

# RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1165796

## Details

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**Other names** RRN

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-02-29

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OF THOSE ARRIVING IN THE UK AS REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE OR HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CONFLICT OR NATURAL DISASTER BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES DESIGNED TO ENABLE THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUITION, BEFRIENDING, MENTORING, ADVICE AND TRAINING.

**Activities:** THE CHARITY WORKS FOR THE RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OF THOSE ARRIVING IN THE UK AS REFUGEES WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE OR HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CONFLICT OR NATURAL DISASTER BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION, ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES DESIGNED TO ENABLE THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY, INCLUDING TEACHING ENGLISH.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Hampshire
- Surrey
- West Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£72,422	£57,065	-	-
2023-12-31	£21,402	£47,728	-	-
2022-12-31	£74,644	£30,877	-	-
2021-12-31	£18,451	£18,491	-	-
2020-12-31	£10,505	£18,798	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bethany Moyneux		2025-09-22
Emily Jonas		2024-01-15
Emily Mott		2017-01-25
Katherine Helena Lawrence		2022-04-01
Richard Raymond Ainscow		2023-03-20

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**



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**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. 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) and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>	
Anne Tutt	Chair	30/08/22	
Anthony Thistleton-Smith		29/02/16	Resigned 06/11/24
Emily Jonas		15/01/24	
Emily Mott		25/01/17	
Kay Summerfield		27/04/20	
Katherine Lawrence		01/04/22	
Richard Ainscow	Treasurer	20/03/23	
Andy Crowe		1/04/23	Resigned 04/07/24

New trustees are appointed initially for a period of three years at a properly convened meeting of the charity's trustees.

The Registered Charity Number is 1165796 and the charity is registered in England and Wales. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was formed on 29th February 2016.



Members of the Youth Discovery Project on a community project on the South Downs

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Registered/principal address	Bankers	Independent Examiner
Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited Appledram Barns Birdham Road Chichester PO20 7EQ	The Co-Operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	Sarah Alexander FCCA FCA Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited Chartered Accountants Appledram Barns Birdham Road Chichester West Sussex PO20 7EQ

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

RRN was established in 2016 in response to the humanitarian crisis arising out of the civil war in Syria. Over the years RRN has evolved and in this financial year RRN assisted refugees recently arrived in the United Kingdom in a variety of different ways, with the overall objective of helping them to resettle into new communities in Hampshire including Portsmouth. RRN has a portfolio of support services and activities that include securing suitable rental accommodation and providing essential clothing and household items for families under the Resettlement Scheme. IT equipment can also be provided where needed. Other expenses such as the cost of driving lessons might also be covered depending on the circumstances. RRN enables refugees to access ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes and to receive employment support and training where necessary. A new development in this financial year has been to establish a project based in Portsmouth which provides a venue for young unaccompanied minors to meet and receive support through workshops, English lessons, skills building and community events.

RRN would not be able to run its extensive programme of activities and support without the input of its committed and skilled team, including RRN's thirty one volunteers. Our CEO, Nadia Potts, has been with RRN for several years but in this financial year she became RRN's first employed member of staff and brings many years of experience in the sector to her leadership role.

At the close of 2023 RRN conducted a Strategic Review and identified its priorities for the following three years. One of the key features of that review was to plan for the expansion of a pilot project that RRN had been running for some time called the South Downs Youth Discovery Project. In line with the conclusions of the Strategic Review RRN made an application to the National Lottery Community Fund and was successful in that application. Consequently, RRN has secured funding to run the project for the next three years. Having secured that funding and after a period of intense planning the Youth Discovery Project NEST opened its doors in Portsmouth in September. The weekly drop-in sessions have proved popular with young unaccompanied minors and attendance numbers have grown. In addition to the weekly sessions regular trips are organised which provide the young people with a chance to explore local places of interest and learn about local history, environment and culture.

<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/National-Lottery-Community-Funding-July-24-Press-Release.pdf>

<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/youth-discovery-nect/>

Nadia Potts, our CEO, has worked closely with Emily Mott, one of our trustees, on developing this project and between them and with help from others, they have put together a strong team to run and manage the project going forward. This has involved recruiting two more part-time members of staff to the posts of youth worker and youth coordinator, engaging a self-employed ESOL teacher and four volunteers. Together this committed team ensures that the young participants get the most out of the sessions.

Another key feature of the Strategic Review was the resolution that RRN would make it a priority to establish a steady income stream. Historically RRN's income has largely come from one fundraising event held in alternate years, however, as things have changed over time RRN has had to re-think its funding strategy. In order to secure the funding its needs RRN has changed its strategy and in this financial year placed more emphasis on making grant applications. RRN is proud to report that it secured a number of grants and that this gone a long way to put the charity on a sound financial footing. In the financial year ending December 2024 RRN was in receipt of grant funding from: The National Lottery Community Fund, The Postcode Lottery, The Hilden Charitable Fund and Project Spark. In addition, several of RRN's community projects have been funded in full or in part by Havant Borough Council and East Hampshire District Council.

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RRN's key charitable purpose is to help refugees and asylum seekers settle in their new communities. It is therefore important that there is an understanding within these communities of the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers and an understanding of the contribution they can make to society if given the support they need. In the Strategic Review, referred to above, RRN renewed its commitment to this aspect of its work and identified it as one of its priorities for the following three years. In line with this resolution a number of events were held during this financial year which were designed to increase awareness of the difficulties faced by refugees and asylum seekers and the ways in which they can be helped. For example, in the early part of this year, in conjunction with Bedales School, RRN put on a successful art sale. As well as raising funds for RRN's work those attending were introduced to the work that RRN does and learned how modest sums of money could transform the lives of those RRN aims to assist. Shortly thereafter the Chair of the Board of Trustees gave a talk to another local school, Churcher's College, about the work that RRN does and how the lives of refugees can be transformed through imaginative and effective intervention. Furthermore, and in a similar vein Emily Jonas, one of RRN's trustees, gave a well-received talk to the Peace and Justice Group in Petersfield about the challenges faced by those we help and the work that is done to address those challenges and in the autumn Nadia Potts worked with students at Bedales School on their Global Perspective project focusing on the issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers.

