



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



**UareUK**

United to assist refugees UK

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

### **United to Assist Refugees UK (UAREUK)**

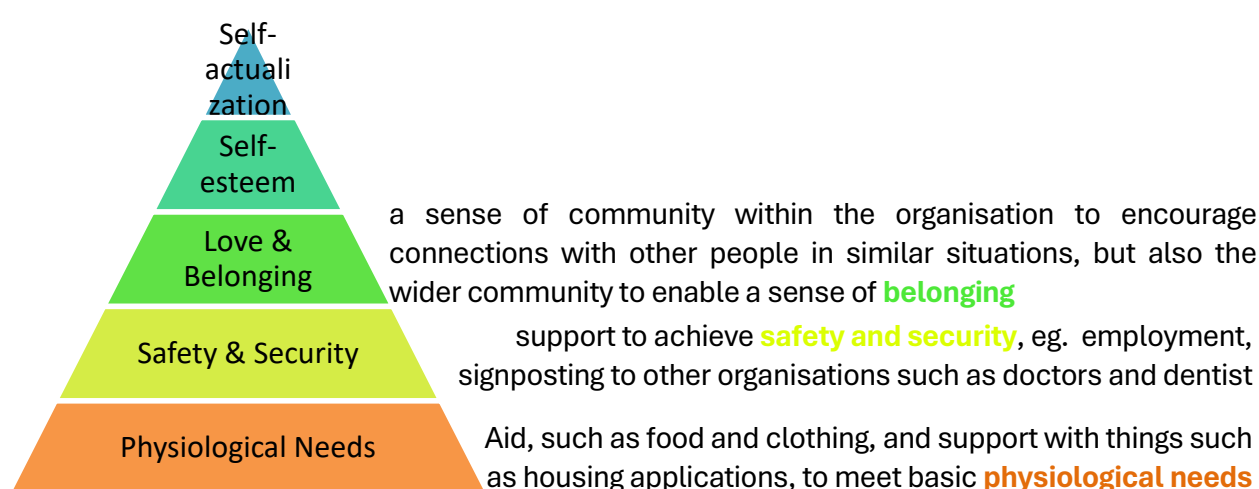
**Charity registration number: 1169738**

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## Our Objective

**To relieve poverty, sickness, and distress of persons who are internally displaced or who are refugees fleeing war and persecution, by the provision of such aid, food and assistance for such persons or organisations established to assist them, particularly in Greece, Lebanon, Jordan and Macedonia and the surrounding areas as the trustees shall think fit.**

As per Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, we believe that by helping our service users with the difficulties at the lower levels, we can support the top levels of the pyramid, by providing:



to help to restore their self-esteem, which in turn will lead to them having a self-sustained and fulfilled life in the UK.

## What has the Charity been doing?

The level of need locally, seen from mid-2022 has continued throughout 2023. Our focus has therefore been on providing our support to refugees and asylum seekers around Wrexham and North Wales.

Locally, over the course of the year, UAREUK have:

- Collected aid at the UAREUK storage unit and hub and redistributed it
- Held weekly drop-in sessions for service users
- Organised events and workshops, such as informal English lessons, advice and support, craft and art sessions
- Provided training, learning, and volunteering opportunities. Groundworks came to the hub to deliver courses in basic IT, CV Writing, First Aid and Interview Practice.

- Collected and repaired donated bikes, redistributing these along with helmets and locks.
- Provided Food vouchers and Christmas gifts
- Provided school necessities when the official routes failed.
- Organised “Pop-up” shops at the Hub, selling (for free or donations) collected and donated items, such as clothes, homewares, toiletries etc. to local refugees and asylum seekers.
- Distribute SIM cards as a Vodafone partner for Wales for Ukrainian refugees and others) arriving in the UK
- Provided transport for new arrivals at airports from Ukraine to hosts/sponsors.
- Provided support with aid and furniture for refugees and asylums seekers
  
- Raised funds through:
  - Online Appeals – using paypal, gofundme, facebook etc.
  - Selling merchandise.
  - Claiming grants, aid, and making applications to various funds.
  
- Raised awareness through:
  - Workshop delivery at Delta Capita
  - A five-day exhibition and shop at the Eisteddfod
  - Engaged with Ken Skates MS for Wrexham
  - Met with Mick Antoniw, Minister for the Constitution.
  
- Continued to build the Community Hub at King Street.
- Continued our efforts at the Community Garden in Caia Park – 20 volunteering group days across the year!
- Provided day trips and activities to support refugee and asylum seeking families with children

## Some highlights from the year



We began a collaboration with New Sinfonia, a Wrexham based choir and orchestra. The New Year's Classical Gala was attended by 30 of our Ukrainian refugees, with the children having an opportunity to conduct the orchestra.

