

Company Registration No. 09899830 (England and Wales)

ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Directors	Jacqueline Freeman Marian Hammersley Field Elizabeth Lincoln Elizabeth Ann Needham Farhat Zia
Company Number	09899830 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	4 Oldfield Road London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1JA

ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
(COMPANY NO: 09899830 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal activity

The principle activity of the company for the year under review was the collection and distribution of emergency aid for refugees from war, oppression, natural disasters, climate change, and those being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, or membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Elizabeth Needham
Farhat Zia
Jacqueline Freeman
Marian Hammersley Field
Elizabeth Lincoln

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Elizabeth Needham
Director

Approved by the board on: 28 July 2025

ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	36,598	20,508
Cost of sales	(32,077)	(16,632)
Gross profit	<u>4,521</u>	<u>3,876</u>
 Distribution costs	 (234)	 (525)
Administrative expenses	(624)	(1,389)
Operating profit	<u>3,663</u>	<u>1,962</u>
 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	 3,663	 1,962
 Tax on profit on ordinary activities	 -	 -
	<u><u>3,663</u></u>	<u><u>1,962</u></u>

ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Inventories		6,500	6,500
Cash at bank and in hand		5,961	2,298
		<u>12,461</u>	<u>8,798</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>12,461</u>	<u>8,798</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		12,461	8,798
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		0	0
Net assets		<u><u>12,461</u></u>	<u><u>8,798</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		<u>12,461</u>	<u>8,798</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u><u>12,461</u></u>	<u><u>8,798</u></u>

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 28 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by

Elizabeth Needham
Director

Company Registration No. 09899830

ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Statutory information

St Albans for Refugees is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registration number 09899830. The registered office is 4 Oldfield Road, London Colney, Hertfordshire AL2 1JA

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Turnover

Turnover represents the value, net of VAT and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Going concern

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

4 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2023: 0)

ST ALBANS FOR REFUGEES
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover		
Donations received (unrestricted)	9,509	19,508
Donations received (restricted)	27,089	1,000
	<u>36,598</u>	<u>20,508</u>
Cost of sales		
Distribution of charitable funds and items - unrestricted	5,555	16,452
Distribution of charitable funds and items - restricted	26,279	0
Other direct costs	243	180
	<u>32,077</u>	<u>16,632</u>
Distribution costs	234	525
	<u>32,310</u>	<u>17,157</u>
Gross Profit	<u>4,288</u>	<u>3,351</u>
Administrative expenses		
Advertising	0	17
Packaging	72	156
Office Stationery	0	375
Website	206	324
Telephone and Fax	109	73
Computer and Software	0	77
Repairs and Renewals	0	37
Accountancy fees	13	0
Insurance	224	295
Sundry Expenses	0	32
Bank Charges	0	2
	<u>624</u>	<u>1,389</u>
Operating profit	<u><u>3,663</u></u>	<u><u>1,962</u></u>

St Albans for Refugees
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts

Sarah Douglas

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Sarah Douglas FICB

31/8/2025

Trustees' Annual Report

St Albans for Refugees (Charity No. 1167679)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

St Albans for Refugees (StAR) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association and registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1167679).

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are recruited from the local community and appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document. The board meets regularly to oversee operations and compliance. There was no change in the trustee body during 2024.

Organisational structure

Day-to-day activity is undertaken by volunteers under the oversight of trustees. Key functions include aid coordination, ESOL delivery and partnership work.

Risk management

Trustees routinely review risks around funding, safeguarding, logistics and volunteer capacity.

Objects and activities

Charitable objects

To relieve need among refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons locally and internationally.

Activities during 2024

- January workshop with partner organisations to plan the year's response.
- Collection and distribution of donated clothing and essentials for asylum seekers in Hertfordshire.
- Provision of ESOL and conversational English support.
- Ongoing partnership with local refugee-support groups.
- Volunteer engagement and awareness-raising through community events.

Achievements and performance

- Strengthened ESOL programme.
- Sustained material-aid deliveries.
- Increased community engagement via social media and local events.

Beneficiaries

Primary beneficiaries are refugees and asylum seekers in the St Albans/Hertfordshire area, as well as indirectly the wider community through strengthened social cohesion. We also supported aid efforts in Ukraine.

Financial review

The charity remained financially stable during 2024, funded largely by donations. Expenditure focused on aid logistics, ESOL support and volunteer resources.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold 3–6 months of operating costs.

Going concern

The charity remains a going concern with planned activities continuing into 2025.

Plans for the future

Plans include expanding ESOL provision, enhancing support for refugees in temporary accommodation, developing partnerships, improving monitoring of impact data, and sustaining donation levels.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name: St Albans for Refugees

Charity registration number: 1167679

Company number: 09899830

Registered address: 4 Oldfield Road, London Colney, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 1JA

Trustees: Elizabeth Needham, Elizabeth Lincoln, Marian Hammersley Field, Farhat Zia, Jacqui Freeman

Independent examiner: Sarah Douglas FICB

Bankers: Metro Bank

Website: www.stalbansforrefugees.org

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and financial statements, selecting suitable accounting policies, maintaining proper accounting records, and safeguarding the charity's assets.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 31 August 2025 and signed on their behalf:



Chair