RRN has always been proud of the work that it does in partnership with other organisations and has a strong culture of collaboration and cooperation. Our CEO, Nadia Potts, is well connected to and respected by partner organisations and consequently RRN is able to maximise its impact. This is notwithstanding the fact that it has just a few employees and modest resources.

During this financial year RRN continued its collaboration with Havant Borough Council and East Hants District Council to provide ESOL classes in both Petersfield in Havant. The classes in Havant were for Ukrainian women who had previously struggled to find the language support they need and they were enhanced by monthly trips which proved both effective and popular. This project was evaluated in June 2024 and the impact that it has is considerable as demonstrated by the evaluation report prepared by Emily Jonas.

<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Havant-August-2024-final-report.pdf>

Again, through working with others RRN, has been able to help secure accommodation for those seeking to start new lives in the United Kingdom. In this financial year working with local landlords and local authorities RRN has been able to provide homes for one family and for a separate individual arriving here under the Resettlement Program. RRN's community team, working with another charity, Two Saints and local authorities have been able to help those arriving settle and feel supported.

RRN's community team and employment team continued to support families who have been here for longer and who it was considered might continue to benefit from support or individual guidance to secure employment and/or to progress with their career ambitions. In this financial year RRN's Community volunteers supported a total of eight refugee families and the Education and Employment team helped five refugees. Furthermore, working in collaboration with another organisation, Community First, RRN provided First Aid Training for a group of Ukrainian Refugees and later in the year, working with Action For Child Trauma International, put on a training session for those interested in identifying and addressing trauma symptoms amongst those RRN is seeking to help. During this financial year RRN also identified a small but important need for ESOL classes for Ukrainian students hoping to sit IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exams. These are challenging tests for those seeking to enter high skilled employment and with a grant from Havant Borough Council RRN was able to put on classes for a small number of students over a period of eleven weeks.

The Strategic Review can be found on the website at:

<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RRN-Final-strategy-2024.pdf>

It is clear from the account given above of RRN's activities that the staff and volunteers deliver an effective and cost-effective programme of support to meet the needs of the families it supports. This is particularly the case when it has works in collaboration with other organisations, enabling the charity to deliver an impressive level of service, notwithstanding the fact that it is a comparatively small charity. In achieving this RRN is also greatly assisted by the extensive input of the Board of Trustees and many local individuals and organisations who support RRN. In this financial year RRN was significantly assisted, once again, by Bedales School, Portsmouth City of Sanctuary and St Laurence's Church.

In managing the work of the charity the Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

RRN's key achievements in this financial year was the development of the Youth Discovery Project and the opening of NEST drop-in centre in Portsmouth. Its key achievements also included the other steps it made towards bringing the activities of the charity in line with RRN's Strategic Review; namely by pursuing a policy to secure more funding through grant applications and strengthening the work it does to increase public awareness of the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers. During the year the Board of Trustees continued to review and update core policies and procedures.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The charitable work of Rural Refugee Network continues to attract generous donations from individuals but, in addition this year, has seen an increase in both restricted and unrestricted grants from institutions that recognise the importance of our work in helping refugees and asylum seekers to find their feet in our communities.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Gross income	£72	£21
Expenditure on raising funds	<u>(£13)</u>	<u>(£0)</u>
Net income available for charitable application	£59	£21
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>(£44)</u>	<u>(£47)</u>
Net income	<u>£15</u>	<u>(£26)</u>

Gross Income for 2024 includes £54k of restricted grants from charitable institutions, local authorities and the national lottery. These funded not only ESOL learning and finding-employment assistance but also, importantly, the 3-year project to establish and run the Portsmouth drop-in centre mentioned above. Unrestricted grants and donations underpinned the general work of the organisation and amounted to a further £12k whilst fundraising (including the biennial art show) produced £6k.

Expenditure on all charitable activities has increased year-on-year and we ended 2024 in a secure financial position to continue our work into 2025 and beyond.

The Trustees have reviewed the level of reserves necessary to keep the charity in a sustainable position. They have agreed to maintain the minimum Reserve Level at £12k, representing the net of 6 months recurring income, less outgoings, plus any contingent liabilities; the financial forecast for 2025-27 anticipates that RRN will continue to meet this Reserve Level whilst maintaining the scope of its support to refugees and asylum seekers locally.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10/1/25 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Anne Tutt ( Chair )

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rural Refugee Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**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.



Sarah Alexander FCCA FCA

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Date: .....



**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and grants	2	12,258	54,250	66,508	20,087
Other trading activities	3	<u>5,914</u>	-	<u>5,914</u>	<u>1,315</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>18,172</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>72,422</u>	<u>21,402</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	4	8,569	4,492	13,061	662
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		<u>10,407</u>	<u>33,597</u>	<u>44,004</u>	<u>47,066</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>18,976</u>	<u>38,089</u>	<u>57,065</u>	<u>47,728</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(804)</b>	<b>16,161</b>	<b>15,357</b>	<b>(26,326)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>29,503</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>28,699</b></u>	<u><b>21,850</b></u>	<u><b>50,549</b></u>	<u><b>35,192</b></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	5,384
Cash at bank		<u>56,548</u>	<u>23,030</u>	<u>79,578</u>	<u>30,408</u>
		56,548	23,030	79,578	35,792
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(27,849)</u>	<u>(1,180)</u>	<u>(29,029)</u>	(600)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>28,699</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>50,549</u>	<u>35,192</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>28,699</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>50,549</u>	35,192
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>28,699</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>50,549</u>	<u>35,192</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>28,699</u>	29,503
Restricted funds				<u>21,850</u>	<u>5,689</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>50,549</u>	<u>35,192</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....1.1.25..... and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A H Tutt - Trustee

## RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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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.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	8,036	19,927
Grants	57,841	-
Other income	<u>631</u>	<u>160</u>
	<u>66,508</u>	<u>20,087</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS - continued**

