

**Walking With in North Tyneside**

**Trustees Report and Financial Statement**  
**for the year ending 31 March 2023**

**Charity Number 1166123**

## **Legal and Administrative Information**

Name: Walking With in North Tyneside

Registered Charity number: 1166123

Trustees:        Martin Hood (Chair)  
                     Enid Gordon  
                     Valerie Jamieson  
                     Gary Madden (resigned 15 June 2022)  
                     Maureen Madden  
                     Malcolm Railton  
                     Robert Wylie  
                     Gwyn McKenzie (appointed 15 Nov. 2022)  
                     Elizabeth Thompson (appointed (26 Jan. 2023)

Address:        Church House  
                     Hugh Street  
                     Wallsend  
                     Tyne and Wear  
                     NE28 6RL

Bankers:        Unity Bank  
                     Nine Brindley Place  
                     Birmingham  
                     B1 2HB

Independent examiner:  
                     Alexander Robinson FCCA  
                     Essell Accountants Ltd.  
                     29 Howard Street  
                     North Shields  
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# Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the, immediately following below, financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements and the requirements of the charity's governing document.

## .Objectives and Activities

The Objectives of the charity are:

- The promotion of health and well-being, and the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum in the United Kingdom, or who are refugees, and who reside in North Tyneside.
- The promotion of social inclusion and community integration for the public benefit among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
  - Such support as is necessary to increase the physical and emotional well-being of the client group;
  - Education and training in the English language;
  - Social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community;
  - Access to local and national support dedicated to the welfare of the asylum seeker and refugee community.
- The prevention or relief of poverty in North Tyneside by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need at the discretion of the trustees

## .Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees have control of the charity and its property and funds.

Trustees are elected for a period of three years. After this period Trustees are eligible for re-election for a further two periods of three years. The chair and treasurer are elected by the Board of Trustees from its membership. Periods of service for these officers are the same as for other Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has the following powers in the administration of the charity:

- To appoint honorary officers including chair and treasurer;
- To delegate any of their functions to sub-committees consisting of two or more persons appointed by the Board, and in which case at least one member of each sub-committee must be a Trustee, and proceedings of such sub-committee must be reported promptly to the Trustees;
- To make standing orders consistent with this charity's constitution to govern proceedings at meetings;
- To make rules consistent with this constitution about the Board of Trustees and sub-committees;
- To make regulations consistent with this constitution about the running of the charity, including the operation of bank accounts and the commitment of funds;
- To resolve or establish procedures to assist the resolution of disputes within the charity;
- To adopt procedures governing complaints and conduct.

## .Risk Management

The Trustees believe that the following reserves should be held to allow necessary confidence for the continued financial stability of the charity:

- General reserves representing a minimum of three months of General Expenditure; and

- Rental reserves should be maintained to cover at least six months of rental costs

## .Serious Matters or Incidents

The Trustees confirm that there were no serious matters or incidents to advise the Charity Commissioners during the year.

## .Volunteers

Volunteers make a significant contribution to the work of Walking With. Their commitment and on-going support throughout the year is gratefully acknowledged by the Trustees.

All volunteers are appropriately trained, supported and supervised by our Operations Manager on an on-going basis. This post received funding from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. At the end of the year volunteers numbered 56 (in 2022 there were 48). No monetary value is included in the accounts in relation to the unpaid services provided by volunteers, however we are indebted to the volunteers for their support that ensures the success of Walking With.

## .Statement of Activities

Walking With in North Tyneside supports over 600 people from over 150 households in North Tyneside who have been displaced from their home countries. We support people who are seeking asylum here in the UK and those who have been granted asylum with leave to remain and continue to live in this area as refugees. We support these service-users by providing:

welcome,  
food,  
clothing,  
household items,  
English lessons and practice,  
social and sporting activities,  
signposting to other partners and services,  
and general supportive-advocacy, including opportunities to integrate with the local community.

Since the easing of the Covid pandemic, services have resumed to pre-Covid format and extended levels. Some support has been offered via telephone communication but most have been enabled safely at the centre in Wallsend.

Regular service-user community fora have enabled users to voice their needs and aspirations, and these comments continue to influence the type of provisions of support offered by the charity. Some service-users have been enabled to act as volunteers within the Walking With community, under supervision; the total number of such volunteers has increased as the time for training has allowed.

Links with partner organisations have been consolidated with face-to-face meetings as well as Zoom, as required, by Covid restrictions. We have supportive partnerships with North Tyneside Council and the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (which then transitioned into the new Integrated Care System, ICS), as well as the local football club and other charitable organisations and grant-making bodies. Visits to schools and colleges, and some voluntary work-placement positions at the centre, have been enabled, as well meetings with the local MP. We are a key agent in supporting the developing of Schools of Sanctuary, locally, which includes exchange visits and sharing of experiences between service-users and local school-children.

