

REFUGEES WELCOME

Westminster Road Macclesfield SK10 1BX

Annual Report and Accounts 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Charity registration number: 1169909

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.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.
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.	<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 refugee families in the Nantwich and Alsager areas of Cheshire East. Since September 2021 we are also supporting 5 Afghan refugee families under the ARAP scheme.</p> <p>We work with CVS to recruit, select and manage 40 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	The Trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	Volunteers are assigned to individual families to carry out roles detailed above
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Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>VPRS Cheshire East – Macclesfield and Congleton.</p> <p>We have continued to support 5 families. The mother and 2 children of one family have moved to Luton, leaving the father in Macclesfield. The children all attend school and ESOL tuition has resumed.</p> <p>CS (VPRS) Cheshire East – Nantwich</p> <p>The family in Nantwich continues to be supported through Community Sponsorship in contract with the Home Office. The father of the family is in employment.</p> <p>CS (VPRS) Cheshire East – Alsager</p> <p>A Syrian family moved into Alsager in September 2021. The father of the family is in employment.</p> <p>ARAP scheme for AFGHAN refugees. Two families live in Crewe, one in Wistaston, one in Macclesfield and one in Alsager. The children all attend school regularly and adults in all 5 families have some type of paid employment.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	We have continued to work alongside Cheshire East to support the Syrian families. They are all making progress, with the help of Cheshire East Social Workers and our volunteers, towards living independently. The Afghan families have only been in the area since late September, but the children are in school and the parents of some families are already in employment, or applying for suitable jobs.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	In September 2021 we launched a fundraising scheme called Boundless. Some donations have been "one off" but other people subscribe each month.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	At the end of the year, the charity had a surplus of £29,031.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The principal sources of funds are grants received through our contract with Cheshire East. In September a fundraising scheme called Boundless was established to provide extra funds.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	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	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	All our policies appear on the : RefugeesWelcome.co.uk website.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The charity is run by 8 trustees. Our volunteers are organised by a paid member of CVSCE (Council of Voluntary Services, Cheshire East)
Other	This section was completed in the 2018 report and the only major changes are that there are now the 5 Afghan families and the Boundless fundraising scheme has been set up.

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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	Trustee	From September 2021	
9 Mr David Raines	Trustee	From December 2021	

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

Robert Alan Brown BA FCA

Treasurer

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) NA Campbell ATowers

Full name(s) Nicola Ann Campbell Anne Towers

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair VPRS Trustee head

Date 19/10/22

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31 December 2021

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total £
RECEIPTS			
Grants	10,000	7,500	17,500
Gift Aided Donations	508		508
Other Donations	9,935		9,935
Fund Raising	332		332
Misc Income			
Virgin Money Giving	1,186		1,186
	<u>21,961</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>29,461</u>
PAYMENTS			
Insurance	2,692	172	2,864
CVS	8,184	1,328	9,513
Travel	469	218	688
Printing, Stationery & Computer	47		47
Translation	828		828
Rent Support & Council Tax	5,457		5,457
Tuition	260		260
Home set-up	2,924	1,153	4,077
Expenses	1,705		1,705
	<u>22,568</u>	<u>2,871</u>	<u>25,439</u>
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	(607)	4,629	4,022
BANK BALANCE at 1 January 2021	25,009		25,009
BANK BALANCE at 31 December 2021	<u>24,402</u>	<u>4,629</u>	<u>29,031</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

at 31 December 2021

Monetary Assets			
Cash at Bank	24,402	4,629	29,031
Non-Monetary Assets & Liabilities			
None	—	—	—
Total Assets and Liabilities	<u>24,402</u>	<u>4,629</u>	<u>29,031</u>

The Restricted Fund is a grant from Cheshire East Borough Council for the support of Afghanistan Families.

Adopted by the Trustees on 20/10/22

W H Campbell

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Refugees Welcome

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1169909

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 and 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.

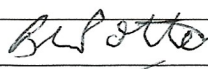
Independent examiner's
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:



Date:

17/10/22

Name:

Bernard Potter

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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