Our hub users then performed in the 'We Rise Together' concert at St Giles Church. We raised over £1000 for Ukraine in collections and from sales at our merchandise stand.

This went to Ukraine the following week and was used to buy food, medicines, fuel and needed items for children at an orphanage. They have also performed with New Sinfonia at St Asaph Cathedral and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod.



This year, the UK, on behalf of last year's winners, Ukraine, hosted The Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool. Whilst tickets were free to Ukrainian refugees, UAREUK was able to fund and organise transport for 40+ to two events – the competition night itself, and a Jamala concert.





... lots of family trips out, including

We organised a trip to Chester Zoo – applying for tickets under their Community Connection scheme, we funded busses for 142 people. A beautiful day!



Toasting Marshmallows at Bodfari Woodland Skills Centre



Over eighty people joined us on our annual Beach trip to Llandudno.



...Plus lots of parties!

## **Impact**

Supported around 550 people, including around 160 families, across 17 nationalities.

Volunteers donated over 3000 hours!!

Aid and Outreach to Ukraine has supported at least 350-400 people.

Redistributed over 4000 donated items to those in need.

- The Hub – Providing a safe space, with a real community atmosphere.
- Community Garden - As well as providing food, this promotes community cohesion and integration.
- Saw attendance at our learning and wellbeing workshops steadily increase.
- Providing bikes has enabled independent and sustainable transport for both adults and children.

## **What our future holds**

### **Risks and Mitigation**

As a small charity, reduced funding will always be our key threat. Recent societal and economic conditions, the “Cost of Living crisis” and increasing overheads, on top of the continuing impact of the Covid epidemic, the war in Ukraine, and the UK leaving the European Union, all create a gloomy financial landscape. However, these are also the key reasons why our charity is needed. As such, we will continue to actively pursue all available grants, engage with our private donors, and encourage donations at all opportunities. We will also continue to explore other avenues of revenue generation.

We would like to see our reserves continue to increase year-on-year, to ensure our sustainability.

The UK’s break from the EU continues to make distributing aid overseas far more complex, and as such, this year we have focussed more on what we can do locally – we will not run out of ways we can help in just Wrexham and surrounding areas.

## **Additional information**

### **Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

The trustees have read and considered the aspects and guidance issues by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We aim to support projects that benefit the many (with a focus on the sick, women and children and families).

Where we have requests for specific help, we will discuss the request and usually then run an appeal to fundraise funds specifically for that purpose.

### **Policy on grant making**

The charity has not provided any grants in this period.

## **Contributions and Thanks**

UAREUK trustees would like to sincerely thank:

- all volunteers who have given their time, skills and enthusiasm to the activities of the charity in this period
- Private donors who donate to appeals and share our appeals and updates, we appreciate your contribution very much
- The following organisations:
  - Allen Lane Foundation
  - Community Foundation Wales
  - Hafryn Dyfrdwy
  - Keep Wales Tidy
  - Kew Gardens Grow Wild
  - Moondance Foundation
  - Open Philanthropy (Think NPC)
  - Police Commissioner's Fund
  - Social Farms and Gardens
  - Steve Morgan Foundation
  - Wrexham Multicultural Hub
- Those organisations with whom we have collaborated, New Sinfonia, Groundworks, JamiQs, Chester Zoo, Bodfari Woodland Skills, Tŷ Pawb and Wrexham AFC.

## Financial Review

### Brief overview

Turnover	£ 74 545.05		
Costs & Expenses	£ 59 137.37		
Total Capital and Reserves	£ 15 407.68		
Closing Balances	Cash £ 18 440.61	Purchase Ledger £ 3 232.93	Sales ledger £ 200.00

### Grants and Funding

The largest proportion of turnover is grants, generating £44943 during the year. Secondly, private donations contributed £18779.

## Structure, Governance, and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution (CIO)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	UAREUK is CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All details pertaining to lengths of service can be found in the constitution. We now have an application form for new trustees and will advertise as and when we require to do so.

