



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



UareUK

Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 202 to 31st December 2024

United to Assist Refugees UK (UAREUK)

Charity registration number: 1169738

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Our Objective

During 2024 we amended our Governing document to reflect some changes post-Brexit and Covid that sees UareUK's activities primarily focused in the UK.

This was approved by the Charities Commission as follows:

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, assistance, medical aid, community support and empowerment projects for such persons or organisations established to assist them in Wales and surrounding areas or other countries as the trustees shall see fit.

Our Values

We continue to live by our values:

- We do the right thing not the easy thing.
- We work with compassion.
- We are consistent – always there.
- We treat everyone fairly and equally.
- We work in solidarity.
- We believe every child has the right to the same opportunities no matter their background or residency status.
- We do things well, that does not mean we have to do them quickly. Let the cake bake!

Our Mission

We continue to work with all our members (service users) to deliver together our mission:

*Delivering sessions for asylum seekers and refugees to find their feet

*Creating mutual understanding, employment, opportunities and shared experiences through food, art and music projects.

Our Vision and segmenting the charity into 4 clear areas

Our Vision is an integrated society to which all contribute to live a purposeful life.

To be clear on the pathways to achieving this vision and ,as over the period, we recognised that the growth of the charity meant that we needed to create some segments of UareUK, each with their own outputs and outcomes, so we created four distinct yet holistic parts:

- The UareUK Refugee Hub/ Day to day activities
- The Community Garden (Gardd Heddwach)
- The Peace Kitchen
- Bits 'n' Peaces Charity Shop and preloved sales



What has the Charity been doing?

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

- Collected aid at the UAREUK hub and redistributed it
- Held weekly drop-in sessions for service users (we refer to everyone as 'Hub Members')
- Organised events and workshops, such as informal English lessons, advice and support, craft and art sessions
- Created, curate and hosted music, art and food events for cohesion, integration and awareness
- Started weekly lunches at the hub cooked by Sanctuary seekers from around the world
- Provided training, learning, and volunteering opportunities both at the hub, partner locations, the community garden and through our Peace Kitchen project
- Collected and repaired donated bikes via our partnership with Drosi Bikes in Llangollen, redistributing these along with helmets and locks.
- 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 support with aid and furniture for refugees and asylum seekers
- School Holiday Activities from discos, boxing, dancing and gymnastics for children
- Raised funds through:
 - Online Appeals – using paypal, gofundme, facebook etc.
 - Selling merchandise.
- Continued our efforts at the Community Garden in Caia Park – 30 volunteering group days across the year!
- Provided day trips and activities to support refugee and asylum-seeking families with children
- New Charity shop to collect donations, sell donations, save items for re-use and repurpose
- Written a paper to Home Office on ticketing issues for Home Office interviews and to DAF for cooking options issues – both were acknowledged and addressed.
- Initiated an informal meet up for groups and organisations in Wrexham to share ideas, best practices, plan sessions to complement one another during the week for the best outcome for Sanctuary seekers.
- Coordinated with the local library to deliver summer Informal ESOL sessions once per week

Supporting in Ukraine - Commercial Dough Mixer for an Orphanage in Ukraine and 150 Hygiene Kits to families in Ukraine with 'Dream of Children of Ukraine'

Some highlights from the year

Music And Humanity 3 day exhibition and concert

2 new members of staff joined UareUK



Wrexham Big Picnic with TCC and the wider network of community groups!



Our Hub Kitchen gets a 5 star hygiene rating!



Over 40 Qualifications gained!!
First Aid, Food Hygiene Levels 2 and 3

Supporting CVs, adding to experience and complementing volunteering work

Charity Shop 'Bits 'n' Peaces' Launched successfully!



