



**CARE UK Charity**

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**Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 May 2022**

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### **Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2022**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2022.

#### **Administrative and contact details**

The registered office of CARE UK Charity is:

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CARE UK Charity can be contacted by email: [info@careukcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@careukcharity.org.uk)

Our website address is: [www.careukcharity.org.uk/](http://www.careukcharity.org.uk/)

Contact with supporters and volunteers, including requests for help in both material and practical ways, is principally achieved through our Facebook page which can be found at: [www.facebook.com/groups/careukcharity/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/careukcharity/)

The Trustees who have served during the period covered by this report and to date were:

Alison Collins	Appointed 17/07/2021
Pauline Dickinson	Retired 17/07/2021
Kate Farnell	
Diane Hubbard	Appointed 17/07/2021
Emma Kennedy	Retired 16/11/2021
Christopher Ross	Appointed 17/07/2021
Helen Speed	
John Stott	
Mohammad Abdul Waheed	

#### **Structure and Governance**

The charity was first established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a constitution on 31 January 2016. Charitable status was recognised by the Charity Commission on 24 May 2016.

The constitution was amended on 21 September 2019 when the name of the charity was changed from "Charity and Recycling Enterprise UK" to "CARE UK Charity".

The day-to-day administration of CARE UK Charity is carried out by a small management team led by Nora Carlin, the founder of the charity, and our General Manager, along with our highly committed team of staff and volunteers.

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers and supporters without whose generous donations of time and practical support we would be unable to achieve our objectives.

The Trustees acknowledge their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of CARE UK are:

- To prevent and relieve poverty and hardship and protect the vulnerable in such parts of the world as the Trustees shall determine by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations, working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- The relief of those in need suffering hardship across the world providing such persons with goods which they could not otherwise afford.
- Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the Laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Mission**

Our principal mission remains the same – to collect items that are no longer wanted whether they be clothes, furniture, household items etc and pass these on to people in need. Where items cannot be used in this way, we sell them in our shops in order to raise funds to purchase aid. During the year we used our two shops in Warrington and one in Northwich and, for part of the year, in Kingsley, to raise funds for our work and to serve as donation stations.

The year has been one of recovery, refocusing and consolidation after the Covid 19 pandemic. One of our stores in Kingsley had to be vacated when the lease expired. Just before the end of the year we were given notice on the property we had been using in Northwich and this was vacated after the end of the year. Replacement stores have yet to be sourced.

### **Overseas aid**

Our ability to send containers of aid to organisations overseas supporting refugees continued to be curtailed somewhat during the year due to a combination of factors. We made the decision to draw a temporary line under overseas aid, until at least the Spring/Summer as there were still too many unknowns.

These included the costs associated with shipping, which had risen dramatically and the effects of Brexit, which brought further complications with increased administrative paperwork and the requirement to pay significant taxes on arrival at EU countries as a third-party country. It did mean, however, that we could focus our efforts on the work at home including the Homes Team, asylum seekers and Afghan refugees.

### **Volunteers**

We depend on our amazing team of volunteers who continued to give generously of their time and energies, to further our work. They helped us to collect and sort donations and distribute this aid including medical equipment and supplies, clothing and hygiene products, to groups and organisations requiring our help.

Although we continued to have a core body of volunteers to sort donations and work in the stores, maintaining sufficient volunteers required ongoing attention and action.

### **Foodbank**

Our Foodbank, which was established at the start of the first lockdown, continued to provide weekly food parcels to support families whose income had dropped significantly as a result of lockdown and was particularly focused on those families who were excluded from national support schemes, such as sole traders. We were grateful for the continuing support of individuals and retailers for much needed donations.

### **Homes Team**

Our Homes Team continued to help and support those in need in our community who were referred to us by Social Services, the Probation Service and other charities. The number of referrals gradually started to increase again to pre-pandemic levels. We were able to provide furniture and household goods to help those who have been provided with accommodation but had little or no material possessions.

