

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

England & Wales · Charity number 1170393

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS PARTICULARLY BY THE PROVISION OF LEGAL AND OTHER ADVICE.THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN EAST SUSSEX AND THE SURROUNDING AREA .TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTSTO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY.TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM .THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES.THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR WHO ARE REFUGEES, AND WHO RESIDE IN THE EAST SUSSEX AREA.THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND IN PARTICULAR EAST SUSSEX, BY THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING, ADVICE AND SUPPORT.

Activities: Eastbourne Networkx welcomes and supports refugees and immigrants in Eastbourne and the nearby locality, with no or little recourse to public funds. We are a voice for the individuals and families, supporting them at different agencies as required. Networkx also supports families rehoused in the town on the Government Resettlement Programme.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£54,626	£54,097	-	-
2024-05-31	£41,406	£54,807	-	-
2023-05-31	£73,177	£47,452	-	-
2022-05-31	£24,015	£24,556	-	-
2021-05-31	£41,379	£31,641	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNA ALICE REID	Chair	2016-04-25
Anthony Mottram		2018-01-12
BRUCE BIRD		2025-05-01
JANET MOTTRAM		2018-01-12
Keith Pamphilon		2024-02-02

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

**S J PICKUP & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LONG ACRE
MILTON STREET
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EASTBOURNE NETWORK
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Chief Executive Officer: A Reid

Treasurer: B Bird

Trustees: A Reid
B Bird
J Mottram
A Mottram
D Fairhead
R Fairhead
K Pamphilon

Accountants: S J Pickup & Co.
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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.

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

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4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

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.


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Louise Hughes

Dated: 24th October 2025

Louise Hughes
S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
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EASTBOURNE NETWORK
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 May 2025 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

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Organisation

A board of trustees of up to 7 members, who meet regularly to administer the charity.

Objectives and activities

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Achievements and performance

We are now in our 10th year and this report is regarding our ninth year.

The closure of the asylum seeker hotels in Eastbourne in the Spring of 2024 was in many ways a loss to our town. Of course, there are many people who feel that this was a good thing but all those who met and supported the asylum seekers, lost friends. All the effort that had been put into finding volunteer work, teaching English, providing warm clothes and just befriending, disappeared, but hopefully lived on in the people who had stayed in Eastbourne and had found a welcome.

A young Iranian person spent long hours in the hotel studying English and medicine with the aim of being able to study medicine at university. We supported her financially, as did many befrienders, so that she had the technology she needed and the guidance to apply to universities. She is now in Plymouth University. She recently received a letter which stated that she had been awarded the 24/25 Doc Martin Award for Excellence and that she was the overall highest scoring student. What an achievement! The letter from the Head of medical studies continued, 'I want to take a moment to personally commend you on your outstanding hard work and dedication that led to this well-deserved recognition.' It makes us glad that we chose to support her and her studies. She was just one of the many people in the hotels who have gone on to study and to work in the UK.

Our focus in the Spring of 2024 then turned to the Iranians who were arriving in Eastbourne. Most of the Iranians we have met are Christians who had to leave their country due to the persecution they were subject to, for their faith. One person had been so severely tortured that he had many medical issues to face. The most obvious issue was that he no longer had any teeth in his mouth due to having been kicked in the mouth with heavy boots. [This was 3 years previously when he was in detention in the Evin prison.] It was clear that the cost of implants was very high, more than we could afford. We applied for a couple of grants unsuccessfully so we knew we would have to find the funds ourselves. We became aware of a dental group in London where all the dentists and doctors are young skilled foreigners and they will do implants at a fraction of the cost we would generally pay. We visited the Practice and found a very capable and large, professional group of people who would be able to help our Iranian friend. Appointments were booked, for the mouth to be cleaned, stumps to be removed, and temporary teeth fitted until the mouth could be reshaped and strengthened with the use of liquid bone. This would take 9 months to harden. The final implants have not yet been fitted. The first phase took place in early 2025. Amazingly, the donations we received to pay for this phase of the work were £7,895. The cost was £7,685 leaving us a balance of £210 which paid for our taxi back to Eastbourne, following the final

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dental operation of this phase. It was amazing provision for what we needed. The second phase will start in January 2026 and we have funds received from our donors, specifically for this purpose

There is a friendly group of Iranians who meet at Church. They are well integrated into our community, they are very approachable and happy and it's good to see them receiving a warm welcome and encouragement from the Church community.

The fall of the Syrian President Assad in December 2024 dramatically changed the country of Syria. The new regime is led by Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa, politician and a former rebel Commander. Much of what he has achieved appears to be for the safety of the people of Syria. Unfortunately, many Syrians are not convinced that this former terrorist really does mean that he wants peace. The EU and UK have eased trade restrictions with Syria but some restrictions still remain. Many Syrians have a desire to return to Syria but the fear that it is not yet safe remains. Our 2016 Syrian families are all doing well. The children don't remember much about Syria and will often say that they feel British. One father is a taxi driver, another an electrician and another a restaurateur. They are even at the point of buying their own homes. They are strong and very grateful for the support which they still receive when it's required. We recently supported a family with a successful school appeal. And the father has supported us with a couple of complicated car journeys to London.