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
The Hilden Charitable Fund	833	-
Postcode Lottery - Postcode Society Trust	2,756	-
National Lottery Community Fund	38,072	-
Pallant House ESOL AS	788	-
Project SPARK - Youth Discovery	2,500	-
Havant Borough Council	11,037	-
East Hants District Council	<u>1,855</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>57,841</u>	<u>-</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>5,914</u>	<u>1,315</u>

**4. RAISING FUNDS**

**Other trading activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Purchases	1,343	662
Staff costs	<u>11,718</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>13,061</u>	<u>662</u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>42,248</u>	<u>1,756</u>	<u>44,004</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	22,143	-
Consultancy fees	-	22,092
Support costs	1,343	1,039
Teaching english, sewing and creative art courses	9,761	14,610
Youth discovery project	<u>9,001</u>	<u>4,767</u>
	<u><b>42,248</b></u>	<u><b>42,508</b></u>

**7. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>1,756</u>	<u>4,558</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	31,226	-
Social security costs	2,218	-
Other pension costs	<u>417</u>	-
	<u><b>33,861</b></u>	<u>-</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
CEO	1	-
Other staff	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><b>3</b></u>	<u>-</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	-	<u>5,384</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	2,818	600
Accruals and deferred income	<u>26,211</u>	-
	<u>29,029</u>	<u>600</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	29,503	(804)	28,699
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Eva Reckitt Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
South Down Park Youth Action	1,419	(865)	554
Havant Borough Council	1,078	3,247	4,325
East Hants District Council	2,192	(2,192)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	16,397	16,397
Project SPARK - Youth Discovery	-	574	574
	<u>5,689</u>	<u>16,161</u>	<u>21,850</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>15,357</u>	<u>50,549</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	18,172	(18,976)	(804)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Eva Reckitt Trust	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
South Down Park Youth Action	-	(865)	(865)
Havant Borough Council	11,036	(7,789)	3,247
East Hants District Council	1,855	(4,047)	(2,192)
National Lottery Community Fund	38,072	(21,675)	16,397
Pallant House ESOL AS	787	(787)	-
Project SPARK - Youth Discovery	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(1,926)</u>	<u>574</u>
	<u>54,250</u>	<u>(38,089)</u>	<u>16,161</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>72,422</u>	<u>(57,065)</u>	<u>15,357</u>

## RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Eva Reckitt Trust fund relates to a grant towards the Rural Refugee Network tailored 1:1 Employment Programme.

The East Hampshire District Council fund represents grants received to fund English language support to Ukrainian refugees through a series of ESOL classes and creative art courses.

The Havant Borough Council fund represents grants received for English language and employment preparation support for Ukrainian refugees through a series of ESOL and IELTS classes.

The Project Spark grant provides additional funds to support RRN's Youth Discovery Project. It allows the provision of day trips for the unaccompanied asylum-seeking youth aged 15-19 that we support and aims to build resilience, well-being and confidence among these vulnerable young people.

Pallant House ESOL is funding provided by St Faith's Church, Havant Pallant Centre who provided ten intensive ESOL beginners language classes to help selected asylum seekers gain an initial command of English language enabling them to settle more quickly and gain confidence in using English in daily life.

National Lottery - Youth Discovery funding supports Rural Refugee Network's overall aim of helping refugees, asylum seekers resettle in the UK and successfully integrate into their communities. Specifically, over a 3-year period starting in September 2024, the aim is to work with up to 50 unaccompanied young people annually by establishing a weekly drop-in centre in Portsmouth, offering structured activities such as ESOL classes, youth worker-led games, crafts, conversation, and life-skills sessions, along with monthly day trips and an annual residential experience.

The South Downs National Park Youth Action grant supported our work with unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people aged 15–19, enabling RRN to organise a series of day trips in partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders. These trips provided opportunities for the young people to explore the landscapes and special venues of the South Downs National Park, helping them to build friendships, connect with nature, and learn about English culture, environment, and heritage beyond their urban surroundings.

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,858	(24,355)	29,503
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	1,160	(1,160)	-
Eva Reckitt Trust	-	1,000	1,000
Hants & IOW Community Fund	6,500	(6,500)	-
South Down Park Youth Action	-	1,419	1,419
Havant Borough Council	-	1,078	1,078
East Hants District Council	-	2,192	2,192
	7,660	(1,971)	5,689
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	61,518	(26,326)	35,192

**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**12. 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	7,022	(31,377)	(24,355)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	-	(1,160)	(1,160)
Eva Reckitt Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Hants & IOW Community Fund	-	(6,500)	(6,500)
South Down Park Youth Action	2,000	(581)	1,419
Havant Borough Council	5,232	(4,154)	1,078
East Hants District Council	<u>6,148</u>	<u>(3,956)</u>	<u>2,192</u>
	<u>14,380</u>	<u>(16,351)</u>	<u>(1,971)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>21,402</u>	<u>(47,728)</u>	<u>(26,326)</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and grants</b>		
Donations	8,036	19,927
Grants	57,841	-
Other income	<u>631</u>	<u>160</u>
	<b>66,508</b>	20,087
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	<u>5,914</u>	<u>1,315</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>72,422</b>	21,402
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Support costs	1,343	662
Wages	10,675	-
Social security	846	-
Pensions	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>13,061</b>	662
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	20,551	-
Social security	1,372	-
Pensions	220	-
Consultancy fees	-	22,092
Support costs	1,343	1,039
Teaching english, sewing and creative art courses	9,761	14,610
Youth discovery project	9,001	4,767
Grants to individuals	<u>1,756</u>	<u>4,558</u>
	<b>44,004</b>	<u>47,066</u>
Total resources expended	<u>57,065</u>	<u>47,728</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b><u>15,357</u></b>	<b><u>(26,326)</u></b>

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**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

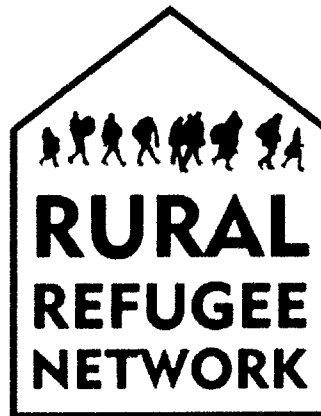
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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**  
for  
**Rural Refugee Network**



Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
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**Rural Refugee Network**

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## Rural Refugee Network

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

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were as follows:

Name	Position	Date of appointment
Anne Tutt	Chair	30/08/22
Anthony Thistleton-Smith		29/02/16
Emily Jonas		15/01/24
Emily Mott		25/01/17
Kay Summerfield		27/04/20
Katherine Lawrence		01/04/22
Richard Ainscow	Treasurer	20/03/23
Andy Crowe		01/04/23 Resigned 04/07/24

New trustees are appointed initially for a period of three years at a properly convened meeting of the charity's trustees.

