

WRP Trustees' Annual Report 01 September 2021 - 31 August 2022

Charity name: **Wycombe Refugee Partnership**

Charity registration number: 1168176

Charity's principal address:

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Charity Trustees:	Dr Michael Bowker	Chairman
	Dr Stephanie Rybak	Vice-chair
	Dr Saleema Burney	
	Dr Tanveer Choudhary	
	Dr Nasheeda Mariyam	
	Mr Razwan Baig	Treasurer
	Mrs Sue Butler	
	Revd Hugh Ellis	Retired July 2022

Objects of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation:

To prevent and relieve poverty among refugees and asylum seekers and people granted humanitarian or discretionary leave to remain, together with their dependents by providing advice / access to: interpreting, translating, advocacy, health, housing, employment and education in the High Wycombe area.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit:

This year the covid pandemic controls were lifted but continued to impact our activities which were mainly in support of the asylum seekers within High Wycombe.

We continued to collaborate with local organisations to ensure that they received enough food and issued monthly supermarket vouchers to supplement their meagre Home Office allowances.

Our UK government funded basic accommodation for all who were destitute during Covid times but that funding through local authorities came to an end. The housing plans for Afghan refugees meant that many were marooned in hotels. We collaborated with Buckinghamshire Council finding landlords willing to let at local housing rates for two Afghan families. Another family originally from Afghanistan, having settled in Ukraine, was similarly housed by a generous landlord.

We accommodated three new refugee families: one from Afghanistan, another originally from Syria and one Palestinian couple in our half-way house. However, we also supported 39 refugees with leave to remain, with their 30 children, and 20 persons seeking asylum with 20 children.

We continued to receive grants and donations to sustain this new work and confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Contributions made by volunteers continued to provide wrap around support. 80 active volunteers continued teaching English, often through Zoom, being befrienders and supporting those facing form filling in matters of health, welfare and housing. We provided school uniforms and a range of goods from furniture to textbooks in response to people's needs.

The part-time paid administrator took adoption leave from July that year so more devolved on our volunteers.

Main achievements

In August 2022 we were presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by Lady Howe, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, for providing wrap around support to resettle refugee families and assist asylum seekers in High Wycombe.

We worked in partnership with 26 other organisations to optimise support for our 109 beneficiaries, continuing to support refugees , asylum seekers and their families in rebuilding their lives.

The best outcome can be stated in this letter dated February 2022 from one of our young adult beneficiaries who now (June 2023) is completing her first year medicine course.

Quote from Sanctuary Scholarship supported student:

Having these vouchers has honestly been such a help and relief, as it has been one less thing that I need to think about over these past few months, so I really owe both you and the organisation a lot for that.

I do want to let you know, that the help I have received from you has really allowed me to focus on my studies a bit more so I am very thankful for that - as a result, I have achieved a first-class in all of my modules that I have been assessed on so far - this includes my exams that just ended last week, which went very well as well, so I am very pleased about. I also did go through an interview for the University's medicine course, I have also started volunteering at a scheme that supports adults with learning disabilities and got involved in both a Global Health and Raise and Give charity to help them with organising fundraising events, as well as am playing basketball. It has been a great experience so far.

Policy on grant making remains that funds are designated for the benefit of our local beneficiaries.

Financial review

We have two streams of monetary funding. One was restricted in use (62%) and second unrestricted (38%). Additionally we are most grateful for "gifts in kind" to meet our beneficiaries needs.

Reserve Policy level:

The annual unrestricted funds remained above the reserve policy level through the year.

Total Cash Funds were 28% above last year which shows a stable sustainability throughout this year.

Our reserve policy cover is to hold enough funds to meet six months salaries for our administrators and for at least resettlement costs of three new families a year.

Funds/ Grants:

58% of our receipts were from restricted grants and donations.

Expenditure on our support for refugees and asylum-seekers was 8% higher than in the previous year, in particular supermarket vouchers/food, IT equipment and support and bus fares. We received a higher level of grants this year as donors perceived that we could use them efficiently for our beneficiaries who were particularly impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Cashflow Transparency

All monetary funds were held in bank accounts and all expenditure was done through banking systems. This achieves accuracy and a robust audit trail throughout the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with a constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in May 2016 with the only voting members being its charity trustees. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Dr Michael Bowker Chair of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

9/1/21

To

8/31/22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	34,462	2,830	-	37,292	8,656
Grants	2,850	49,660	-	52,510	41,438
Gift Aid	706	-	-	706	2,154
Fundraising	- 0	-	-	-	-
Halfway House Rental Income	- 0	-	-	-	2,667
				-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	38,018	52,490	-	90,507	54,915
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Repayments	250	- 0	- 0	250	200
		- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	250	- 0	- 0	250	200
Total receipts	38,268	52,490	- 0	90,757	55,115
A3 Payments					
Halfway House Expenses	194	6,357	-	6,551	4,314
Fundraising Expenses	41	-	-	41	120
Support for Refugees & Asylum-seekers	7,949	26,675	-	34,624	31,943
Admin Salaries & Expenses	3,158	14,211	-	17,369	10,008
Compliance	90	-	-	90	95
Advertising	1,232	-	-	1,232	-
Insurance	616	-	-	616	616
				-	
				-	
Sub total	13,280	47,243	-	60,523	47,096
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loans Made	13,858	- 0	- 0	13,858	500
Cash Advance	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	13,858	- 0	- 0	13,858	500
Total payments	27,138	47,243	- 0	74,380	47,596
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,130	5,247	- 0	16,377	7,519
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	- 0	-	- 0	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,504	11,726	-	58,230	50,712
Cash funds this year end	57,634	16,973	-	74,607	58,230

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	57,634	16,973	-
	Total cash funds	57,634	16,973	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Charitable Loans Due	22,214	-	-
	Cash Advance	200	-	-

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of WRP Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of WRP Trust ('the Trust') for the period ending 31 August 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 2011 Act 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

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.

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.



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11th June 2023