One of the hardest aspects of resettlement is appropriate schooling especially for teenagers who arrive with no English and find themselves studying a GCSE curriculum. This requires determination on the part of the student to succeed and finance to fund extra lessons, provided by ex-teachers of maths, science and English in particular.

Family reunion is a very special moment, which has now been closed by the Home Office, unless a very strong case can be made for it. Family Reunion is very complicated as people change so much in the many years that they are apart. The culture shock is considerable for many. The lack of language, and complex systems and documentation all involving a lot of paperwork, all wear people down who are already highly depressed.

However, the overriding feedback is that they feel comfortable and respected in our town, they are pleased to be in a place where they feel safe and that their children can grow up in friendly and supportive schools. Once they are comfortable enough to volunteer, they are pleased to be of value and valued. We hope that this environment will continue to exist in Eastbourne. We do not advertise our work, which is confidential, and we aim to provide dignity, friendship and hope for our foreign friends. We are grateful to all the donors who continue to provide us with the funds to make a difference. We are all volunteers. No money goes into transport costs or room hire. Every penny donated is for the people we serve.

Financial review

We were grateful to receive a third grant of £30,000 from East Sussex County Council to help us to continue to support the Homes for Ukraine resettlement programme. This, together with the balance of the second grant, enabled us to invest £31,913 in helping to equip families as they settle in Eastbourne.

We were grateful also to continue to receive donations from our regular and one-off supporters which enable us to respond to the needs of families as and when they arise. The level of donations received was higher than those received in the previous year and these, together with the receipt of gift aid from HMRC, helped us to achieve a surplus in the year which adds to our balances and our cash in the bank.

At a recent trustees' meeting when we discussed finance, we were confidently able to state that we have the finance we need for this time and that we are in a position to continue our work for another year. We trust that our donors will continue to support us to be able to continue our work into our 11th year.

Plans for future periods

The trustees are confident to continue their support of vulnerable families.

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Accounting and reporting responsibilities

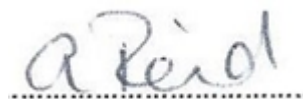
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- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 24th October 2025 signed on its behalf by:



A Reid
Trustee

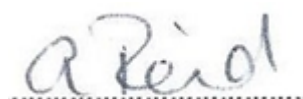
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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MAY 2025

	Note		2025		2024
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	2	14,400		13,280	
Bank Accounts		28,175		25,588	
		42,575		38,868	
Net current assets			42,575		38,868
Total assets less current liabilities			42,575		38,868
Net assets			42,575		38,868
 Movement in Funds					
General Fund			26,365		22,268
Eastbourne Borough Council			-		850
3VA			2,035		2,660
Kingdom Way Trust			400		-
Health and Wellbeing			3,423		-
Homes for Ukraine			10,352		12,265
East Dean Communities Together			-		825
Total funds			42,575		38,868

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A Reid

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and grants		
Gifts and Donations	16,664	11,394
Gift Aid	3,662	12
Grants	34,300	30,000
	<u>54,626</u>	<u>41,406</u>
FUNDS FOR ENGLISH LESSONS		
Grants from Councils	19,163	22,768
English Lessons	(15,985)	(24,761)
	<u>3,178</u>	<u>(1,993)</u>
Total Receipts	<u>57,804</u>	<u>39,413</u>
Expenditure		
	2025	2025
	£	£
Administration Costs	1,254	1,111
Family Support	5,734	4,023
Housing Costs	1,618	3,451
Training and Education	-	1,794
East Dean Communities Together	-	700
Food and Fuel Poverty	2,975	7,020
Rent Support	1,600	-
Covid Support	-	228
Refugee Week	800	-
Health and Wellbeing	8,203	-
Afghan Project	-	178
Homes for Ukraine/ Rest of the World	31,913	33,971
Sanctuary Cafe	-	324
Asylum Seekers in Hotels	-	2,007
	<u>54,097</u>	<u>54,807</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>3,707</u>	<u>(15,394)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. English Lessons

English Lessons are provided by a business selected solely by Eastbourne Borough Council to deliver tuition to refugees accepted under HM Government’s Vulnerable Persons resettlement Scheme (initially known as the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme) In an arrangement With Eastbourne Borough Council, Eastbourne Networkx pays for the English language tuition services delivered against a list of refugees determined by the Council, and then claims reimbursement in full from the Council This arrangement has existed since 2017.

In 2020 Lewes District Council joined this arrangement, with Eastbourne Borough Council continuing to act as the lead authority.

The English lessons are delivered by a family member of A Reid who has played no part in the selection process nor any decision regarding this project or arising from it.

In addition, a further £21,112 for English lessons were made via the Homes for Ukraine/Rest of the world, which was part of the grant of £30,000 from East Sussex County Council, and fully disclosed to them.

2. Loan Movement

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening Balance	13,280	9,700
Loans Granted	13,100	5,200
Loans Repaid	(11,980)	(1,620)
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Closing Balance	14,400	13,280

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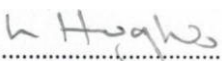
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Louise Hughes

Dated: 20 February 2025

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Achievements and performance

Networkx is now 8 years old. The first families we supported in 2016 have been here long enough to become citizens of the United Kingdom.