The Registered Charity Number is 1165796 and the charity is registered in England and Wales. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Registered/principal address	Bankers	Independent examiner
Great Holt Lodge Old Lane Dockenfield Farnham GU10 4HQ	The Co-Operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	Paul Wright FCA DChA Sheen Stickland Chartered Accountants 7 East Pallant Chichester West Sussex PO19 1TR



A day out for the South Downs Youth Discovery Project

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

RRN was established in 2016 in response to the humanitarian crisis which arose out of the civil war in Syria. Over the years RRN's has evolved and in this financial year RRN assisted refugees recently arrived in the United Kingdom in a variety of different ways, with the overall objective of helping them to resettle into new communities in Hampshire. RRN has a portfolio of activities including providing assistance to refugees by making available suitable accommodation and providing essential household items. IT equipment is also provided where needed as are grants towards education and for other incidental expenses like driving lessons. RRN enables refugees to access ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes and receive employment coaching and training. RRN has a multi-skilled team of community volunteers and this ensures that specific needs can be met when refugees arrive enhancing their chances of settling easily and successfully.

2023 was a year of significant development for RRN. After careful and cautious consideration the Board of Trustees agreed that it was in a position to employ a member of staff for the first time and that there were sound reasons for doing so. The decision to implement this plan was made at the end of the year and was put into effect on 1st January 2024. Up until this point RRN's CEO, Nadia Potts, had been working for RRN on a contractual basis. By becoming a paid, part-time member of staff, RRN was able to consolidate her position as a key member of the team delivering RRN's activities. The Board was delighted to welcome her into her new position as a member of staff.

The other significant development for RRN was the undertaking of a Strategic Review at the end of 2023. This exercise gave the Board a chance to consider the direction of the charity and agree a programme of action for achieving the objectives it set itself. RRN concluded that it should continue to deliver on its core activities but that it would seek to expand its work with young unaccompanied minors by setting up a weekly drop-in centre in Portsmouth. In order to do this it was recognised that RRN would need to amend its objectives in the constitution. RRN resolved that it would concentrate efforts on securing grant funding for its programme of activities and that it would continue to try and raise awareness of issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers.

The conclusions of the Strategic Review can be found on the website at:  
<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RRN-Final-strategy-2024.pdf>

Towards the end of 2021 RRN operated a pilot project called The South Downs Youth Discovery Project, this involved taking young asylum seekers out into the countryside to learn about the environment and to have a chance to benefit from time spent together in a stimulating setting. This project has been led by Emily Mott, one of our trustees, and Nadia Potts, our CEO, with support from volunteers.

The pilot project was deemed a great success and the programme has continued throughout 2023 and into 2024. It involves monthly activity days and a three-day residential in the South Downs National Park. Funding came from the South Downs National Park Youth Action Fund and the Nordson Corporation with additional practical support from Bedales School.

From the experience gained during these trips and a growing awareness of the issues faced by unaccompanied minors, RRN was able to construct a proposed extension of this project which was presented in the Strategic Review process and approved by the Board. The Board approved a plan to seek funding for this project from the National Lottery Community Fund for commencement in the second half of 2024.

Throughout 2023 RRN continued to support Ukrainian refugees and in particular by providing access to ESOL classes and careers' support. Making use of a generous grant from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF), RRN was able to provide ESOL classes in Petersfield, over a five month period. To supplement this work the National Careers Service put on complementary workshops. St Laurence's Church generously provided a venue for these classes and the feedback clearly indicated that the classes were considered highly valuable and enjoyable. This project was formally evaluated and the recommendations of that evaluation included a recommendation that this support should continue. With the support of East Hampshire District Council RRN was able to extend the programme. A similarly successful project was run in Havant and was funded by Havant Borough Council.

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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During this year RRN identified a small but important need for ESOL classes for students hoping to sit IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exams. These are challenging tests for those seeking to enter high skilled employment and with a grant from both Havant Borough Council and East Hampshire District Council, RRN was able to put on classes for a small number of students, thereby supporting the students preparing for these tests.

Towards the end of the year RRN was able to provide practical and bespoke employment advice and support for a small number of individuals under its Education and Employment Programme. With financial support from the Eva Reckett Trust and with the invaluable expertise of one of RRN's ESOL teachers and an experienced volunteer, tailored advice was given to four refugees. One of these was a lady from Syria who was seeking employment in the care industry and the other two were from Ukraine, one an accountant and the other a lawyer.

RRN has a firm commitment to ongoing assessment and evaluation of the programmes it runs in order to ensure that it can best help those it seeks to engage with and to ensure that its valuable resources are utilised efficiently. Consequently, the ESOL classes referred to above and the IELTS classes were evaluated and the reports can be seen on the RRN website.

<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/RRN-ESOL-Report-Havant.pdf>

<https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/IELTS-December-2023-Evaluation-.pdf>

The students were quick to praise their tutors and to express satisfaction with the classes that they attended. RRN is proud of the reputation it has developed for high quality, personal ESOL teaching and this has become one of its core areas of activity.

Another area of RRN's core activity, one which makes excellent use of the skills and dedication of the volunteers who donate their time, is the support of families that have recently arrived in the UK and are in the early stages of settling into their new lives. During 2023 RRN helped six Afghan families, working in partnership with Two Saints, another local charity working in a similar field. Volunteers were matched with the families and were able to meet the specific needs that were identified. Similarly, when RRN was able to secure accommodation for a family in the Havant area, thanks to the generosity of a supportive landlord, the volunteer programme provided effective support and guidance for the Afghan family identified by the Home Office as being a suitable match for the property.

