and Paola Fudakowska (appointed 1/6/22).

##### Induction and training of new trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

##### Key management remuneration

The charity is managed by the trustees, acting in a voluntary capacity and receiving no remuneration or financial benefits.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1163035

##### Principal address

8 Bankfield Terrace  
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Huddersfield  
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**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

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**Trustees**

S Charteris (resigned 4/5/22)  
B V Cross  
T Elder  
P M Fudakowska (appointed 1/6/22)  
V A R Nicholson  
W Wintercross

**Independent Examiner**

BK Plus Limited  
52 St Johns Lane  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on <sup>29/01/2024</sup> ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
B V Cross - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Victoria Atkinson FCA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: *30 January 2024*

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

	Notes	31/3/23 Unrestricted fund £	31/3/22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	193,823	137,974
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3	20,179	13,297
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Action for Humanity	4	124,812	47,062
CanDo International		-	13,000
Support costs		7,952	2,037
<b>Total</b>		<u>152,943</u>	<u>75,396</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		40,880	62,578
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		81,086	18,508
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>121,966</u></u>	<u><u>81,086</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Balance Sheet  
31st March 2023**

	Notes	31/3/23 Unrestricted fund £	31/3/22 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		123,046	81,759
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,080)	(673)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		121,966	81,086
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		121,966	81,086
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		121,966	81,086
<b>FUNDS</b>	9		
Unrestricted funds		121,966	81,086
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		121,966	81,086

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29/01/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



B V Cross - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

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

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

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

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

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Donations	193,823	137,974

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Event costs	<u>20,179</u>	<u>13,297</u>

The costs above represent an annual fundraising dinner which raises significant funds for the organisation each year.

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £	Support costs £	Totals £
Action for Humanity	124,812	-	124,812
Support costs	-	7,952	7,952
	<u>124,812</u>	<u>7,952</u>	<u>132,764</u>

**5. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Action for Humanity	124,812	47,062
CanDo International	-	13,000
	<u>124,812</u>	<u>60,062</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Action for Humanity	1,690	-
Action for Humanity - Child and Orphan Fund	17,581	17,062
Action for Humanity - Educational Emergency Response in Moumoudli Camp	-	30,000
Action for Humanity - Mahmoudly Refugee Camp	95,541	-
Action for Humanity - Syria Earthquake	10,000	-
CanDo International - Save Syria's Schools Campaign	-	13,000
	<u>124,812</u>	<u>60,062</u>

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

#### 6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

In common with other small charities, the trustees are involved in the day to day activities of the charity and purchase goods and services on behalf of the charity, which are reimbursed. These payments are not in the form of reimbursement of expenses for acting as a trustee, and are instead reimbursement of charitable activity costs, therefore they are not disclosed in this note.

#### 7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	137,974
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	13,297
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Action for Humanity	47,062
CanDo International	13,000
Support costs	2,037
<b>Total</b>	75,396
<b>NET INCOME</b>	62,578
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	18,508
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	81,086

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Other creditors	1,080	673
	<u>1,080</u>	<u>673</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	81,086	40,880	121,966
	<u>81,086</u>	<u>40,880</u>	<u>121,966</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>81,086</u>	<u>40,880</u>	<u>121,966</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	193,823	(152,943)	40,880
	<u>193,823</u>	<u>(152,943)</u>	<u>40,880</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,823</u>	<u>(152,943)</u>	<u>40,880</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	18,508	62,578	81,086
	<u>18,508</u>	<u>62,578</u>	<u>81,086</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,508</u>	<u>62,578</u>	<u>81,086</u>

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	137,974	(75,396)	62,578
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,974</u>	<u>(75,396)</u>	<u>62,578</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	18,508	103,458	121,966
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,508</u>	<u>103,458</u>	<u>121,966</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	331,797	(228,339)	103,458
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>331,797</u>	<u>(228,339)</u>	<u>103,458</u>

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

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**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	193,823	137,974
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	193,823	137,974
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Event costs	20,179	13,297
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants to institutions	124,812	60,062
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Postage and stationery	170	48
Computer and website costs	478	418
Travel costs	6,152	826
	6,800	1,292
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	72	72
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,080	673
<b>Total resources expended</b>	152,943	75,396
<b>Net income</b>	40,880	62,578

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

**SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163035

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022  
for  
THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

Riley & Co Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2022**

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## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are for the relief and assistance for the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster, through the provision of food, clothing, bedding, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation; and other such purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time determine. In particular for, but not limited to the benefit of people in Syria and surrounding countries.

##### Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

##### Grantmaking

In accordance with current Charity Commission guidelines, the charity has devised a grant-making policy in order to:

- a) assist applicants to determine whether or not an application to the charity would be appropriate
- b) ensure that a consistent approach is adopted to the consideration of applications for financial support.
- c) ensure that partner organisations have risk management and monitoring procedures in place.

The Charity's policy is to support voluntary and charitable organisations helping the most needy in Syria and neighbouring countries as a result of the war.

##### Policy:

- a) Beneficiary status
  - The charity will consider applications for grants from: Charitable organisations.
- b) Geographical area
  - The trustees consider that the core area to be served by the charity to be Syria and neighbouring countries.
  - Applications will only be considered from Charitable organisations that are registered in the UK and Ireland or US conducting their practice in English.
- c) Purpose of grant
  - Grants will normally be made for the purchase of food, medicines and clothing.
  - Copies of business plans may be requested as appropriate. Where an award is made by the Charity to cover only a relatively small proportion of the costs to be incurred by a grant recipient, the Trustees may make any payment conditional upon the applicant obtaining the remaining funding from other sources.

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

d) Size of grant

- The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be greater than £20,000, but larger grants may be awarded at the discretion of the trustees.

e) Assessment process

The Trustees will normally expect, as a minimum, to be provided with

- A copy of the applicant organisation's most recent set of financial statements.
- Details of the purchase / expenditure to be funded, including a full cost breakdown.
- Confirmation of the amount of financial support already received or pledged towards the overall cost.

f) Post-Award review

The Charity reserves the right to request from the grantee confirmation that funds have been spent appropriately. It may ask for a photographs of what has been funded by an award, or for a report after a suitable period from the body receiving the grant to update the Trustees on the progress of its project.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

In October 2021, we returned once again to the Institute of Directors. This proved to be our most successful fundraising event to date. Due to the enthusiasm and generosity of our donors, we startled ourselves by raising the sum of £90,000. In conjunction with Action For Humanity we were still able to maintain our financial support to our two main programmes, in Syria and Turkey, the 35 orphans and 15 families of children requiring prosthetics. Inspired by our guest speaker Anna Farina, we agreed to contribute to the costs of a school in the Mahmoudly Refugee Camp, near Raqqa city. We have been provided with very compelling evidence and evaluation of the impact of our programmes on the ground, both in terms of video footage and narrative reporting back to us and our funders. In addition we were able to fund 10 Early Warning Systems, for schools in Syria, giving children and staff 7-10 minutes to vacate their premises, before being bombed.

##### Future Plans

Tragically the funds we raise continue to be essential, as most of the world looks away from the targeted death and destruction in Syria. So, we are planning once again to host another fundraising dinner and auction, this time at Trinity House in October 2022. We will continue to build on the positive partnership with Action For Humanity and also explore other networks which support the plight of those displaced and injured by the continuing war in Syria.

Finally, it is again worth noting, that none of this would be possible without the energy and commitment of my fellow trustees throughout the year and our excellent team of volunteers on the night.

##### Brian Cross - Chair of SRRF

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The charity has received income of £137,974 (2021: £28,381) and incurred expenditure of £75,396 (2021: £51,409) in the year, leaving a surplus for the year of £62,578 (2021: £23,028 deficit).

The expenditure included direct grant payments of £60,062 to the charities Syria Relief and their Orphan and Child Friendly Space programs, CanDo International and Action for Humanity.

The charity had unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2022 of £81,086 (2021: £18,508).

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

The charity is reporting on its sixth period of activity in these financial statements, the trustees have undertaken a review of the reserves policy and have set the desired level at £5,000 to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet any financial commitments relating to upcoming fundraising events.

Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £81,086, which is in excess of the standard policy amount of £5,000. The trustees have made a commitment to provide further grant funding to Action for Humanity during the 2022/23 year, the amounts paid in 2022/23 will utilise these excess reserves.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It registered with the Charity Commission on 6 August 2015, registered number 1163035.

The charity is governed by its constitution, dated 3 August 2015.

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The first charity trustees on registration were as follows:

- Brian Cross
- William Wintercross
- Lucy Verey (Resigned 2/11/16)

Five further trustees have been appointed since the charity registered, Susan Charteris, Michelle Churchward (resigned 25/6/19), Tristan Elder and Victoria Nicholson (appointed 16/9/19) and Paola Fudakowska (appointed 1/6/22).