In 2023 much of our work was focused on the Asylum Seekers in the hotels. The numbers of people grew to almost 600 in the summer due to the processing of asylum seekers coming to a virtual halt at the Home Office.

Our aim was always to ensure that whilst the Asylum Seekers were in Eastbourne they felt cared for and respected, we provided what we could within the bounds of our charity budget and the law. Many still contact us and have not forgotten the welcome they received here.

As long as there is war and climate change, there will be people seeking refuge, and this not only in the UK. It has been a pleasure to be able to befriend these people who have known things we can't even imagine or even want to consider.

In the summer of 2023, the Government had brought into Law, the Illegal Migration Bill, which sought to criminalise the asylum seeker. The Bill had created powers for mass detention and deportation. The UNHCR stated that 'The Bill undermines the very purpose for which the Refugee Convention was established. The Convention explicitly states that refugees may be compelled to enter a country of asylum irregularly.'

The Ukrainian Settlement had been very successful, mainly because of the huge amount of financial support which has been provided for it by Government. 2023 was the second year of considerable financial support for the Ukrainian Resettlement. The people arrived with refugee status, so did not have the pressures of asylum seeking. Ukrainians are proactive, determined and positive despite their huge trauma. If only this programme could be replicated for all our refugees and asylum seekers.

Through 2023 we supported the teaching of English at a higher level to enable better prospects of work, college and university entry and well-being. The exam course is certified by Cambridge. Most students are from Ukraine and some from Iran and Syria. This year, more than 50 certificates have been achieved. One student is now in medical school in Plymouth, and another is training as a teacher.

We remained aware of the thousands of Afghans still housed in hotels across the country. These people faced being evicted from hotels by the end of August 2023.

Six Afghan families on the Government Resettlement Scheme have been rehoused in Eastbourne and separately an Afghan mother and daughter have opened a restaurant in the town.

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2023 brought the arrival of many Skilled Workers. We had previously known the difficulties faced by people with 'No Recourse to Public funds' [NRPF]. A young couple, with a baby born July 2023, had been promised so much in terms of hours of work, and the promise of citizenship after 4 years, that it was an offer they could not refuse when they signed up for it at home in Africa. Once here, given the very few hours of work they were offered, they could not pay their rent, or feed themselves. They had no way to earn and there is no recourse to public funds. The scheme is in many ways Modern Day Slavery. In 2024 this scheme was reviewed and the number of Skilled Workers coming to the UK has reduced. Many have had to rely on the Food Bank, and are living in high-cost single rooms, with no benefits of any kind apart from charity support.

The economic difficulties, which all families are facing have focussed our support on Tesco vouchers for the neediest. This has been a great help and support to families, and we are thankful that we have received the funds to be able to achieve this.

Networx aims to work in a quiet, private way with clients, thus maintaining confidentiality, and does not make client personal information public. People are referred to Networx by various organisations. Publicity would result in us being overwhelmed with people, and then we wouldn't be able to settle people into the town as we are now doing.

2024 has brought several Iranian families to our town. Iranians are skilled and well educated and very keen to integrate into the community. They have left their country very fearful of the threat of death over them. We are honoured to be able to support the integration of these new friends.

Networx is a recognised charity in Eastbourne, making a difference and able to make a rapid response at the point of need. As volunteers, we remain key players among the migrant community in Eastbourne.

As always, our purpose is to ensure that whilst our foreign friends are in Eastbourne they will have a happy and supportive stay, and be treated with dignity, and that they know how to find the help they need whenever, and whatever, that might be.

Financial review

We were grateful to receive a second grant of £30,000 from East Sussex County Council to help us to continue to support the Homes for Ukraine resettlement programme. This, together with the balance of the first grant, enabled us to invest £33,971 in helping to equip families as they settle in Eastbourne.

We were grateful also to continue to receive donations from our regular and our one-off supporters which enable us to respond to the needs of families as and when they arise. The level of donations received was in line with those received in the previous year

Our financial resources at the end of the year remain sufficient to enable us to meet the direct aims of the charity in the coming year.

Plans for future periods

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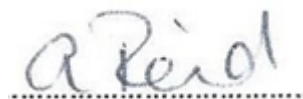
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Approved by the trustees on 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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A Reid
Trustee

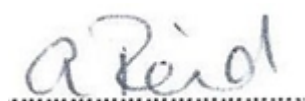
EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MAY 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	2	13,280		9,700	
Bank Accounts		25,588		44,563	
		<u>38,868</u>		<u>54,263</u>	
Net current assets			<u>38,868</u>		<u>54,263</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>38,868</u>		<u>54,263</u>
Net assets			<u><u>38,868</u></u>		<u><u>54,263</u></u>
Movement in Funds					
General Fund			22,268		25,228
Eastbourne Borough Council			850		1,355
3VA			2,660		2,985
Souter Charitable Trust			-		171
Good News Evangelical Mission Fund			-		4,240
Barnabas Trust			-		2,500
Homes for Ukraine			12,265		16,239
Food Team			-		20
East Dean Communities Together			825		1,525
Total funds			<u><u>38,868</u></u>		<u><u>54,263</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf.