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	UAREUK
Other name the charity uses	United to Assist Refugees UK
Registered charity number	1169738
Charity's principal address	65 King Street Wrexham LL11 1HR



### 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. Ann Henders	Chair	Whole year	
2. Alistair Townend		Whole year	
3. Paul Heppell		Whole year	
4. Susan Martin MBE		Whole year	

### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

## Declarations

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature

*Ann Henders*

Full Name

Ann Henders

Position

Chair

Date

30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# Statement of Financial Activities

United to Assist Refugees UK  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL ASSIGNED
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	3,892.13	14,987.02	18,879.15
Events	(261.00)	(95.61)	(356.61)
Giftaid income	-	842.35	842.35
Giving Platforms	527.25	205.78	733.03
Grants and Funding	44,943.00	-	44,943.00
Room Hire	-	2,760.00	2,760.00
Sales	299.65	3,287.25	3,586.90
Cash4clothes	-	135.00	135.00
Cashback	-	56.03	56.03
Raffle	-	37.20	37.20
Rent	2,379.00	350.00	2,729.00
Workshops & Awareness	-	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>51,780.03</b>	<b>22,765.02</b>	<b>74,545.05</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>			
Phones & IT for ASR	-	175.00	175.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>175.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>51,780.03</b>	<b>22,590.02</b>	<b>74,370.05</b>
<b>Establishment Costs</b>			
Property - Rent	10,720.55	(301.22)	10,419.33
Property - Utilities	3,119.92	340.17	3,460.09
Compliance and Insurance	-	830.06	830.06
<b>Total Establishment Costs</b>	<b>13,840.47</b>	<b>869.01</b>	<b>14,709.48</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>			
Admin and Finance	87.50	2,810.36	2,897.86
Aid	(5,154.82)	1,701.02	(3,453.80)
Branding and Marketing	-	716.11	716.11
Equipment	1,081.72	2,249.79	3,331.51
Event Expenses	1,407.52	996.65	2,404.17
Food/Refreshments	1,348.92	807.07	2,155.99
Community Garden	331.39	53.39	384.78
Hub Consumables	86.06	693.31	779.37
Maintenance and Upkeep	-	292.11	292.11
Membership of Professional Bodies	-	93.33	93.33
Merchandise	29.00	1,673.93	1,702.93
Salaries	20,896.68	2,173.55	23,070.23
Staff Training and Development	182.98	58.50	241.48
Telephone, Comms & IT	87.00	1,190.05	1,277.05
Travel Costs/Fuel	1,367.30	1,771.64	3,138.94

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL ASSIGNED
Wellbeing/Arts & Crafts	1,277.57	459.76	1,737.33
Postage/Courier	7.32	185.05	192.37
Fundraising Platform Fees	-	109.96	109.96
Giving Platforms expenses	-	(55.00)	(55.00)
Paypal Fees	-	105.52	105.52
Bikes & Kit	180.00	67.28	247.28
Education & Learning	33.50	105.69	139.19
Professional Services	110.00	-	110.00
School Uniform	6.50	(11.59)	(5.09)
Non Recoverable VAT	39.00	2,792.28	2,831.28
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>23,405.14</b>	<b>21,039.76</b>	<b>44,444.90</b>
<b>Finance Costs</b>			
Bank Fees	-	160.34	160.34
<b>Total Finance Costs</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160.34</b>	<b>160.34</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>
<b>Left of the fund</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>

# Balance Sheet

## United to Assist Refugees UK As at 31 December 2023

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Paypal Account	284.61	-	47.94
Petty Cash Account	-	315.02	115.04
United to Assist Refugees UK	7,370.49	10,907.14	18,277.63
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>7,655.10</b>	<b>11,222.16</b>	<b>18,440.61</b>
Accounts Receivable	-	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>7,655.10</b>	<b>11,422.16</b>	<b>18,640.61</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Accounts Payable	3,725.77	(165.69)	3,560.08
Rounding	-	(0.34)	(0.34)
Suspense	-	(54.44)	(54.44)
Tracking Transfers	(9,915.31)	9,915.31	-
VAT	(889.76)	969.74	79.98
Petty Cash Account	199.98	-	-
Paypal Account	-	236.67	-
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>(6,879.32)</b>	<b>10,901.25</b>	<b>3,585.28</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Current Year Earnings	14,534.42	520.91	15,055.33
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>14,534.42</b>	<b>520.91</b>	<b>15,055.33</b>



# Statement of Cash Flows

## United to Assist Refugees UK For the year ended 31 December 2023

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from customers	51,839.96	23,223.04	75,063.00
Payments to suppliers and employees	(34,469.53)	(25,884.12)	(60,353.65)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	-	3,786.04	3,786.04
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>17,370.43</b>	<b>1,124.96</b>	<b>18,495.39</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Other cash items from financing activities	(9,915.31)	526.38	(9,388.93)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	<b>(9,915.31)</b>	<b>526.38</b>	<b>(9,388.93)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>7,455.12</b>	<b>1,651.34</b>	<b>9,106.46</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-	9,334.15	9,334.15
Net change in cash for period	7,455.12	1,651.34	9,106.46
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	7,455.12	10,985.49	18,440.61

**UAREUK (United to Assist Refugees UK)**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are comprised of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

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 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 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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 to be reached.



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Liz Needham  
On behalf of Needham Accountancy Limited

Date: 16 October 2024