We are indebted to the following funders who have supported our work during the year:

- Greggs Foundation
- Hadrian Trust

- John Bell
- Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Newcastle Building Society (Community Funding)
- NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (subsequently ICS)
- North Tyneside Council
- The Squires Foundation
- The National Lottery Community Fund

as well as many individuals and groups, including schools and churches.

In addition to the routine activities, indicated above, some highlights in the year were:

- We held an International Women's Day celebration in March and supported Refugee Week in June with activities and resources shared with schools.
- 1-1 support provided by volunteers has been further developed and through training and clarified and refined systems the volunteers are now able to take on much more of the client support and registrations - thus freeing up staff for other work.
- We regularly host placement volunteers.
- A range of regular communication take place with volunteers including: monthly training/catch-up sessions; weekly email updates; daily briefings; 1-1 chats and regular quarterly feedback surveys.
- We now run four taught English sessions and a 'Happy to Chat' session each week
- Fit and Well activities have continued for physical and mental well-being, including the restarting of monthly community meals.
- We have developed further links with Regional Refugee Forum, NERS and Asylum Matters this year and have provided sessions for clients and opportunities for them to become involved in campaigns and activities.
- Links have been made with a range of other volunteer coordinators across the area and resources and support shared
- Closer links with WERS - our clients are now directed towards their 'Skillsmatch' initiative for volunteering opportunities and sessions have been held in the centre - more planned

Additionally, trustees and staff have spent time developing our next 3-5 year plan, and reflected on practice and experience, to ensure best use of resources to meet the charity's aims.

The Trustees also applied for redesignation of the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which will entail shortly closing this charity and transferring all funds to the newly formed Walking With in North Tyneside (as a CIO), with the same objects, premises, trustees and staff.

**Walking With in North Tyneside**

Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity No. 1166123

## Legal and Administrative Information

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Reg'd Charity No: 1166123

Trustees:

Chair: Martin Hood

Members: Rev Enid Gordon

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Gary Madden (resigned 15/6/22)

Maureen Madden

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the  
trustees of

**Walking With in North Tyneside**

On accounts for  
the year ended

31 March 2023

Charity no 1166123

Set out on pages

4 to 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

**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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

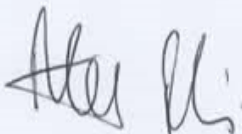
**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

6/7/2023

**Name:** Mr Alexander Robinson FCCA

**Address:** Essell Accountants Ltd  
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## Walking With in North Tyneside

### Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	3	27,250	87,267	114,517	121,188
Donations		21,859	0	21,859	17,128
Other Income		431	0	431	993
Transfer between Funds		11,511	(11,511)	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>61,050</b>	<b>75,756</b>	<b>136,806</b>	<b>139,309</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries	4	34,440	54,282	88,721	66,779
Activity Costs		0	2,520	2,520	1,425
Premises Expense		688	11,096	11,784	9,014
Travel & Entertainment		344	50	393	187
Telephone & Internet		1,959	2,221	4,179	2,489
Post, Stationery & IT		478	221	699	374
Accountancy	5	350	0	350	300
Insurance		1,619	0	1,619	928
Resources		725	2,568	3,293	13,228
Training		0	608	608	450
Refreshments		61	7	68	48
Professional Fees		258	128	386	182
Premises Expense - Utilities		896	2,077	2,973	3641
Office Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings		2,169	1,721	3,889	3016
Computers		464	0	464	2865
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>44,450</b>	<b>77,496</b>	<b>121,946</b>	<b>104,926</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>16,600</b>	<b>(1,740)</b>	<b>14,860</b>	<b>34,383</b>
<b>Cash Funds at 1 April</b>		<b>47,580</b>	<b>38,643</b>	<b>86,223</b>	<b>51,839</b>
<b>Cash Funds at 31 March</b>		<b>64,180</b>	<b>36,903</b>	<b>101,083</b>	<b>86,223</b>

# Walking With in North Tyneside

## Balance Sheet For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
	Notes		
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank & in Hand		102,359	100,041
Debtors	6	-	7,406
<b>Total Cash Balances</b>		<u>102,359</u>	<u>107,447</u>
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	1,275	21,224
 <b>Net Current Assets</b>		101,083	86,223
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	7	-	-
 <b>Net Assets at 31 March</b>		<u>101,083</u>	<u>86,223</u>
 <b>Represented By:</b>			
Restricted Funds	8	36,903	38,643
Unrestricted Funds		64,180	47,580
		<u>101,083</u>	<u>86,223</u>

Signed  Position CHAIR

Signed  Position CEO

Date 6-9-23

## Walking With in North Tyneside

### Notes to the accounts

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

##### Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
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- and with the Charities Act 2011

#### 2. Accounting Policies

##### INCOME

##### Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

##### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

##### Tax reclaim on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

##### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

##### EXPENDITURE

##### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

##### Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

##### Pension Cost

The charity operates a defined contributions plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

##### Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000 and are valued at cost.