A Reid

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts and Donations	11,394	10,769
Gift Aid	12	3,084
Grants	30,000	58,343
East Dean Communities Together`	-	1,676
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	41,406	73,872
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FUNDS FOR ENGLISH LESSONS		
Grants from Councils	22,768	35,240
English Lessons	(24,761)	(35,935)
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	(1,993)	(695)
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Total Receipts	<hr/>	<hr/>
	39,413	73,177
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Expenditure		
Administration Costs	1,111	1,054
Family Support	4,023	3,692
Housing Costs	3,451	643
Training and Education	1,794	2,475
East Dean Communities Together	700	151
Food and Fuel Poverty	7,020	4,738
Cost of Living Crisis	-	144
Covid Support	228	-
PC's and Software	-	522
Winterisation Kits	-	12,045
Loan Cancellation	-	100
Winter Project	-	3,100
Project 28	-	310
Afghan Project	178	1,251
Homes for Ukraine/ Rest of the World	33,971	13,712
Sanctuary Cafe	324	313
Asylum Seekers in Hotels	2,007	3,202
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Total expenditure	54,807	47,452
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(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(15,394)	25,725
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

1. English Lessons

English Lessons are provided by a business selected solely by Eastbourne Borough Council (the Council) to deliver tuition to refugees accepted under HM Government’s Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Schemes. In an arrangement set up in 2017, initially to cover the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme, Eastbourne Networkx pays for the English language tuition services delivered against a list of refugees determined by the Council and then claims reimbursement from the Council.

In 2020 Lewes District Council joined this arrangement with Eastbourne Borough Council continuing to act as the lead authority.

This arrangement was extended by the Council to deliver tuition to vulnerable persons from Afghanistan who were accepted as refugees by HM Government under a separate resettlement scheme.

The English lessons are delivered by a family member of A Reid who has played no part in the selection process nor any decision regarding this project or arising from it.

In a separate arrangement financed by grants provided by East Sussex County Council, English tuition has been delivered to refugees and asylum seekers from Ukraine and other parts of the world by the same business provider. In the year to 31 May 2024 total tuition costs amounted to £29,743 which are recorded within the figure of £33,971 shown in the Receipts and Payment Account (for the year to 31 May 2023 the figures are £10,971 and £13,712 respectively).

2. Loan Movement

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening Balance	9,700	63730
Loans Granted	5,200	6,950
Loans Repaid	(1,620)	(3,880)
Loans Cancelled	-	100
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Closing Balance	13,280	9,700
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

England & Wales - Charity number 1170393

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1170393

EASTBOURNE NETWORK

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

**S J PICKUP & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LONG ACRE
MILTON STREET
POLEGATE
BN26 5RW**

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number: 1170393

Chief Executive Officer: A Reid

Treasurer: B Bird

Trustees: A Reid
B Bird
J Mottram
A Mottram
P Bowley
D Fairhead (appointed 9 March 2023)
R Fairhead (appointed 9 March 2023)

Accountants: S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE NETWORK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

I report on the accounts which are set out on pages 5 to 7

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

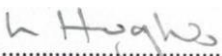
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.


.....
Louise Hughes

Dated: 28 March 2024

S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 May 2023 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Trust deed dated 28 August 2016, and registered as a CIO on 25 November 2016 with the Charity Commission.

Organisation

A board of trustees of 7 members, who meet regularly to administer the charity.

Objectives and activities

A charity that welcomes and supports refugees. We are a voice for those in need, supporting them in housing, education and into employment.

Achievements and performance

If we reflect on our work since 2016, it is encouraging to see how so many families we have supported are well settled in the town, working, studying, learning and participating in the community. That's not to say life is easy for anyone, as it isn't for any family. There's never quite enough money to buy everything that's needed and there's always a drama with a failed exam or illness or other incident as in any home. So, our intention when we established the charity to support the resettlement of refugees in our town is very much what is happening. That is encouraging!

We continue to be extremely grateful to all our regular donors who are the reason we can make a difference to the families we support. Every penny donated is used to provide for the needs of our families.

We are also thankful that many churches support us and pray for us as a charity and for the families we support.

Housing has become a big issue in the town for everyone. We are grateful to have landlords who are compassionate enough not to charge high rents making it impossible for families to pay the charges. Our success is very much the result of compassionate landlords.

The Ukrainian resettlement has been extremely well managed across the town and our part has been about looking after the funds provided by the local authority.

We have continued our support of families resettled in town by the council as part of the Vulnerable People's Resettlement Programme. Eastbourne now has 14 families, Syrian, Afghan and Sudanese.

The six hotels established in the town in 2022-23 have now all closed. There were two for unaccompanied minors and 4 for adults and families. People arrived poorly dressed and we supplied almost £20,000 of new clothes and shoes to ensure nobody was cold or in need. At one point in the summer there were almost 600 asylum seekers in the town. The local college provided English lessons once they had been here for 6 months and in the meantime, twenty-four Networkx volunteers visited two of the hotels throughout each week, to deliver basic English lessons so that everyone attending was comfortable accurately answering basic questions like; What is your full name? What is your date of birth? What is your address? etc. All questions they are repeatedly asked and which require accurate answers.