As a small charity RRN is able to respond relatively rapidly to new demands and developments and in 2023, having identified that there was a need for Ukrainian refugees to develop ways to manage the trauma that they have experienced, a creative art group was established and ran for six sessions. This was supported by East Hants Ukrainian Team funding and led by a qualified art therapist. Additionally a family Christmas art project was run for Ukrainian families by RRN in conjunction with "Creatful" and was funded by East Hampshire District Council.

RRN continued throughout the year to consider applications for small grants and in so doing was able to meet the modest but pressing needs of the local refugee population. Grants were approved for essential household items, clothing, driving lessons and laptop computers. RRN was also delighted to be able to provide practical help to two Syrian families who welcomed babies into their families in 2023.

RRN has an active Board of Trustees but the main body of work carried out by the charity is delivered by the CEO in conjunction with a dedicated team of community volunteers, without whom the charity could not exist. From employment advice, to language support, to help with sourcing basic equipment the volunteers are meeting individual needs and making a qualitative improvement to those who are new to this country. RRN continues to work in close collaboration with other local charities and organisations. The financial and practical support it received from The HIWCF, East Hants DC, Havant BC, Hampshire CC, Bedales School and St Laurence' Church was central to RRN's ability to provide the extensive range of support detailed above.

In managing the work of the charity the Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

RRN's key achievements in this financial year are the effective and popular delivery of ESOL teaching, the development of the South Downs Youth Discovery Project and the continued high level of support of refugee families by the community volunteers.

During the year the Board of Trustees continued to review and update core policies and procedures and undertook a comprehensive Strategic Review.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The charitable work of the Rural Refugee Network has always been based on generous donations and volunteering of mainly local supporters together with a large biennial Art Show to boost funds. An Art Show had been held in 2022 and this provided funds to continue with our charitable work through 2023.


As RRN has matured there has been a move to focus on institutional grant applications to supplement fundraising and donations. This movement was formalised in the conclusions of the Strategic Review, mentioned above. To be successful in these applications RRN has to be underpinned by a framework of good governance thus ensuring RRN has proper procedures and controls in place for all activities.

Income for 2023 was £58,627 less than in 2022 (which had included the Art Show fundraising) but we were able to increase grants and other support to refugees and asylum seekers from £18,728 in 2022 to £47,066 in 2023. This has been achieved whilst meeting our newly established reserves policy that is set out below.

The Trustees have reviewed the level of reserves necessary to keep the Charity in a sustainable position and have agreed to set the Reserve Level at £12,000, representing the net of 6 months recurring income less outgoings plus any contingent liabilities.

The financial forecast for 2024 anticipates that RRN will continue to meet the Reserve Level whilst increasing the scope of its support to refugees and asylum seekers locally.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7/10/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Anne Tutt (Chair)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rural Refugee Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 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.



Paul Wright FCA DChA

Sheen Stickland  
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Date: 21/12/24

## Rural Refugee Network

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and grants	2	5,707	14,380	20,087	26,425
Other trading activities	3	<u>1,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,315</u>	<u>48,219</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>7,022</u>	<u>14,380</u>	<u>21,402</u>	<u>74,644</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	4	153	509	662	12,149
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		<u>31,224</u>	<u>15,842</u>	<u>47,066</u>	<u>18,728</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>31,377</u>	<u>16,351</u>	<u>47,728</u>	<u>30,877</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(24,355)	(1,971)	(26,326)	43,767
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>53,858</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>61,518</u>	<u>17,751</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>29,503</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>

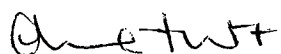
The notes form part of these financial statements

## Rural Refugee Network

### Balance Sheet 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	-	5,384	5,384	-
Cash at bank		<u>30,103</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>30,408</u>	<u>62,598</u>
		30,103	5,689	35,792	62,598
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(600)	-	(600)	(1,080)
		<u>29,503</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>29,503</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>29,503</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>29,503</u>	<u>5,689</u>	<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	10			29,503	53,858
Restricted funds				<u>5,689</u>	<u>7,660</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>35,192</u>	<u>61,518</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7/10/24 and were signed on its behalf by:



A H Tutt - Trustee

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 GRANTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	19,927	24,957
Other income	<u>160</u>	<u>1,468</u>
	<u>20,087</u>	<u>26,425</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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#### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>1,315</u>	<u>48,219</u>

#### 4. RAISING FUNDS

##### Other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Purchases	<u>662</u>	<u>12,149</u>

#### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>42,508</u>	<u>4,558</u>	<u>47,066</u>

#### 6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>4,558</u>	<u>4,673</u>

#### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

#### 8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>5,384</u>	<u>-</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

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

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>600</u>	<u>1,080</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,858	(24,355)	29,503
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	1,160	(1,160)	-
Eva Reckitt Trust	-	1,000	1,000
Hants & IOW Community Fund	6,500	(6,500)	-
South Down Park Youth Action	-	1,419	1,419
Havant Borough Council	-	1,078	1,078
East Hants District Council	<u>-</u>	<u>2,192</u>	<u>2,192</u>
	<u>7,660</u>	<u>(1,971)</u>	<u>5,689</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>61,518</u>	<u>(26,326)</u>	<u>35,192</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	7,022	(31,377)	(24,355)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	-	(1,160)	(1,160)
Eva Reckitt Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Hants & IOW Community Fund	-	(6,500)	(6,500)
South Down Park Youth Action	2,000	(581)	1,419
Havant Borough Council	5,232	(4,154)	1,078
East Hants District Council	<u>6,148</u>	<u>(3,956)</u>	<u>2,192</u>
	<u>14,380</u>	<u>(16,351)</u>	<u>(1,971)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>21,402</u>	<u>(47,728)</u>	<u>(26,326)</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

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

#### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

##### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	17,751	36,107	53,858
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	-	1,160	1,160
Hants & IOW Community Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>7,660</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>17,751</u>	<u>43,767</u>	<u>61,518</u>

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	62,657	(26,550)	36,107
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	1,500	(340)	1,160
Eva Reckitt Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
East Hants District Council	2,657	(2,657)	-
Hants County Council	330	(330)	-
Hants & IOW Community Fund	<u>6,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>11,987</u>	<u>(4,327)</u>	<u>7,660</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>74,644</u>	<u>(30,877)</u>	<u>43,767</u>

The Asda fund represents a grant received towards venue hire, food, clothing and basic IT equipment for newly arriving refugees in the UK.