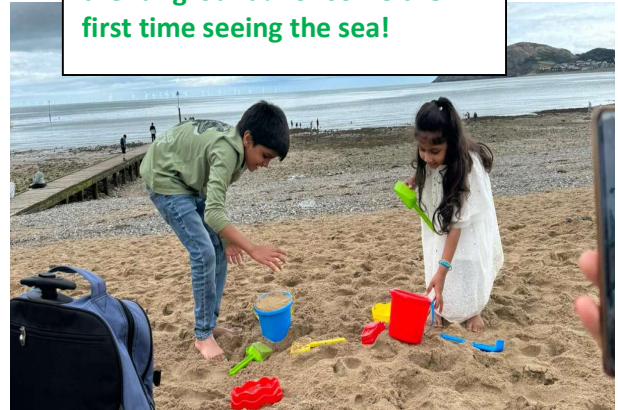
A successful first Peace Kitchen Pop up (during Llangollen Eisteddfod Music Festival week)

Events, Workshops, Days Out, Community Together

Arts, crafts and painting fun!
Always something to do at
social gatherings and tea times!



Llandudno Trip for over 80
people – fun at the beach and
the fairground! For some the
first time seeing the sea!



WELCOME

World Family Tea Time

4.30pm-5pm
Arrive, welcome, drinks etc

5pm-5.30pm
Activities, Face Painting and social

5.30pm-6pm Food Buffet

6pm – 6.30pm Bingo

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MAKING CONNECTIONS : BUILDING RESILIENCE
FAMILY FRIENDS

GROUNDWORK
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES

World Family Tea time
for over 90 people with
'Family Friend's and
Wrexham Mayor



Sneak Preview of the Snowman
film with New Sinfonia
Orchestra and meeting the
orchestra and the instruments!





Enjoying our new weekly lunch offering cooked by hub members



Iftar with the Dialogue Society in Liverpool



Holiday activities and a 'Staff Takeover' Christmas Dinner when all UareUK staff cooked for everyone!



Impact

Supported around 450 people, including around 120 families, across 18 nationalities. Volunteers donated over 2800 hours!!

Aid and Outreach to Ukraine has supported at least 200 people

Created events for cohesion, integration and awareness through food, art and music

Over 500 people (members of the general public) attended our music and art events/exhibitions

Redistributed over 3.500 donated items to those in need.

- The Hub – Providing a safe space, with a real community atmosphere. Weekly lunches. Social events and workshops.
- Community Garden - As well as providing food, this promotes community cohesion and integration.
- Peace Kitchen – people accessing affordable food, people accessing new food from around the world and learning about one another.
- Saw attendance at our learning and wellbeing workshops steadily increase.
- Providing bikes continues to enable independent and sustainable transport for both adults and children.

What our future holds

Risks and Mitigation

The greatest risk during this year was the riots in Summer time, we secured the hub windows with security film and additional bolts on doors. We also have a Priority police marker on the hub. We had to cancel a trip to Liverpool by coach and also postpone our summer trip to Llandudno due to protests, riots and safety concerns.

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. We have a robust plan for 2025 to 2026 in place to grow our income self generated and enterprises to increase reserves.

The UK’s break from the EU continues to make distributing aid overseas far more complex, and as such, this year we have moved our focus to local and regional with some small overseas aid and projects. This is reflected as detailed above in our change of Object as approved by the Charities Commission.

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).

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:
 - AVOW
 - Community Foundation Wales
 - Hafryn Dyfrdwy
 - Keep Wales Tidy
 - Moondance Foundation
 - Open Philanthropy (Think NPC)
 - Police Commissioner's Fund
 - Postcode Lottery
 - Shared Prosperity Fund
 - Social Farms and Gardens
 - The National Lottery Community Fund
 - Wrexham Multicultural Hub
- Those organisations with whom we have collaborated Groundworks, Family Friends, New Sinfonia, Eagles Meadow Shopping Centre, Caia Park Partnership, the Red Cross, BAWSO, Tŷ Pawb, WINGS, Llangollen Food Share, AVOW, Children's Clothing Exchange.