We have supported the teaching of English at a higher level to enable better prospects of work, college and university entry and well-being. The exam course is certified by Cambridge. Thirty students have been supported this year. Most are from Ukraine and some from Iran and Syria. So far this year, 28 certificates have been achieved and a further 26 are in progress.

We have strengthened links with other agencies and community groups. Well-being groups in the Devonshire area run art, music, exercise, gardening and cooking activities. We are a recognised charity making a difference and rapid response at the point of need.

This is at a time when the Government has brought into practice the Illegal Migration Bill, which seeks to criminalise the asylum seeker. The Bill has created powers for mass detention and deportation. Asylum claims made by those arriving will be ignored and victims of modern slavery and trafficking will not be protected. The UNHCR states that ‘The Bill undermines the very purpose for which the Refugee Convention was established. The Convention explicitly states that refugees may be compelled to enter a country of asylum irregularly.’

As always, our purpose is to ensure that whilst our foreign friends are in Eastbourne they will have a happy and supportive stay, and be treated with dignity, and that they know how to find the help they need whenever, and whatever, that might be.

Financial review

We continue to receive financial support from and work in partnership with local authorities and other charities. Grants totalling £58,343 were received in the year from 7 organisations. Chief amongst these was a grant of £30,000 from East Sussex County Council specifically to provide support for Ukrainian refugees displaced by war. The second major grant of £12,000 came from Convoy for Hope specifically to provide winterisation kits. In total we applied £35,893 in the year from all grants received leaving a balance of £27,510 available to spend in the 2023/24 financial year.

We are very grateful for the continuing financial donations provided by our regular and one-off supporters. These provide us with the flexibility to respond to the needs of families as and when they arise. For example, we were able to respond quickly to meet the needs of asylum seekers who presented with very little clothing and provisions when they were placed in Eastbourne hotels by HM Government.

Our financial resources at the end of the year are sufficient to enable us to meet our immediate and known needs.

We remain very grateful for the continuing support of donors and grant making bodies.

Plans for future periods

The trustees are confident to continue their support of vulnerable families

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

Accounting and reporting responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 28 March 2024 signed on its behalf by:



A Reid
Trustee

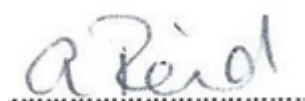
EASTBOURNE NETWORK

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MAY 2023

Note	2023	2022
	£	£
Current assets		
Loans	9,700	6,730
Bank Accounts	44,563	21,808
	<u>54,263</u>	<u>28,538</u>
Net current assets	<u>54,263</u>	<u>28,538</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>54,263</u>	<u>28,538</u>
Net assets	<u><u>54,263</u></u>	<u><u>28,538</u></u>
Movement in Funds		
General Fund	25,228	23,478
Eastbourne Borough Council	1,355	-
3VA	2,985	538
Souter Charitable Trust	171	1,422
Good News Evangelical Mission Fund	4,240	3,100
Barnabas Trust	2,500	-
Homes for Ukraine	16,239	-
Food Team	20	-
East Dean Communities Together	1,525	-
Total funds	<u><u>54,263</u></u>	<u><u>28,538</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 28 March 2024 and signed on its behalf.



A Reid

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITI RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts and Donations	10,769	8,711
Gift Aid	3,084	-
Grants	58,343	16,135
East Dean Communities Together`	1,676	-
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	73,872	24,846
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FUNDS FOR ENGLISH LESSONS		
Grants from Councils	35,240	28,602
English Lessons	(35,935)	(29,433)
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	(695)	(831)
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Total Receipts	<hr/> 73,177 <hr/>	<hr/> 24,015 <hr/>
Expenditure		
Administration Costs	1,054	1,584
Family Support	3,692	4,499
Housing Costs	643	1,485
Training and Education	2,475	-
Citizenship Application	-	1,311
East Dean Communities Together	151	-
Food and Fuel Poverty	4,738	-
Cost of Living Crisis	144	-
Loan Cancellation	100	-
Winter Project	3,100	5,900
Project 28	310	-
Afghan Project	1,251	578
Homes for Ukraine	13,712	49
Back to Work Costs	-	969
Covid Support	-	5,200
PC's and Software	522	529
Winterisation Kits	12,045	1,890
Sanctuary Cafe	313	562
Asylum Seekers in Hotels	3,202	-
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Total expenditure	<hr/> 47,452 <hr/>	<hr/> 24,556 <hr/>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<hr/> 25,725 <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> (541) <hr/> <hr/>

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

1. English Lessons

English Lessons are provided by a business selected solely by Eastbourne Borough Council to deliver tuition to refugees accepted under HM Government’s Vulnerable Persons resettlement Scheme (initially known as the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme) In an arrangement with Eastbourne Borough Council, Eastbourne Networkx pays for the English language tuition services delivered against a list of refugees determined by the Council, and then claims reimbursement in full from the Council This arrangement has existed since 2017.