The Eva Reckitt Trust fund relates to a grant towards the Rural Refugee Network tailored 1:1 Employment Programme.

The East Hampshire District Council fund represents grants received to fund English language support to Ukrainian refugees through a series of ESOL classes and creative art courses.

The Havant Borough Council fund represents grants received for English language and employment preparation support for Ukrainian refugees through a series of ESOL and IELTS classes.

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community fund represents a grant received for English language teaching to Ukrainian refugees through a series of ESOL classes run in 2023.

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

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**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and grants</b>		
Donations	19,927	24,957
Other income	<u>160</u>	<u>1,468</u>
	20,087	26,425
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	<u>1,315</u>	<u>48,219</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	21,402	74,644
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Support costs	662	12,149
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Support costs	23,131	12,149
Teaching english, sewing and creative art courses	14,610	1,906
Youth discovery project	4,767	-
Grants to individuals	<u>4,558</u>	<u>4,673</u>
	<u>47,066</u>	<u>18,728</u>
Total resources expended	<u>47,728</u>	<u>30,877</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(26,326)</u>	<u>43,767</u>

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**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165796

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022  
for  
Rural Refugee Network**



Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

**Rural Refugee Network**

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## **Rural Refugee Network**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 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**

Rural Refugee Network (RRN) assists refugees recently arrived in the United Kingdom, in a variety of different ways, with the objective of helping them to resettle into new communities in Hampshire. The assistance provided includes provision of suitable accommodation and essential household items and clothing. IT equipment is also provided where needed and grants towards education and driving lessons can be offered. It also includes providing ESOL, support from a multi skilled team of community volunteers and employment advice and training.

In this financial year RRN was required to react quickly to the crisis created by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Within a short period of time RRN had established ESOL classes in Petersfield for Ukrainian refugees. This work was funded by East Hampshire District Council and ran for eight weeks. RRN was grateful to St Laurence's Church for donating a venue for the lessons. In total thirty Ukrainian refugees benefitted from these classes and the feedback was extremely positive.

RRN was also able to provide specialist help to recently arrived Ukrainians with writing CV's and helping them develop an understanding of the job market.

In addition to ESOL lessons RRN was able to assist families with the cost of essential items such as work clothes and school uniforms. Lap top computers were provided for educational purposes and a mobile telephone provided to a refugee working as an interpreter.

Through utilisation of a programme developed by RRN called the Education and Employment Programme a young Ukrainian cardiologist was given intensive help designed to improve her English and help her navigate her way through the system so that she can use her medical skills in the United Kingdom. Intensive support was given to her to help her get relevant work experience and an understanding of the training and employment requirements for applicants in the National Health Service. Using a grant from RRN she was able to attend a course in phlebotomy and acquired the relevant qualification. RRN plans to use the experience gained and information gleaned in this process to help other medically qualified refugees.

During the course of 2022 an evaluation of the ESOL classes run for recently arrived Ukrainians was undertaken and indicated that there was a clear identifiable need for this project to be continued. RRN applied for and successfully won a grant from the Hampshire and Isle of Wights Community Foundation (HIWCF) to continue delivering ESOL classes. This project will run in 2023 from January to June and will be run in conjunction with the National Careers Service

Meanwhile the core work of RRN continued with our community volunteers supporting six Afghan families. Work with Syrian families that RRN support continued, however, these families are generally living independently of RRN assistance now and consequently RRN is involved only on specific matters on an occasional basis. For instance in 2022 two families moved into new accommodation and RRN provided assistance with these moves.

A specially designed Education and Employment Programme was run for three Afghan clients who successfully completed the course. One of them was able to secure self-employed work as a painter and decorator, receiving impressive positive feedback from one of his first employers. This client now works with various employers as a decorator and the other two went on to further vocational training at college with RRN support.

RRN has also been able to help Afghan families improve their English, specifically those who find it hard to access ESOL provision. Volunteers have been able to offer individual sessions which has helped them to settle within their new communities.

RRN initiated a pilot project called the South Downs Youth Discovery Project, which takes young asylum seekers and refugees into the countryside to explore and learn about the environment. This project was led by one of our trustees and the CEO with support from volunteers.

## **Rural Refugee Network**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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The project involved monthly activity days and a three-day residential in the South Downs National Park. Funding came from the South Downs National Park Youth Action Fund and the Norsdon Corporation with additional practical support from Bedales School and the University of Winchester.

Although it was anticipated that between eight to ten young people would attend in the event eighteen were enrolled and attended on a regular basis. An evaluation of the project was carried out and indicated that the project provided a popular programme of events with extensive benefits for those involved.

RRN has an active Board of Trustees but the main body of work carried out by the charity is delivered by the CEO. The trustees and the CEO are supported by volunteers who provide administrative and IT support, ensuring the smooth running of the charity. RRN's dedicated team of community volunteers provide employment advice, language support and help with sourcing basic equipment. In this way the volunteers are meeting individual needs and making a qualitative improvement to those who are new to this country.

RRN is financially supported in the work that it does by a number of individuals and organisations. In this financial year significant funds were raised through the hard work and support of the staff and pupils at Bedales School and in particular through the organisation and presentation of a highly successful Art Sale.

In managing the work of the charity the Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

RRN's key achievements in this financial year are the provision of urgent and effective assistance to Ukrainian families arriving under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and its ability to continue to provide core services to other refugee communities simultaneously.

During the year the Board of Trustees started a review of core policies and procedures and updated the Safeguarding Policy.