Financial Review

Brief overview

Carried Forwards from 2023	£ 12,104
Income	£ 124,430
Costs & Expenses	£ 125,735
End of period Funds (Restricted)	£9,663
End of period Reserves (Unrestricted)	£ 1,135

Grants and Funding

The largest proportion of turnover is grants, with private donations and self generated income contributing, with our focus for forwards is more self-generated income.

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 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

Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the 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		01/01/24 – 24/05/24	
4. Sean Holcroft		Whole year	
5. 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

Jane Townend (Whole Year)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details



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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

27th October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

United to Assist Refugees UK

For the year ended 31 December 2024



Account	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
Income			
Bits N Peaces Sales	0.00	88.30	88.30
Donations	461.98	4,072.55	4,534.53
Events	0.00	1,148.35	1,148.35
Giftaid income	231.42	223.58	455.00
Giving Platforms	0.00	139.83	139.83
Grants and Funding	94,972.00	20,150.00	115,122.00
Peace Kitchen Sales	0.00	50.00	50.00
Raffle	0.00	(30.00)	(30.00)
Rent	240.00	0.00	240.00
Room Hire	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Sales	0.00	1,432.34	1,432.34
Total Income	95,905.40	28,524.95	124,430.35
Gross Income	95,905.40	28,524.95	124,430.35
Administrative Costs			
Admin and Finance	446.82	61.93	508.75
Aid	1,273.77	1,009.58	2,283.35
Bank Fees	17.00	267.59	284.59
Bikes & Kit	24.90	0.00	24.90
Bit N Peaces Expenses	200.00	57.72	257.72
Branding and Marketing	0.00	138.41	138.41
Community Garden	784.01	275.05	1,059.06
Compliance and Administration	29.99	0.00	29.99
Compliance and Insurance	749.39	391.02	1,140.41
Cost of sales - Bits & Peaces	0.00	200.00	200.00
Education & Learning	118.41	28.98	147.39
Equipment	1,885.97	1,514.13	3,400.10
Equipment - Peace Kitchen	63.13	0.00	63.13
Event Equipment	38.98	830.39	869.37
Event Expenses	2,114.79	1,915.78	4,030.57
Food/Refreshments	3,502.57	989.63	4,492.20
Fundraising Platform Fees	0.00	83.03	83.03
HR & Recruitment	47.92	26.22	74.14
Hub Consumables	310.63	829.75	1,140.38
Maintenance and Upkeep	2,008.21	1,376.17	3,384.38
Membership of Professional Bodies	102.00	182.75	284.75
Merchandise	0.00	26.20	26.20
Non Recoverable VAT	0.00	(16.97)	(16.97)
Paypal Fees	0.00	72.60	72.60
Peace Kitchen Expenses	0.00	296.43	296.43
Postage/Courier	27.11	5.61	32.72
Printing and Stationary	0.00	14.00	14.00
Professional Services	4,660.73	178.01	4,838.74
Property - Rent	10,266.74	2,228.94	12,495.68
Property - Utilities	3,314.00	2,479.99	5,793.99
Repairs & Renewals	249.00	0.00	249.00
Salaries	46,564.74	9,777.39	56,342.13
Staff salary advance	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00
Staff Training and Development	1,349.54	50.19	1,399.73
Telephone, Comms & IT	14,442.63	459.64	14,902.27
Travel Costs/Fuel	654.85	442.78	1,097.63
Volunteer Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
Wellbeing/Arts & Crafts	1,783.93	107.52	1,891.45
Workshops & Awareness Expenditure	145.00	8.71	153.71
Total Administrative Costs	99,426.76	26,309.17	125,735.93
Carried Forward Balance from 2023	13,184.86	(1,079.97)	12,104.89
Balance of Fund	9,663.50	1,135.81	10,799.31

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 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.



Liz Needham
On behalf of Needham Accountancy Limited

Date: 27 October 2025