##### Induction and training of new trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

##### Key management remuneration

The charity is managed by the trustees, acting in a voluntary capacity and receiving no remuneration or financial benefits.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1163035

##### Principal address

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THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

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**Trustees**

S Charteris (resigned 4/5/22)  
B V Cross  
T Elder  
P M Fudakowska (appointed 1/6/22)  
V A R Nicholson  
W Wintercross

**Independent Examiner**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on <sup>23/01/2023</sup> ..... and signed on its behalf by:

*Brian Cross*

.....  
B V Cross - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Victoria Atkinson FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
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Date: 24 January 2023

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

		31/3/22 Unrestricted fund £	31/3/21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	137,974	28,366
Investment income	3	-	15
<b>Total</b>		<u>137,974</u>	<u>28,381</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	13,297	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Action for Humanity		30,000	-
CanDo International		13,000	-
Syria Relief		17,062	50,173
Support costs		2,037	1,236
<b>Total</b>		<u>75,396</u>	<u>51,409</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		62,578	(23,028)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		18,508	41,536
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>81,086</u></u>	<u><u>18,508</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Balance Sheet  
31st March 2022**

	Notes	31/3/22 Unrestricted fund £	31/3/21 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	-	2,200
Cash at bank		81,759	16,981
		<u>81,759</u>	<u>19,181</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(673)	(673)
		<u>81,086</u>	<u>18,508</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		81,086	18,508
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>81,086</u>	<u>18,508</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>81,086</u>	<u>18,508</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	11	81,086	18,508
		<u>81,086</u>	<u>18,508</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		<u>81,086</u>	<u>18,508</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23/01/2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*Brian Cross*

.....  
B V Cross - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### Income

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

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Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

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

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

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

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Donations	137,974	28,366

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	15
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Event costs	13,297	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs £	Totals £
Action for Humanity	30,000	-	30,000
CanDo International	13,000	-	13,000
Syria Relief	17,062	-	17,062
Support costs	-	2,037	2,037
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	60,062	2,037	62,099
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Action for Humanity	30,000	-
CanDo International	13,000	-
Syria Relief	17,062	50,173
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	60,062	50,173
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Action for Humanity - Educational Emergency Response in Moumoudli Camp	30,000	-
CanDo International - Save Syria's Schools Campaign	13,000	-
Syria Relief - Child Friendly Space	-	12,980
Syria Relief - Orphans Programme	17,062	37,193
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	60,062	50,173
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021.

In common with other small charities, the trustees are involved in the day to day activities of the charity and purchase goods and services on behalf of the charity, which are reimbursed. These payments are not in the form of reimbursement of expenses for acting as a trustee, and are instead reimbursement of charitable activity costs, therefore they are not disclosed in this note.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	28,366
Investment income	15
<b>Total</b>	<u>28,381</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Syria Relief	50,173
Support costs	1,236
<b>Total</b>	<u>51,409</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(23,028)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	41,536
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>18,508</u></u>

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,200
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Other creditors	673	673
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	18,508	62,578	81,086
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,508</u>	<u>62,578</u>	<u>81,086</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	137,974	(75,396)	62,578
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>137,974</u>	<u>(75,396)</u>	<u>62,578</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	41,536	(23,028)	18,508
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>41,536</u>	<u>(23,028)</u>	<u>18,508</u>

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	28,381	(51,409)	(23,028)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,381</u>	<u>(51,409)</u>	<u>(23,028)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	41,536	39,550	81,086
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>41,536</u>	<u>39,550</u>	<u>81,086</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	166,355	(126,805)	39,550
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>166,355</u>	<u>(126,805)</u>	<u>39,550</u>

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022**

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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

	31/3/22 £	31/3/21 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	137,974	28,366
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	-	15
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>137,974</u>	<u>28,381</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Event costs	13,297	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants to institutions	60,062	50,173
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Postage and stationery	48	82
Computer and website costs	418	386
Travel costs	826	23
	<u>1,292</u>	<u>491</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	72	72
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	673	673
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>75,396</u>	<u>51,409</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>62,578</u></u>	<u><u>(23,028)</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

**SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1163035

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1163035**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021  
for  
THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

Riley & Co Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
52 St Johns Lane  
Halifax  
West Yorkshire  
HX1 2BW

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

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## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are for the relief and assistance for the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster, through the provision of food, clothing, bedding, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation; and other such purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time determine. In particular for, but not limited to the benefit of people in Syria and surrounding countries.

##### Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

##### Grantmaking

In accordance with current Charity Commission guidelines, the charity has devised a grant-making policy in order to:

- a) assist applicants to determine whether or not an application to the charity would be appropriate
- b) ensure that a consistent approach is adopted to the consideration of applications for financial support.
- c) ensure that partner organisations have risk management and monitoring procedures in place.

