



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 01/01/2020  
31/12/2020

**Period start date To**  
**Period end date**

**Charity name: REFUGEES WELCOME**

**Charity registration number:1169909**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To advance the education and training, in the area of Cheshire East, of those granted Refugee Status and their dependents in need thereof, so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.</li><li>2. To provide relief from financial hardship and unemployment amongst those who have been granted refugee status and their dependents within the area of benefit.</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activities we have undertaken in this period have been to contract with Cheshire East council to provide volunteers to support the delivery of the VPRS scheme, as laid out by the Home Office and to contract directly with the Home Office to provide Community Sponsorship to a refugee family in the Nantwich area of Cheshire East. We are also supporting the continuing preparations through a Community Sponsorship scheme to welcome a Syrian family to the Alsager area of Cheshire East.</p> <p>We work with CVS to recruit, select and manage 25 volunteers, who work with our families. The roles of the volunteers and the scope of their work are defined in role profiles and are one of three roles – Family Support Volunteer, Task Volunteer or English Practice Volunteer.</p> <p>All the volunteers go through safeguarding training in addition to training to become volunteers on the programme.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity commission on public benefit
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are assigned to individual families to carry out roles detailed above
Other		

## **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>VPRS Cheshire East – Macclesfield and Congleton.</p> <p>We have continued to support 5 families. Until the first lockdown in March 2020 the children attended school, and the adults attended courses at the local FE college to improve English and IT skills. Most of the adults volunteered for a variety of projects. However, lockdowns and other Covid-19 restrictions severely curtailed these activities.</p> <p>A grant of £2254 was secured from the Cheshire Community Foundation to enable us to purchase either a lap top or desk top computer for each family. The computers were of huge benefit in supporting the children to complete schoolwork at home as well as</p>

		<p>enabling the volunteers to continue their contact with the families via Zoom</p> <p>CS (VPRS) Cheshire East – Nantwich The family in Nantwich continues to be supported through Community Sponsorship in contract with the Home Office.</p> <p>CS (VPRS) Cheshire East – Alsager A Community Sponsorship scheme is continuing to make progress in Alsager. Covid – 19 restrictions have limited the rate of progress.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above – computer purchase.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the year, the charity had a surplus of £1340
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to hold 6 months running costs in reserve, but our main funding stream is through a contract with the council, this is currently deemed low risk
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal sources of funds are grants received through our contract with Cheshire East.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Refugees Welcome is a 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	Appointed by interview and vote of members of the board.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		This section was completed in the 2018 report and the only change has been that Alsager has now started the journey towards Community Sponsorship.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Refugees welcome
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1169909

Charity's principal address	c/o Macclesfield Methodist church, Westminster Road, Macclesfield, SK101BX

## 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	Nicola Campbell	Chair	Whole year	
2	Dr Gillian Appleton	Trustee	Whole year	
3	Mrs Judith Mayer	Trustee	Whole year	
4	Dr Barbara Phillips	Trustee	Whole year	
6	Mrs Anne Towers	Trustee	Whole year	
7	Mrs Katherine Edwards	Trustee	From September 2021	
8	Mr Anthony Smith		From September 2021	
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## 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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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**Declarations**

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

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

**Signature(s)**

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**Full name(s)**

Nicola Ann Campbell	Anne Towers
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**Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair	
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**Date**

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# REFUGEES WELCOME

*Westminster Road Macclesfield SK10 1BX*

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## REFUGEES WELCOME

### Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31 December 2020

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
RECEIPTS			
Grants	10,000	2,254	12,254
Gift Aided Donations	399		399
Other Donations	1,616		1,616
Fund Raising	3,822		3,822
Virgin Money Giving	375		375
	<u>16,212</u>	<u>2,254</u>	<u>18,466</u>
PAYMENTS			
Insurance	3,810		3,810
CVS	7,533		7,533
Travel	276		276
Printing, Stationery & Computer	70		70
Translation	84		84
Expenses	2,206	3,147	5,353
	<u>13,979</u>	<u>3,147</u>	<u>17,126</u>
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	2,233	(893)	1,340
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(893)	893	
BANK BALANCE at 1 January 2020	23,669	0	23,669
BANK BALANCE at 31 December 2020	<u>25,009</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,009</u>

The Restricted Fund was obtained from the Cheshire Community Foundation to provide computer equipment for the children of the refugee families to enable them to receive on-line schooling.

**Adopted by the Trustees on 31 March 2021**