Two of the projects run by the charity were formally evaluated; the South Downs Youth Discovery Project and ESOL classes based in Petersfield. RRN is proud of the work it has carried out in these areas and the evaluation has inspired a sense of confidence that time, energy and resources are being appropriately utilised. [ Details of the evaluations can be found on the RRN Website under the Projects tab at <https://www.ruralrefugeenetwork.org>]

##### **Financial Review**

The work of the Charity, co-ordinated by our CEO, is reliant upon the skill and expertise of Trustees, volunteers and some retained specialist teachers and upon the financial generosity of our supporters.

2022 income was boosted by a highly successful Art Sale run in partnership with the staff and pupils of Bedales School and this raised close to £29,000. Bedales students also raised close to £19,000 from their Syria Walk-for-Peace and thanks are extended to all involved in these enterprises.

Regular gift-aided giving (£5,000), generous one-off donations (£10,000) and dedicated 'restricted fund' grants (£12,000) made up the balance of income during the year. Further details of the restricted funds that had been successfully applied for can be found in Note 9.

The increase in funds at year end leaves the Charity well placed to continue the channels of focused support work that are described above during 2023 and into 2024.

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are appointed for a period of three years by a properly convened meeting by the charity's trustees.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1165796

##### Principal address

Great Holt Lodge  
Old Lane  
Dockenfield  
Farnham  
Surrey  
GU10 4HQ

##### Trustees

A Thistleton-Smith  
Mrs J Thistleton-Smith  
Lady E Duncannon  
S Thomas (resigned 31.3.22)  
I Bell (resigned 31.3.22)  
Mrs K Summerfield  
Mrs K Lawrence (appointed 1.4.22)  
A Tutt Chair (appointed 30.8.22)  
R R Ainscow (appointed 20.3.23)  
A Crowe (appointed 1.4.23)

##### Independent Examiner

P E H Wright FCA DChA  
Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

##### Bankers

The Co-operative Bank  
P O Box 101  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester  
M60 4EP

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
A Tutt - Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rural Refugee Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 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.

P E H Wright FCA DChA

Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

Date: .....

## Rural Refugee Network

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes				
Donations and legacies	2	14,438	11,987	26,425	14,668
Other trading activities	3	<u>48,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,219</u>	<u>3,783</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>62,657</u>	<u>11,987</u>	<u>74,644</u>	<u>18,451</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	4	12,149	-	12,149	7,250
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		<u>14,401</u>	<u>4,327</u>	<u>18,728</u>	<u>11,241</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>26,550</u>	<u>4,327</u>	<u>30,877</u>	<u>18,491</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		36,107	7,660	43,767	(40)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>17,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,751</u>	<u>17,791</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>53,858</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>61,518</u>	<u>17,751</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Rural Refugee Network**

**Balance Sheet  
31st December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		54,938	7,660	62,598	18,969
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,080)	-	(1,080)	(1,218)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>53,858</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>61,518</u>	<u>17,751</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>53,858</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>61,518</u>	<u>17,751</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>53,858</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>61,518</u>	<u>17,751</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				53,858	17,751
Restricted funds				<u>7,660</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>61,518</u>	<u>17,751</u>

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

.....  
A Tutt - Trustee

**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**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	24,957	14,668
Other income	<u>1,468</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>26,425</u>	<u>14,668</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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#### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>48,219</u>	<u>3,783</u>

#### 4. RAISING FUNDS

##### Other trading activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Purchases	<u>12,149</u>	<u>7,250</u>

#### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>14,055</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>18,728</u>

#### 6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>4,673</u>	<u>2,887</u>

#### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

## Rural Refugee Network

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

#### 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,218</u>

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	17,751	36,107	53,858
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	-	1,160	1,160
Hants & IOW Community Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,660</u>	<u>7,660</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>17,751</u>	<u>43,767</u>	<u>61,518</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	62,657	(26,550)	36,107
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Asda	1,500	(340)	1,160
Eva Reckitt Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
East Hants District Council	2,657	(2,657)	-
Hants County Council	330	(330)	-
Hants & IOW Community Fund	<u>6,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>11,987</u>	<u>(4,327)</u>	<u>7,660</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>74,644</u>	<u>(30,877)</u>	<u>43,767</u>

The Asda fund represents a grant received towards venue hire, food, clothing and basic IT equipment for newly arriving refugees in the UK.

The Eva Reckitt Trust fund relates to a grant towards the Rural Refugee Network tailored 1:1 Employment Programme.

The East Hampshire District Council fund represents a grant received to fund English language support to refugees through a series of ESOL classes.

The Hampshire County Council fund relates to supported individual 1:1 English language teaching to refugees.

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community fund represents a grant received for English language teaching to refugees through a series of ESOL classes to be run in 2023.

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

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#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

##### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	17,791	(40)	17,751
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>17,791</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>17,751</u>

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	18,451	(18,491)	(40)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,451</u>	<u>(18,491)</u>	<u>(40)</u>

#### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	24,957	14,668
Other income	<u>1,468</u>	<u>-</u>
	26,425	14,668
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	<u>48,219</u>	<u>3,783</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	74,644	18,451
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Support costs	12,149	7,250
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Support costs	12,149	7,250
Teaching english & sewing club	1,906	1,104
Grants to institutions	-	2,188
Grants to individuals	<u>4,673</u>	<u>699</u>
	<u>18,728</u>	<u>11,241</u>
Total resources expended	<u>30,877</u>	<u>18,491</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>43,767</u></u>	<u><u>(40)</u></u>

**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165796

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021  
for  
Rural Refugee Network**

Sheen Stickland  
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## **Rural Refugee Network**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 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).

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

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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

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

1165796

##### **Principal address**

Bordean Manor  
Bordean  
Petersfield  
GU32 1EP

##### **Trustees**

A Thistleton-Smith  
Mrs J Thistleton-Smith  
Lady E Duncannon  
S Thomas  
I Bell  
Mrs K Summerfield  
Mrs K Lawrence (appointed 1.4.22)

##### **Independent Examiner**

P E H Wright FCA DChA  
Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31st October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A Thistleton-Smith - Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rural Refugee Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 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
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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.