The Charity's policy is to support voluntary and charitable organisations helping the most needy in Syria and neighbouring countries as a result of the war.

##### Policy:

- a) Beneficiary status
  - The charity will consider applications for grants from: Charitable organisations.
- b) Geographical area
  - The trustees consider that the core area to be served by the charity to be Syria and neighbouring countries.
  - Applications will only be considered from Charitable organisations that are registered in the UK and Ireland or US conducting their practice in English.
- c) Purpose of grant
  - Grants will normally be made for the purchase of food, medicines and clothing.
  - Copies of business plans may be requested as appropriate. Where an award is made by the Charity to cover only a relatively small proportion of the costs to be incurred by a grant recipient, the Trustees may make any payment conditional upon the applicant obtaining the remaining funding from other sources.

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- d) Size of grant  
- The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be greater than £20,000.
- e) Assessment process  
The Trustees will normally expect, as a minimum, to be provided with
- A copy of the applicant organisation's most recent set of financial statements.
  - Details of the purchase / expenditure to be funded, including a full cost breakdown.
  - Confirmation of the amount of financial support already received or pledged towards the overall cost.
- f) Post-Award review  
The Charity reserves the right to request from the grantee confirmation that funds have been spent appropriately. It may ask for a photographs of what has been funded by an award, or for a report after a suitable period from the body receiving the grant to update the Trustees on the progress of its project.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

Due to the global pandemic, it was not possible to organise our annual dinner and auction at the Institute of Directors (IOD). In spite of this, we were still able to provide over £50,000 in financial support to our two main programmes; orphans and prosthetics. We have been provided with very compelling evidence and evaluation of the impact of our programmes on the ground, both in terms of video footage and narrative reporting back to us and our funders.

Unfortunately, the Child Friendly Space (CFS) had to close, due to circumstances beyond our control, being direct impacts of Covid restrictions. At least we know that a large number of children and parents received a benefit from the CFS and that will be a lasting legacy.

In the future, subject to COVID restrictions, we hope to be able to return to the IOD, for yet another morale-boosting dinner and auction, tragically the funds we raise continue to be essential, as most of the world looks away from the targeted death and destruction in Syria.

We will continue to build on the positive partnership with Syria Relief, now called 'Action for Humanity', and also explore other networks which support the plight of those displaced and injured by the continuing war in Syria.

Finally, it is worth noting, that none of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of my fellow trustees, for which I am hugely grateful.

##### Brian Cross - Chair of SRRF

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The charity has received income of £28,381 (2020: £68,716) and incurred expenditure of £51,409 (2020: £63,863) in the year, leaving a deficit for the year of £23,028 (2020: £4,853 surplus).

The expenditure included direct grant payments of £50,173 to the charity Syria Relief and their Orphan and Child Friendly Space programs.

The charity had unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2021 of £18,508 (2020: £41,536).

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

The charity is reporting on its sixth period of activity in these financial statements, the trustees have undertaken a review of the reserves policy and have set the desired level at £5,000 to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet any financial commitments relating to upcoming fundraising events.

Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £18,508, which is in excess of the standard policy amount of £5,000. The trustees have made a commitment to provide further grant funding to Syria Relief during the 2021/22 year, the amounts paid in 2021/22 will utilise these excess reserves.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It registered with the Charity Commission on 6 August 2015, registered number 1163035.

The charity is governed by its constitution, dated 3 August 2015.

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The first charity trustees on registration were as follows:

- Brian Cross
- William Wintercross
- Lucy Verey (Resigned 2/11/16)

Four further trustees have been appointed since the charity registered, Susan Charteris, Michelle Churchward (resigned 25/6/19), Tristan Elder and Victoria Nicholson (appointed 16/9/19).

##### Induction and training of new trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

##### Key management remuneration

The charity is managed by the trustees, acting in a voluntary capacity and receiving no remuneration or financial benefits.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1163035

##### Principal address

8 Bankfield Terrace  
Armitage Bridge  
Huddersfield  
West Yorkshire  
HD4 7PE

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

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**Trustees**

S Charteris  
B V Cross  
T Elder  
V A R Nicholson  
W Wintercross

**Independent Examiner**

Riley & Co Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
52 St Johns Lane  
Halifax  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19/01/2022 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

*Brian*

.....  
B V Cross - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Syrian Refugee Relief Fund (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Victoria Atkinson FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Riley & Co Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
52 St Johns Lane  
Halifax  
West Yorkshire  
HX1 2BW



Date: ... 24 January 2022 .....