Examples of Homes Team support from January - December 2021 were:

- 420 referrals- involving 504 adults & 496 children
- 89 with nothing, 80 needed quite a lot of items, rest (251) just a few items
- 225 beds, bedding for 243 & quilts for 210
- 105 sofas, 57 two ring burners and 116 microwaves
- 180 wardrobes or hanging rails and rugs to 30 families
- 37 fridges/freezers
- 27 washing machines and 16 TV's

### **Refugees**

Our first refugee home in Warrington for Afghan refugees was completed in December ahead of the family moving in in January. An 11-strong team were present on the day to get everything in and setup. Earlier in the week two other volunteers had been in and attached curtain poles, as well as volunteers building flat pack furniture at the Home Store to save time on the day. Since then, our services to refugees have grown to include Pop Up Dignity Shops, where refugees are given vouchers so that they can choose clothes and hygiene goods for themselves and advocacy support to improve services within the settings in which they are housed.

## **Summer Social**

We held a Summer Social to thank volunteers and give refugees experience of a family day out. The day, which was held in the local countryside, included many fun activities, a visit from a local ice cream farm and food from many cultures and countries donated by attendees.

## **Christmas Appeal**

Our Christmas Appeal Treat Packs and Gifts were delivered to 113 families and 246 children.

- 17 refugee families and 45 children
- 30 foodbank families and 67 children
- 4 primary schools in Warrington (St Augustine's, Our Lady's, Beamont & Latchford St James) – 46 families and 94 children
- 20 social referrals and 40 children

Local businesses/organisations helped with this by donating new toys, gifts and Christmas treats (including mince pies, Christmas cakes & puddings, savouries, advent calendars and boxed chocolates). We were very grateful to receive financial donations from individual donors and from fundraising activities organised by our supporters.

In essence our mission statement can be contracted to: "Helping people in their time of need" and we continue to strive to use our resources to achieve our aims and objectives.

## **Financial Review**

The following statements set out the financial position of CARE UK Charity for the year ended 31 May 2022.

The profits from our shops continued to provide the bulk of our funds for our charitable activity bringing in a net profit of £150,933 during the year. Our retail activity recovered well after the enforced closures in the previous year brought about by the COVID pandemic and footfall soon returned to, and by the end of the year had exceeded, pre pandemic levels.

The lease on our shop in Kingsley, and hence retail activity, finished at the end of November 2021. Just before the end of the year we received notice on the property in Northwich and the shop closed in the middle of June 2022. We are seeking new retail properties.

Our income, apart from that from our shops, was down on the previous year and our charitable expenditure was significantly higher but we ended the year with a surplus of £24,701. This left us with a total accumulated surplus in our general fund at the year-end of £197,139.

During the COVID pandemic much of our charitable activity was curtailed which meant that our expenditure during this period was reduced and consequently our general reserves increased. As things have gradually returned to normal the requests for our help have increased, a situation partly brought about by the cost-of-living crisis.

The trustees believe that having a healthy surplus puts us in a strong position to meet the ever-increasing needs of the communities which we are trying to serve.

During the year we continued to support the work of Becky's Bathhouse AMKE, which is a Greek registered charity, based in Lesvos. This is from funds that were received specifically for this purpose and we have accounted for these funds separately as a restricted fund.

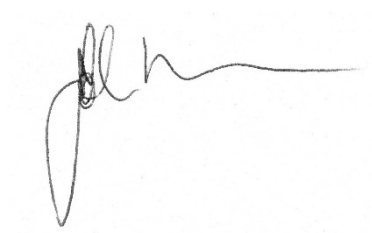
We also hold some funds specifically to help victims of flooding in the Warrington area and again these funds have been moved into, and accounted for separately in, a restricted fund.

The Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy to maintain cash reserves equal to approximately three months of the running costs of the organisation. This is currently deemed to be £100,000. The Trustees want to ensure that our surplus funds are put to good use in helping those in need.

## **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and financial statements for the year to 31 May 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A Stott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John A Stott  
Treasurer and Trustee  
31 March 2023

## **CARE UK Charity**

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### **Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 May 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CARE UK Charity for the year ended 31 May 2022.