P E H Wright FCA DChA  
Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

31st October 2022

## Rural Refugee Network

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	14,668	5,942
Other trading activities	3	3,783	4,563
<b>Total</b>		<u>18,451</u>	<u>10,505</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	7,250	4,753
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Charitable activities		11,241	14,045
<b>Total</b>		<u>18,491</u>	<u>18,798</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(40)	(8,293)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		17,791	26,084
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>17,751</u>	<u>17,791</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Rural Refugee Network

### Balance Sheet 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		18,969	24,227
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,218)	(6,436)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>17,751</u>	<u>17,791</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		17,751	17,791
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>17,751</u>	<u>17,791</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>17,751</u>	<u>17,791</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>17,751</u>	<u>17,791</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31st October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Thistleton-Smith - Trustee

**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**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	14,668	5,067
Other income	-	875
	<u>14,668</u>	<u>5,942</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

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

#### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>3,783</u>	<u>4,563</u>

#### 4. RAISING FUNDS

##### Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Purchases	<u>7,250</u>	<u>4,753</u>

#### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>8,354</u>	<u>2,887</u>	<u>11,241</u>

#### 6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>2,887</u>	<u>5,911</u>

#### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

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

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	1,218	6,436
	<u>1,218</u>	<u>6,436</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	17,791	(40)	17,751
	<u>17,791</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>17,751</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>17,791</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>17,751</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	18,451	(18,491)	(40)
	<u>18,451</u>	<u>(18,491)</u>	<u>(40)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,451</u>	<u>(18,491)</u>	<u>(40)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,084	(8,293)	17,791
	<u>26,084</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>	<u>17,791</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,084</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>	<u>17,791</u>

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	10,505	(18,798)	(8,293)
	<u>10,505</u>	<u>(18,798)</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,505</u>	<u>(18,798)</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

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

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#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,084	(8,333)	17,751
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,084</u>	<u>(8,333)</u>	<u>17,751</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	28,956	(37,289)	(8,333)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,956</u>	<u>(37,289)</u>	<u>(8,333)</u>

#### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

## Rural Refugee Network

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

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	14,668	5,067
Other income	-	875
	<u>14,668</u>	<u>5,942</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	3,783	4,563
	<u>3,783</u>	<u>4,563</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>18,451</u>	<u>10,505</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Support costs	7,250	4,753
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Support costs	7,250	4,753
Teaching english & sewing club	1,104	3,381
Grants to institutions	2,188	1,330
Grants to individuals	699	4,581
	<u>11,241</u>	<u>14,045</u>
Total resources expended	<u>18,491</u>	<u>18,798</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>

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**RURAL REFUGEE NETWORK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1165796

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020  
for  
Rural Refugee Network**

Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

## **Rural Refugee Network**

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## **Rural Refugee Network**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2020**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. 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).

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

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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

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

1165796

##### **Principal address**

Bordean Manor  
Bordean  
Petersfield  
GU32 1EP

##### **Trustees**

A Thistleton-Smith  
Mrs J Thistleton-Smith  
Lady E Duncannon  
S Thomas  
I Bell (appointed 25.1.20)  
Mrs K Summerfield (appointed 27.4.20)

##### **Independent Examiner**

P E H Wright FCA DChA  
Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29th October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs J Thistleton-Smith - Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rural Refugee Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rural Refugee Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

### **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.

P E H Wright FCA DChA  
Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1TR

29th October 2021

## Rural Refugee Network

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	5,942	7,349
Other trading activities	3	4,563	22,114
<b>Total</b>		10,505	29,463
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	4,753	7,578
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Charitable activities		14,045	24,365
<b>Total</b>		18,798	31,943
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(8,293)	(2,480)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		26,084	28,564
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		17,791	26,084

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Rural Refugee Network

### Balance Sheet 31st December 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Debtors	8	-	726
Cash at bank		24,227	27,365
		<u>24,227</u>	<u>28,091</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,436)	(2,007)
		<u>17,791</u>	<u>26,084</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>17,791</u>	<u>26,084</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		17,791	26,084
		<u>17,791</u>	<u>26,084</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>17,791</u>	<u>26,084</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		17,791	26,084
		<u>17,791</u>	<u>26,084</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>17,791</u>	<u>26,084</u>

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Trustee

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	5,067	7,349
Other income	875	-
	<u>5,942</u>	<u>7,349</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

#### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,563	22,114

#### 4. RAISING FUNDS

##### Other trading activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Purchases	4,753	7,578

#### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	8,134	5,911	14,045

#### 6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2020	2019
	£	£
Charitable activities	5,911	18,308

#### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

#### 8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-	726

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	6,436	2,007
	<u>6,436</u>	<u>2,007</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,084	(8,293)	17,791
	<u>26,084</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>	<u>17,791</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,084</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>	<u>17,791</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	10,505	(18,798)	(8,293)
	<u>10,505</u>	<u>(18,798)</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,505</u>	<u>(18,798)</u>	<u>(8,293)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.19
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	28,564	(2,480)	26,084
	<u>28,564</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>	<u>26,084</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,564</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>	<u>26,084</u>

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	29,463	(31,943)	(2,480)
	<u>29,463</u>	<u>(31,943)</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>29,463</u>	<u>(31,943)</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>

## Rural Refugee Network

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

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#### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	28,564	(10,773)	17,791
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,564</u>	<u>(10,773)</u>	<u>17,791</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	39,968	(50,741)	(10,773)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>39,968</u>	<u>(50,741)</u>	<u>(10,773)</u>

#### 11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020.

## Rural Refugee Network

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	5,067	7,349
Other income	875	-
	<u>5,942</u>	<u>7,349</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	4,563	22,114
	<u>4,563</u>	<u>22,114</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>10,505</b>	<b>29,463</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	-	2,326
Support costs	4,753	5,252
	<u>4,753</u>	<u>7,578</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Support costs	4,753	5,252
Teaching english & sewing club	3,381	805
Grants to institutions	1,330	18,308
Grants to individuals	4,581	-
	<u>14,045</u>	<u>24,365</u>
Total resources expended	<u>18,798</u>	<u>31,943</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b><u>(8,293)</u></b>	<b><u>(2,480)</u></b>

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