In 2020 Lewes District Council joined this arrangement, with Eastbourne Borough Council continuing to act as the lead authority.

The English lessons are delivered by a family member of A Reid who has played no part in the selection process nor any decision regarding this project or arising from it.

2. Loan Movement

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance	6,730	3,333
Loans Granted	6,950	5,280
Loans Repaid	(3,880)	(1,883)
Loans Cancelled	(100)	-
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Closing Balance	9,700	6,730
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

England & Wales - Charity number 1170393

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1170393

EASTBOURNE NETWORK

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

**S J PICKUP & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LONG ACRE
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BN26 5RW**

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number: 1170393

Chief Executive Officer: A Reid

Treasurer: B Bird

Trustees: A Reid
B Bird
J Mottram
A Mottram
P Bowley
L. Craggs (resigned 25 March 2022)

Accountants: S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Long Acre
Milton Street
Polegate
BN26 5RW

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE NETWORK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

I report on the accounts which are set out on pages 5 to 7

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

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


.....
Louise Hughes
S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Long Acre
Milton Street
Polegate
BN26 5RW

Dated: 10 March 2023

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 May 2022 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Trust deed dated 28 August 2016, and registered as a CIO on 25 November 2016 with the Charity Commission.

Organisation

A board of trustees of up to 6 members, who meet regularly to administer the charity.

Objectives and activities

A charity that welcomes and supports refugees. We are a voice for those in need, supporting them in housing, education and into employment.

Achievements and performance

It is useful to report on our work during 2022 with a reminder of the backdrop to what is happening and has happened across the world. The situation in Eastbourne is a microcosm of the current global situation, and the result of recent events.

Our lives have changed dramatically in the last few years. Covid in 2020. The fall of Kabul in August 21. The spread of the Russian invasion of Ukraine from February 2022, the impact of Brexit, social media hatred, climate change, the cost of living crisis, the cost of energy, drought and floods and massive earthquakes and more have brought about so much uncertainty, fear and brokenness into the world. Amongst other things the number of people on the move across the world has dramatically increased. It's led to very opinionated leaders, media and people, whose ideas are regularly based on untruths designed to add value to their agenda. The media is now so adept at feeding us with the things we want to hear that it's really hard for us all 'to know the truth'.

If we consider, just the reporting of the small boats crossing the channel – the word illegal is constantly put before 'migrants'. Migration from fear and torture is not illegal. It never can be. We must always have the freedom to find safety, and Britain was a founding signatory of the Refugee Convention of 1951. What is illegal is the trafficking of people from their homes in sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Mediterranean Europe, right up to the French coast. These traffickers make huge promises and force young men and some women, with no money into indebtedness, which leads to many threatening problems for them in their journeys when they are repeatedly abused, and for the families they have left behind who often face threatening visitors demanding payment on pain of death.

Against this background, we have received, welcomed, and settled and supported, three Afghan families into our town. A remarkable group of people. Six parents with a total of 12 children. Determined learners. We thank two families and a Trust for providing the three homes for them and making this possible. The Kingdom Way Trust, a gentleman training to be a Vicar, wanting his home to be put to good use whilst he is cared for by the Church, and a Victoria Baptist Church family. Additionally, we have been pleased to support a single Ukrainian lady to open a beautiful coffee house in the town. A great space for English lessons! We have also supported a misplaced Afghan family, housed in an asylum seekers' hotel and in great need to connect with the Home office. Thanks to people with contacts in high places, we have helped them to take the first steps, supported by compassionate lawyers towards a resolution of their situation.

Two hundred Ukrainians have settled into our town. A strong, happy community despite all their fears for their nation and those they have left behind. Together they have achieved so

much. They are well supported by the local Council, the national programme and employed staff to make the resettlement work. A large grant passed to us by the County Council during 2022 has enabled us to provide lessons, school uniform and family support. This is a programme we would like to see extended to all nationalities.

We lost quite a number of our befrienders following lockdown but we are grateful that we have had the volunteers we needed as and when they were needed. When we needed teachers to teach basic English to asylum seekers 18 volunteered. That was very encouraging.

The Devonshire Ward has been very proactive in providing activities for the community which includes our families. It's a wonderful way to ensure they are integrated into the community. The children love their art classes after school....



and the adults cook meals for those in need thanks to the amazing work of Clare Hackney- Ring.



We were delighted to be able to help Bourne school gain School of Sanctuary

award. The first school in Sussex. Great Achievement. Well done to them.

[School of Sanctuary](#) *Building a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK*



Our settled refugees have been busy looking for work and People Matter has been a great charity to work with. They have helped with the writing of CVs and supported the search for work. We valued the opportunity to be part of EQUATION meetings as we worked together to create a Jobs Fair. It was good to see unexpected people take that first step over the threshold and learn how to apply for work.

We have been blessed with financial support from a number of Trusts to help us with the provision of food vouchers, fuel poverty and the cost of living crisis.

The John Jackson Charitable Trust, GEM and 3VA between them gave us £8,500. On average we were spending £1,000 per month on Tesco vouchers of £50 each. This, in addition to Food Share support, enabled us to keep more than 20 families out of debt and reasonably well fed.