##### Fund Accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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.

##### Short term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no interest rate which are receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any loss arising from impairment are recognised immediately in profit and loss.

##### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash in hand and current balances with banks or other institutions, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to insignificant risk of change in value.

## Walking With in North Tyneside

### Notes to the accounts

#### 3. Analysis of Income

Analysis of Income	Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	Total	2022 Total
Donations and gifts		21,859	21,859	17,128
Gift Aid		431	431	993
Grants	87,267	27,250	114,517	121,188
Transfer between Funds	(11,511)	11,511	-	-
	<b>75,756</b>	<b>61,050</b>	<b>136,807</b>	<b>139,309</b>
			0	-

£12,870 was received from North Tyneside Council in Ukrainian Funding to provide support to Refugees (2022: £10,000 Covid Funding & £1,000 Afghanistan refugee support). We received £30,000 from Big Lotteries (2022: £30,000)

#### 4. Trustees and Staff

Total Staff Costs for the year:

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	86,957	65,931
Social security costs		
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,765	847
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>88,721</b>	<b>66,779</b>

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2021: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £Nil (2021: £Nil). The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Chief Executive. The remuneration for the Chief Executive during the year was £31,168 (2022: £25,994)

Funding received for employee payroll costs are used firstly to settle the salary costs of the employee for which the role was received. The expense associated with the employer pension scheme contributions are then settled from the remaining restricted income available for the period in question. Any unfunded liability is then settled from the General Fund. In the year, unfunded pension contributions totalled £228

Average Headcount in the Year:	2023	2022
Charitable Activities	4	4
	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

#### 5. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £350 (2022: £350)

#### 6. Debtors and Prepayments

Analysis of Debtors	2023	2022
Prepayments	-	7,406
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,406</b>

#### 7. Creditors & Accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling after more than one year	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Analysis of Creditors</b>				
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants		19,914	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	350	350	-	-
Taxation and social security	600	960	-	-
Pension Scheme	325			
	<b>1,275</b>	<b>21,224</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	0			

## Walking With in North Tyneside

### Notes to the accounts

The following grants were deferred in order to match expense with income

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling after more than one year	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants</b>				
Sir James Knott (C Exec Salary)		1,880		
Squires Foundation (C Exec Salary)		2,171		
Community Foundation (C Exec Salary)		3,828		
National Lottery Community Fund Volunteer Project		7,500		
NHS - CCG				
National Lottery Community Fund Administrator Post				
Greggs Foundation		3,748		
John Bell				
Hadrian Trust				
Lloyds Foundation				
		787		
	-	<b>19,914</b>	-	-

### 8. Restricted Funds balance at 31 March 2023

	Balance at April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at March 2023
Rent	14,602	-	0	-	14,603
Salary - Project Manager	0	7,879	(7,879)	0	0
CCG	2,786	0	(2,786)	0	0
Syrian	4,809	0	(344)	(4,465)	0
New Premises	630	0	(1)	(630)	(0)
John Bell Safeguarding	192	0	(192)	0	(0)
A4A New Premises	947	0	(234)	(713)	0
Hadrian Trust (English)	539	0	0	(539)	0
Hardship	404	0	(18)	(386)	0
Cooking	355	0	0	(355)	0
Greggs Foundation	(0)	23,748	(21,556)	0	2,192
Food Fund	689	0	(689)	0	(0)
Big Lotteries - Volunteer Fund	0	22,500	(22,500)	0	0
CF Server Fund	6,000	0	(6,000)	0	0
Duchess of Leeds	1,195	0	(50)	(1,145)	0
Screwfix	4,496	0	(3,192)	0	1,304
NTC - Afghanistan	998	0	0	(998)	0
NHS ICS	0	19,264	(9,739)	0	9,525
NTC Ukrainian fund	0	12,870	(2,516)	(2,280)	8,274
HAF Travel	0	300	0	0	300
Grow & Eat	0	706	0	0	706
	0				0
<b>Total Restricted Funds c/fwd to 2022-23</b>	<b>38,643</b>	<b>87,267</b>	<b>(77,496)</b>	<b>(11,511)</b>	<b>36,904</b>