

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	6	April	2024	To	5	April	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Somewhere Else**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1166621**

Charity's principal address **39 Bishopton Lane**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Postcode

TS18 1PT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Gill Martin	Chairperson		
2	Maryum Duberia			
3	Nexhmie Ahmetaj		To 9 December 2024	
4	Mumtaz Din			
5	Tobias Alec Phiri Halford			
6	Mirjana Brati		To 9 December 2024	
7	Ursula Ruth Hicks		From 9 December 2024	
8	Clair Jones		From 9 December 2024	
9	Peter John Chapman		From 9 December 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Dr Carole le Darcy – Founder and Chief Executive

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Somewhere Else exists to address the needs of lonely and socially excluded individuals in the Tees Valley area.

Its ultimate aim is to promote social inclusion, combat loneliness, encourage a sense of belonging and to increase feelings of self-worth and value.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Somewhere Else was founded in 2015 because of the recognition that lonely and socially isolated individuals of all age groups are often susceptible to mental and physical health problems. The organisation exists to address the needs of lonely and socially excluded individuals in the Tees Valley area.

It seeks to do this by:

1. Providing a therapeutic and welcoming space
2. Organising structured activities designed to build self-esteem and encourage integration
3. Devising individualised support plans to achieve agreed goals
4. Developing a referral scheme with local authority and other support services.

The Trustees acknowledge the current Charity Commission guidance on 'public benefit' and are assured that the Somewhere Else's objectives and activities are beneficial to the general public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In May 2024, the Somewhere Else Trustees, chaired by Gill Martin, acknowledged the possibility of having to close the charity down, due to a funding constraint. Together with the Clinical Director and Founder, Carole Le Darcy, they faced the problem of how to maintain some level of services, and return the charity to programmatic and financial sustainability.

As knowledge of these problems became known by local organisations working with and for asylum seekers and refugees, there was determination that this excellent service should not be lost, bearing in mind the prevailing inadequate level of mental health services in the area for folk in the RAS community. This led to informal discussions about ways in which the service provided by Somewhere Else could be maintained. These discussions were encouraged by local Stockton charity Refugee Futures (*Reg. Charity No: 1159508*) and the administrator of "The Stockton Project" which is part of the charity Lempriere Pringle 2015 (*Reg. Charity No: 1161516*).

Discussions took place over several months between Gill and Carole of Somewhere Else, Sam Franklin of J&N Franklin Trust; Peter Chapman of

Section D

Achievements and performance

the Stockton Project (and Vice Chair of Refugee Futures) and members of the board of Refugee Futures, together with legal advisers, Muckle LLP in Newcastle. As a result agreement was reached for:

- Refugee Futures to become Sole Member of Somewhere Else
- Governance of Somewhere Else to be strengthened by appointing the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer of Refugee Futures as Trustees of Somewhere Else.
- A new commitment of funding from J & N Franklin Trust together with new funding from The Stockton Project for 2 years, to enable Somewhere Else's position to stabilise, and then to develop on a sound sustainable basis.

We are pleased to report, that despite this proving to be a challenging period of uncertainty for the organisation and for Gill and Carole in particular, the new arrangements have been embraced successfully, and a new sense of opportunity and development now prevails.

This renewed sense of hope, has been underpinned by:

- the development and adoption of a 3-year Strategic Plan,
- the appointment of a new trustee with senior experience of mental health therapeutic issues,
- the appointment of a qualified accountant, who is also a refugee, to provide bookkeeping services, regular financial reports and preparation of annual accounts,
- the appointment of two professional fundraisers, and the drafting of a strategic fundraising plan.

The tremendous commitment from Carole, who founded the charity, and Gill Martin who handed over the role of Chair to Peter Chapman mid-year, is warmly acknowledged. In addition the work of the trustees, counsellors, and other supporters is greatly appreciated. It has been a roller coaster experience, but the foundations are now in place to underpin the development of the charity's work and its regional reach for some years ahead.

Clinical Summary

- Individual appointments - 376
- Creative Groups - 48
- Kurdish Men's Group - 49
- Albanian Groups - 23
- English Classes - 23
- Iranian Groups - 6
- Individual supervision delivered - 30

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In the year ended 05 April 2025, our receipts totalled £80,617 (2024: £46,327) and our payments £67,798 (2024: £52,066) which resulted in a net surplus of £12,819 (2024: deficit of £5739). Our bank and cash balances on 05 April 2025 totalled £16,161 (2024: £3,341). Of these total balances, £1,883 (2024: £5,858) carried restrictions as to their use. Other assets, in addition to our bank and cash balances, and liabilities comprised computer equipment and payroll related payments to HMRC and our pension provider,

and in 2024, an employee.

It has not yet been possible to establish an appropriate level of Reserves, but the Trustees will focus on this in the coming year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds received are mainly grants from National Lottery, J & N Franklin Trust, and Stockton Project of Lempriere Pringle 2015.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Peter John Chapman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Date

24 November 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

06-Apr-24

To

05-Apr-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies and grants	46,928	31,450	-	78,378	42,762
Fees for charitable services	275	-	-	275	725
Room Hire	1,930	-	-	1,930	2,840
Bank interest received	34	-	-	34	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,167	31,450	-	80,617	46,327
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,167	31,450	-	80,617	46,327
A3 Payments					
Salaries & national insurance	30,879	15,452	-	46,331	29,216
Pension contributions	1,493	749	-	2,242	3,082
Rent		12,000	-	12,000	14,400
Utilities (eg. light, heat, water)		2,498	-	2,498	2,673
Telephone, internet & postage		518	-	518	396
Insurance		314	-	314	202
Professional Services - Workshop Facilitation and Interpretation		250	-	250	700
Other Professional Services		1,625	-	1,625	-
Other		2,019	-	2,019	1,398
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,372	35,425	-	67,797	52,067
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,372	35,425	-	67,797	52,067
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,795	- 3,975	-	12,820	- 5,740
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 2,517	5,858	-	3,341	9,081
Cash funds this year end	14,278	1,883	-	16,161	3,341

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	13,922	1,883	-
	Petty Cash	356	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,278	1,883	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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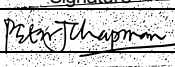
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Computer Equipment	Restricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Outstanding pension payments	Unrestricted	-	
Outstanding PAYE payments	Unrestricted	-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Peter John Chapman, Chair of Trustees	24 November 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Trustees of Somewhere Else, Charity number 1166621 on the accounts ended 5th April 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, 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 all 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:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did 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.



Suzanne Mines

24/09/2025

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