The Souter Trust helped us with the resettlement of three Afghan families and their need for extras which helped them to feel 'at home', like bikes, shoe racks, rice cookers and tv licenses.

Later in 2022 we received further grants from GEM, Eastbourne Borough Council and Eastbourne Food Partnership to help us with the provision of food vouchers, fuel poverty and the cost of living crisis, and Convoy of Hope, an American charity, provided the funds we needed to buy winter clothes for asylum seekers arriving in Eastbourne dressed in T shirts, shorts and flip flops in extremely cold weather.

The total financial support received during the 2022 calendar year from grants has been £63,000.

The number of people we support has grown dramatically. Our purpose is always to ensure that whilst our foreign friends are in Eastbourne they will have a happy and supportive stay, and that they know how to find the help they need whenever, and whatever that might be.

Financial review

We continue to receive financial support from partners in the form of grants for specific purposes and donations for general use.

From the grants totalling £16,135 received in the year we applied £11,075 in line with the terms and conditions of each grant leaving a balance of £5,060 at year end which will be applied in the 2022/23 financial year.

Donations received from our regular and one-off supporters have enabled us to continue to support families in ways that grants do not allow. For example, the costs and loan for making citizenship applications and the costs of setting up and moving homes.

Our financial resources at the end of the year continue to be healthy and remain sufficient to enable us to deal with future demands placed upon Networx.

We are very grateful for the continuing support of donors and grant making bodies.

Plans for future periods

The trustees are confident to continue their support of vulnerable families.

Accounting and reporting responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the 'Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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Approved by the trustees on 10 March 2023 signed on its behalf by:



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A Reid
Trustee

EASTBOURNE NETWORK

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31 MAY 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Loans	2	6,730		3,333	
Bank Accounts		21,808		25,746	
		<u>28,538</u>		<u>29,079</u>	
Net current assets			<u>28,538</u>		<u>29,079</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>28,538</u>		<u>29,079</u>
Net assets			<u><u>28,538</u></u>		<u><u>29,079</u></u>
 Movement in Funds					
General Fund			23,478		24,023
Roman Catholic Church Fund			-		1,278
3VA			538		-
Souter Charitable Trust			1,422		-
Good News Evangelical Mission Fund			3,100		-
John Jackson Charitable Trust			-		928
Sussex Community Fund			-		2,850
			<u>28,538</u>		<u>29,079</u>
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Approved by the trustees on 10 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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A Reid

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT:
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts and Donations	8,711	12,329
Gift Aid	-	2,364
Grants	16,135	26,686
	<u>24,846</u>	<u>41,379</u>
FUNDS FOR ENGLISH LESSONS		
Grants from Councils	28,602	22,777
English Lessons	(29,433)	(22,777)
	<u>(831)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts	<u>24,015</u>	<u>41,379</u>
Expenditure		
Administration Costs	1,584	852
Family Support	4,499	9,319
Housing Costs	1,485	1,779
Citizenship Application	1,311	-
Winter Project	5,900	-
Afghan Project	578	-
Homes for Ukraine	49	-
English Lessons (in advance of reimbursement)	-	1,037
Back to Work Costs	969	5,172
Covid Support	5,200	5,615
PC's and Software	529	3,665
Winterisation Kits	1,890	1,532
Sanctuary Cafe	562	2,670
	<u>24,556</u>	<u>31,641</u>
Total expenditure	<u>24,556</u>	<u>31,641</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<u>(541)</u>	<u>9,738</u>

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

1. English Lessons

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The English lessons are delivered by a family member of A Reid who has played no part in the selection process nor any decision regarding this project or arising from it.

2. Loan Movement

	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening Balance	3,333	5,210
Loans Granted	5,280	3,983
Loans Repaid	(1,883)	(3,190)
Loans Cancelled	-	(2,670)
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Closing Balance	6,730	3,333
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX

England & Wales - Charity number 1170393

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1170393

EASTBOURNE NETWORK

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

**S J PICKUP & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LONG ACRE
MILTON STREET
POLEGATE
BN26 5RW**

EASTBOURNE NETWORK
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number: 1170393

Chief Executive Officer: A Reid

Treasurer: B Bird

Trustees: A Reid
B Bird
J Mottram
A Mottram
P Bowley
L Craggs

Accountants: S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Long Acre
Milton Street
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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Trust deed dated 28 August 2016 and registered as a CIO on 25 November 2016 with the Charity Commission.

Organisation

A board of trustees of up to 6 members, who meet regularly to administer the charity.

Objectives and activities

A charity that welcomes and supports refugees. We are a voice for those in need, supporting them in housing, education and into employment.

Achievements and performance

The charity focus during this last year has turned very much to addressing financial needs via providing food and clothes to the families with whom we work, this has generally been through providing Tesco voucher cards to those in need. £6,000 was spent on vouchers

The increased numbers of Asylum seekers arriving in Eastbourne now that we are a dispersal town, has also shown up the need for warm winter clothes for the many people who have lost everything on their journey to safety. We have been able to provide £1,800 worth of winter clothes. Sanctuary café provides great support for these individuals.

