

**REFUGEES WELCOME**

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# Annual Report and Accounts 2022

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2022

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"><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 support 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.	<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. We have also supported 5 Afghan refugee families since September 2021 under the ARAP scheme. Beginning in March 2022 we have worked as an umbrella organisation alongside Cheshire East Council, to support Ukrainian refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. We work with CVS to recruit, select and manage 50 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. Volunteers working with the Ukrainians also help with our Conversation Cafés and ESOL classes.</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 working with Syrians and Afghans are assigned to individual families to carry out roles detailed above. Volunteers working with Ukrainians also help at the cafés and ESOL classes.
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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. Several of the Syrian youngsters have completed formal education. Cheshire East has withdrawn from most of the family support since April 2022. However one Syrian family has been given extra support because there has been a delay in processing their Leave to Remain documentation.</p> <p>CS (VPRS) Cheshire East – Nantwich 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 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</p>
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	<p>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. The Afghan families have settled very well and continue to thrive.</p> <p>Most of the Ukrainian families are guests living within sponsor or host households in Cheshire East. The vast majority of the relationships have worked very well. A small number have been rehoused. Cheshire East Council has been responsible for matching guests and hosts and for rematching if necessary. Gradually the Ukrainians are finding independent accommodation.</p>
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## **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	<p>We have continued to work alongside Cheshire East Council to support the Syrian families. They are all making progress. One family had to move because their accommodation was required by the Church of England. However, they have been assisted in their search for alternative accommodation.</p> <p>The Afghan families have settled well. The children are regularly in school or college and the parents are working.</p> <p>Many of the Ukrainians are working. Their children attend school. ESOL provision has remained a challenge, but it is being provided.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	<p>Boundless has been a successful fundraising scheme. We have received donations from other individuals and from organisations such as Rotary and local churches.</p>

## **Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>At the end of the year, the charity had monetary assets of £48,250.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>Our policy is to hold 6 months running costs in reserve, but our main funding stream is through a contract with Cheshire East Council. This is currently deemed low risk</p>

## **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>The principal sources of funds are grants received through our contract with Cheshire East Council.</p> <p>In September 2021 a fundraising scheme called Boundless was established to provide extra funds.</p>
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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	<p>Constitution</p>
How is the charity constituted?	<p>Refugees Welcome is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation</p>
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	<p>Appointed by interview and vote of members of the board.</p>

## **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	<p>All our policies appear on the : RefugeesWelcome.co.uk website.</p>
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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)

## 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)
Mrs Nicola Campbell	Chair	Whole year	
Dr Gillian Appleton	Trustee	Whole year	
Mrs Judith Mayer	Trustee	Whole year	
Mrs Anne Towers	Trustee	Whole year	
Mr Anthony Smith	Trustee	Whole year	
Mr David Raines	Trustee	Whole year	
Mr Michael Eccleston	Trustee	From June 2022	
Mrs Susan Lord	Trustee	From June 2022	
Dr Barbara Phillips	Trustee	Resigned June 2022	
Mrs Katherine Edwards	Trustee	Resigned June 2022	

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

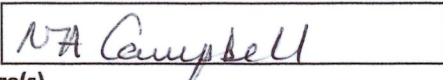
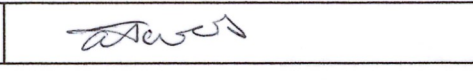
Robert Alan Brown BA FCA

Treasurer

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)  

Full name(s) Nicola Ann Campbell Anne Towers

Position (eg Secretary,

Chair, etc)

Chair Trustee / Volunteer Manager

Date 18/10/23

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## REFUGEES WELCOME Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 31  
December 2021

Year Ended 31 December 2022

£		General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
	RECEIPTS			
17,500	Grants	14,390	7,500	21,890
508	Gift Aided Donations	6,226		6,226
9,935	Other Donations	11,382		11,382
1,186	CAF giving	4,032		4,032
332	Fund Raising	3,443		3,443
-	Misc Income	2,507		2,507
<u>29,461</u>		<u>41,980</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>49,480</u>
	PAYMENTS			
2,864	Insurance	1,465	1,050	2,515
9,513	CVS	5,612	3,151	8,763
688	Travel	604	654	1,258
47	Printing, Stationery & Computer	479		479
828	Translation	385		385
5,457	Rent Support & Council Tax	8,069		8,069
260	Tuition	3,705	45	3,750
4,077	Home set-up	635	23	658
1,705	Expenses	4,295	89	4,384
<u>25,439</u>		<u>25,249</u>	<u>5,012</u>	<u>30,261</u>
4,022	NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	16,731	2,488	19,219
25,009	BANK BALANCE at 1 January 2022	24,402	4,629	29,031
<u>29,031</u>	BANK BALANCE at 31 December 2022	<u>41,133</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>48,250</u>
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022			
	Monetary Assets			
29,031	Cash at Bank	41,133	7,117	48,250
	Non-Monetary Assets & Liabilities			
-	None	-	-	-
<u>29,031</u>	Total Assets and Liabilities	<u>41,133</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>48,250</u>

The Restricted Fund is a grant from Cheshire East Borough Council for the support of Afghan refugee families.

Adopted by the Trustees on 19 October 2023

Nicola Ann Campbell  
Chair of Trustees

*NA Campbell*

Anne Towers  
Trustee

*ATowers*



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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 2022

Charity no (if any)

1169909

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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.

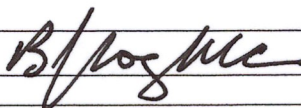
Independent examiner's statement

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:

15th October 2023

Name:

Bryan John Coghlan

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

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

379, Crewe Road, Wistaston, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6NW