

Trustees Annual Report 2023-2024

01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Charity registration number: 1168176

Principal address: Parish Office, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe HP13 6RF



Rebuilding lives
Renewing hope

Objectives and Activities

Purposes: 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 main activities: This year we supported 50 refugee and asylum seeking families in High Wycombe which consisted of 212 beneficiaries (114 adults and 98 children). This support included providing befrienders for orientation to the town and introduction to the amenities, services and opportunities here; help with English language access with one-to-one English support also given to 14 individuals; supporting access to all levels of education for children and young people. We organised sporting and cultural activities for children to encourage integration and familiarity with opportunities in the UK. We also provided support and links to local support for job seeking. We provided help in finding private housing, and, where applicable, help with applications for social housing, alongside provision of household items and furnishings, and the inevitable paperwork related support for setting up a home in the UK.

Rising costs of living impacted asylum seeker families with school children particularly hard. As this group have no access to public funds and most are not allowed to seek work we have continued providing additional support in the form of supermarket vouchers to supplement their £50 per head per week which is the Home Office allowance meant to cover everything beyond basic housing.

Refugee families starting to be temporarily housed here by west London councils came to our notice early in 2024. This trend has continued, increasing in the number of councils temporarily housing refugees here and in the total number of people. During the year, we supported 13 temporarily housed families, totalling 21 adults and 28 children.

The emergency accommodation, owned by the Chiltern Area Quaker Meeting, was maintained and used by three individual refugees and one refugee family as a halfway house on the way to finding viable work and more permanent accommodation.

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

Grant making: Our funds are for the direct support of beneficiaries living within our local area. Apart from administrator support equivalent to one full time employee all our work is voluntary.

Befriending, English language teaching, educational support and tutoring, paperwork support, helping transition to independent housing once refugee status has been granted, and encounters with statutory authorities were handled by over 60 volunteers. During the year we updated our safeguarding training and held three in-person safeguarding training sessions for our volunteers.

Social investment: Successful projects to improve community integration included coffee mornings for women with provision for preschool children, which continue monthly at Wycombe Museum funded by a grant from Marlow Refugee Action. In December, 22 women visited Hughenden Manor exploring the twelve days of Christmas decorations. An activities programme for school age children continued with the popular weekly skateboarding sessions thanks to Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. Swimming lessons, football and taekwondo opportunities were also enjoyed by various individuals with our support. Families with children attended a day outing to Odds Farm Park and children were welcomed for musical activities at Vache Baroque and two Introduction to Music days.

Achievements: We continued working in partnership with many local organisations to restore hope and rebuild family life for those who had escaped life threatening situations in their home countries.

We continued with a team of paid administrators and they set up a new Charitylog management and recording system for use by our volunteers and trustees.

We strengthened our networks by becoming affiliated to the No Accommodation Network (NACCOM) and we achieved the Charity Excellence Quality Mark.

One of our success stories is of a young woman who came from Iraq aged 16, with determination to become a lawyer. She passed her GCSE English at the fourth attempt to secure a place to study in London. Now in her third year still achieving top marks she intends to become a barrister.

Finance

Position at end of the year:

Our total income was £54,980 and expenditure, including loans, was £69,135.

Cash balance being £80,686 leaving us in a steady state with adequate reserves.

The only financial resources are in our current bank accounts.

Our reserves policy cover is to hold enough funds to meet six months' salaries for our administrators and for resettlement costs for at least three families.

The reserves level was set at £30,000.

During the year our principal sources of funds were gratefully received from:

The Rothschild Foundation

Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards & Heart of Bucks

ASDA Foundation

Edith Maud Ellis Charitable Trust

Gt Missenden Parish Church

Marlow Refugee Action

Little Kingshill Baptist Church

Individual donors

Principal risks facing the charity are significant changes to government immigration policy and a loss of trust held by our individual donors, grant making bodies and volunteers.

Governance and management: Our governing document is the Charity Commission model constitution creating a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered in July 2016. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees, who are required to stand down after nine years in post. The only voting members are the trustees.

Charity Trustees:

Dr Michael Bowker Chairman

Dr Stephanie Rybak Returned January 2024 after sabbatical

Dr Saleema Burney On sabbatical year from June 2024, returned June 2025

Dr Tanveer Choudhary

Dr Nasheeda Mariyam

Mr Razwan Baig Treasurer

Mrs Susanne Butler Vice-Chair wef January 2024

Mrs Elizabeth Sheppard

Mr David Jones wef 1 March 2025

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

Signature:



Full names: Susanne Helen Butler

MICHAEL BOWKER



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31/8/2024

	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 £
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,898	8,993	-	- 905	6,983
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,866	24,725	-	81,591	74,607
Cash funds this year end	46,968	33,718	-	80,686	81,590

Categories

Details

**Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £**

**Restricted
funds
to nearest £**

**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

B1 Cash funds

Cash at Bank	46,968	33,718	-
Total cash funds	46,968	33,718	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Charitable Loans Due	29,316	-	-
Cash Advance		-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
n/a			


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
n/a			

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
n/a			

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RAZWAN BAKI	21/6/2025
	SUSANNE BUTLER	21/6/2025

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 2024.

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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I.C.A.S. Membership No: M26670

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21st June 2025