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

		31/3/21 Unrestricted fund £	31/3/20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	28,366	68,644
Investment income	3	15	72
<b>Total</b>		<u>28,381</u>	<u>68,716</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	-	14,729
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Syria Relief		50,173	44,632
Support costs		1,236	4,502
<b>Total</b>		<u>51,409</u>	<u>63,863</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(23,028)</u>	<u>4,853</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		41,536	36,683
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>18,508</u></u>	<u><u>41,536</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Balance Sheet  
31st March 2021

	Notes	31/3/21 Unrestricted fund £	31/3/20 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	2,200	2,200
Cash at bank		16,981	39,990
		<u>19,181</u>	<u>42,190</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(673)	(654)
		<u>18,508</u>	<u>41,536</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>18,508</u>	<u>41,536</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>18,508</u>	<u>41,536</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>18,508</u>	<u>41,536</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11		
Unrestricted funds		18,508	41,536
		<u>18,508</u>	<u>41,536</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		<u>18,508</u>	<u>41,536</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19/01/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

*Brian*

.....  
B V Cross - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/3/21	31/3/20
	£	£
Donations	<u>28,366</u>	<u>68,644</u>

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

<b>3. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		<b>31/3/21</b>	<b>31/3/20</b>
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>15</u>	<u>72</u>
<b>4. RAISING FUNDS</b>			
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		<b>31/3/21</b>	<b>31/3/20</b>
		£	£
Event costs		<u>-</u>	<u>14,729</u>
<b>5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>			
	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Syria Relief	50,173	-	50,173
Support costs	-	1,236	1,236
	<u>50,173</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>51,409</u>
<b>6. GRANTS PAYABLE</b>		<b>31/3/21</b>	<b>31/3/20</b>
		£	£
Syria Relief		50,173	44,632
Support costs		-	603
		<u>50,173</u>	<u>45,235</u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		<b>31/3/21</b>	<b>31/3/20</b>
		£	£
Syria Relief - Child Friendly Space		12,980	15,161
Syria Relief - Prosthetics Programme		-	7,410
Syria Relief - Orphans Programme		37,193	22,061
		<u>50,173</u>	<u>44,632</u>

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

In common with other small charities, the trustees are involved in the day to day activities of the charity and purchase goods and services on behalf of the charity, which are reimbursed. These payments are not in the form of reimbursement of expenses for acting as a trustee, and are instead reimbursement of charitable activity costs, therefore they are not disclosed in this note.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	68,644
Investment income	72
<b>Total</b>	<u>68,716</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	14,729
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Syria Relief	44,632
Support costs	4,502
<b>Total</b>	<u>63,863</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	4,853
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	36,683
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>41,536</u></u>

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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<b>9.</b>	<b>DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>31/3/21</b>	<b>31/3/20</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>
<b>10.</b>	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>31/3/21</b>	<b>31/3/20</b>
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>673</u>	<u>654</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		
		Net movement in funds	At
	At 1/4/20	£	31/3/21
	£	£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	General fund	41,536	(23,028)
		<u>41,536</u>	<u>18,508</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>41,536</u>	<u>(23,028)</u>
		<u>41,536</u>	<u>18,508</u>
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:		
		Incoming resources	Resources expended
		£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		Movement in funds
	General fund	28,381	(51,409)
		<u>28,381</u>	<u>(23,028)</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,381</u>	<u>(51,409)</u>
		<u>28,381</u>	<u>(23,028)</u>
	Comparatives for movement in funds		
		Net movement in funds	At
	At 1/4/19	£	31/3/20
	£	£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	General fund	36,683	4,853
		<u>36,683</u>	<u>41,536</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>36,683</u>	<u>4,853</u>
		<u>36,683</u>	<u>41,536</u>

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,716	(63,863)	4,853
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>68,716</u>	<u>(63,863)</u>	<u>4,853</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	36,683	(18,175)	18,508
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>36,683</u>	<u>(18,175)</u>	<u>18,508</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	97,097	(115,272)	(18,175)
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,097</u>	<u>(115,272)</u>	<u>(18,175)</u>

**THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND**

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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	31/3/21 £	31/3/20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	28,366	68,544
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	15	72
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>28,381</u>	<u>68,716</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Event costs	-	14,729
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	-	62
Grants to institutions	50,173	45,235
	<u>50,173</u>	<u>45,297</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Postage and stationery	82	320
Computer and website costs	386	687
Travel costs	23	1,954
Volunteer expenses	-	120
	<u>491</u>	<u>3,081</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	72	102
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	673	654
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>51,409</u>	<u>63,863</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(23,028)</u>	<u>4,853</u>

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