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

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

#### **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 any 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.



Jonathan Rigby FCA  
Rigby Lennon & Co

31 March 2023

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## CARE UK Charity

### Profit and loss account for retail activity for year ended 31 May 2022

	Year ended 31 May 2022	Year ended 31 May 2021
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Shop sales	481,151	224,453
VAT reclaimed	-	834
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	2,695	39,862
Grants during lockdown	-	58,586
Total income	<u>483,846</u>	<u>323,735</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Property expenses	82,981	28,604
Wages and pensions	214,924	138,004
Vehicle and transport costs	7,424	6,454
Finance charges	4,301	3,075
General expenses	19,801	14,405
Depreciation	3,482	-
Total expenses	<u>332,913</u>	<u>190,542</u>
<b>Net profit from retail activity</b>	<u><u>150,933</u></u>	<u><u>133,193</u></u>



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### Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 May 2022

	Year ended 31 May 2022		Year ended 31 May 2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
<b>Income</b>				
Profit from retail activity	150,933	-	133,193	-
Donations from individuals	36,849	150	41,183	7,915
Bequests	-	-	10,000	57,438
Donations from groups and organisations	4,841	-	13,592	1,000
Gift Aid claimed	2,116	-	3,020	-
Fundraising activities	5,987	-	25,712	6,197
Recycling of goods	19,561	-	12,800	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	7,757	-
Other income	22,713	-	10,333	-
Bank interest	19	-	18	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>243,019</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>257,608</b>	<b>72,550</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Aid for refugees overseas	24,726	-	21,070	-
Donations to aid organisations overseas	6,260	77,226	18,132	39,163
Container costs and shipping	12,934	-	10,980	-
Support for refugees and families in UK	43,928	-	1,156	-
Homes team costs	31,191	-	12,916	-
Food Bank	2,908	-	7,605	-
Flood relief	-	1,968	1,640	-
Vehicle and transport expenses	6,748	-	6,105	-
Premises costs	323	-	4,245	-
Wages and pensions	75,757	-	31,769	-
General expenses	10,118	189	6,638	765
Depreciation (Note 1)	3,425	-	1,250	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>218,318</b>	<b>79,383</b>	<b>123,506</b>	<b>39,928</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit) for the period</b>	<b>24,701</b>	<b>(79,233)</b>	<b>134,102</b>	<b>32,622</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus brought forward</b>	<b>190,452</b>	<b>106,072</b>	<b>56,350</b>	<b>73,450</b>
<b>Transfer to Restricted Funds</b>	<b>(18,014)</b>	<b>18,014</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net reserves at 31 May 2022</b>	<b>197,139</b>	<b>44,853</b>	<b>190,452</b>	<b>106,072</b>

## CARE UK Charity

### Balance sheet at 31 May 2022

	Balance at 31 May 2022	Balance at 31 May 2021
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Motor vehicles (Note 1)	10,467	2,292
Fixtures & fittings (Note 1)	3,918	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Trade debtors	2,111	1,974
Prepayments	4,658	3,293
Bank current accounts	57,619	135,869
Bank deposit accounts	175,156	159,637
PayPal account	58	299
Cash in hand	3,278	6,227
VAT repayable	3,994	2,765
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>261,259</b>	<b>312,356</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accruals	19,267	15,832
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>19,267</b>	<b>15,832</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS AT 31 MAY 2022</b>	<b>241,992</b>	<b>296,524</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	197,139	190,452
Restricted Funds	44,853	106,072
<b>TOTAL NET RESERVES AT 31 MAY 2022</b>	<b>241,992</b>	<b>296,524</b>

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### Notes to the accounts for year ended 31 May 2022

#### 1. Fixed Assets

	Motor vehicles	Fixtures & fittings
	£	£
COST		
As at 1 June 2021	5,000	-
Additions during the year	11,600	7,400
As at 31 May 2022	<u>16,600</u>	<u>7,400</u>
DEPRECIATION		
As at 1 June 2021	2,708	-
Charge for the year	3,425	3,482
As at 31 May 2022	<u>6,133</u>	<u>3,482</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
As at 1 June 2021	<u>2,292</u>	-
As at 31 May 2022	<u>10,467</u>	<u>3,918</u>

Depreciation on motor vehicles is provided at an annual rate of 25% on a straight-line basis to write off the asset over its estimated useful life.

Depreciation on fixtures and fittings is provided over their anticipated useful life.

#### 2. Trustee remuneration

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration. No members of the Board of Trustees received reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses during the year.

#### 3. Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.