Housing remains a key issue which has no easy answer. There are insufficient houses at a viable rent. A small 3-bedroom house in Eastbourne now costs between £1,300 to £1,600 monthly rent which is £600-£900 over the Local Housing Allowance.

Many landlords have opted to sell their properties whilst the selling price has been so advantageous to the seller with smaller houses approaching half a million pounds. This has reduced the number of available properties to rent and has created problems for several families who have been evicted as the landlord wants to sell.

We have been pleased to work with the local council and 'People Matter' to address the need for employment support for refugees who are ready to work. We are beginning to see some successes as this project becomes established.

Two new families (Afghans) have been settled into Eastbourne bringing the total of families under the Vulnerable People's Resettlement Programme, (or similar scheme), to 11. There's a further 27 refugee/migrant families we support across the town and a further 4 families outside of the town. In addition, the asylum seekers housed in the hotels require things from time to time such as a laptop. Tech Resort provides reconditioned laptops for us at a cost of £10 each. We have provided 26 PC's/laptops.

Our work takes us from meeting the individual or family through to having them settled into a home, which we help to furnish; children are at school and learning confidently and we buy school uniforms when needed; the adults are able to communicate in English and are employed and 6 years after arriving they have gained Citizenship. The first three families we supported at the beginning of 2016 have just achieved this. It's a long journey but very encouraging when it is done. We remain available in the background for these families if other issues crop up.

It's been another year of blessing. We have continued to be very well supported by local Churches, especially Victoria Baptist Church and Berwick Benefice. Individual donations have amounted to over £12,000 and Networkx has received over £26,000 in grants. This finance enables to deliver all that is mentioned above. We are all volunteers and we do not pay rent for offices. Consequently, all money donated is used to support the foreign families in our town.

Financial review

We had a very successful year in applying for and receiving grants totalling £26,686. We spent £22,908 of this in the year leaving a balance of £3,778 to be spent in the next financial year.

Because of this success we did not need to spend so much of the gifts and donations received in the year as we have had to in previous financial periods. As a result, £5,960 has been added to the General Fund for use in future financial years.

The balance of grants remaining (£3,778) and the increase in General Fund balances (£5,960) are represented in the receipts and payments statement on page 5 as the surplus for the year.

Our financial resources at the end of year are healthy and will enable us to deal with future demands placed upon Networkx. We are very grateful for the continuing support of donors and grant making bodies.

Plans for future periods

The trustees are confident to continue their support of vulnerable families.

Accounting and reporting responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
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Approved by the trustees on 28 March 2022 signed on its behalf by:



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A Reid
Trustee

EASTBOURNE NETWORK
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

I report on the accounts which are set out on pages 5 to 7

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

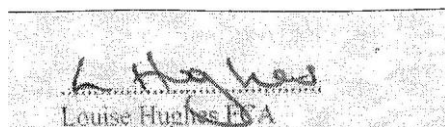
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Dated 28th March 2022

S J Pickup & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Long Acre
Milton Street
Polegate
BN26 5RW

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT : GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts and Donations	12,329	11,994
Gift Aid	2,364	3,235
Loan Repayments	-	4,035
Grants	26,686	-
	<u>41,379</u>	<u>19,264</u>
FUNDS FOR ENGLISH LESSONS		
Grants from Councils	22,777	25,556
English Lessons	(22,777)	(25,556)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts	<u>41,379</u>	<u>19,264</u>
Expenditure		
Administration Costs	852	873
Family Support	9,319	4,776
Housing Costs	1,779	7,909
Loans	-	3,570
Training and Education	-	8,685
Syrian Suppers	-	619
Links Project	-	119
English Lessons (in advance of reimbursement)	1,037	820
Getting People Back to Work	5,172	-
Covid Support	5,615	-
PC's and Software	3,665	-
Winterisation Kits	1,532	-
Loan Cancellation	2,670	-
	<u>31,641</u>	<u>27,371</u>
Total expenditure	<u>31,641</u>	<u>27,371</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>9,738</u>	<u>(8,107)</u>

EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAY 2021

		2021		2020	
	£	£		£	£
Monetary assets					
Loans	3,333			5,210	
Bank Current Account	25,746			14,131	
		<u>29,079</u>		<u>19,340</u>	
Net current assets		<u>29,079</u>		<u>19,340</u>	
Total assets less liabilities		<u><u>29,079</u></u>		<u><u>19,340</u></u>	

		£		£	
Movement in Funds:					
General Fund		24,023		14,521	
Roman Catholic Church Fund		1,278		3,126	
Links Project		-		900	
Lockdown Fund		-		723	
Data Poverty Fund		-		70	
Getting People Back to Work Fund		928		-	
Sussex Crisis Fund		2,850		-	
		<u>29,079</u>		<u>19,340</u>	
		<u><u>29,079</u></u>		<u><u>19,340</u></u>	

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EASTBOURNE NETWORKX
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

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2. **Loans**

Trustees made a decision to cancel debts in accordance with Deuteronomy Chapter15 verses 1:11

3. **Loans Movement**

	2021
	£
Opening Balance	5,210
Loans Granted	3,983
Loans Repaid	(3,190)
Loans Cancelled	(2,670)
	3,333
Closing Balance	3,333