



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/07/2020** Period start date
Period end date

To **30/06/2021**

Charity name: **Refugee Aid Network - UK**

Charity registration number: **1170613**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit to relieve and assist refugees, victims of war, conflict or natural disaster, in particular by the provision of volunteers, funds, food, medical aid, shelter, access to water and sanitation and other humanitarian assistance.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Gathering donated aid from an approved list of what is needed by refugees, and taking them to a central point in Leeds where they were sorted and distributed by Care For Calais (UK Registered Charity #1169048).
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes - Trustee have all received a copy of the guidance Public benefit: the public benefit requirement (PB1) and had a discussion on how it affects our Charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We have continued our monthly Trustee meetings, but we restricted activities this financial year as we could not offer covid safety to volunteers.</p> <p>We have £11000 in the bank from "drip feed" fundraising (£30 standing orders a month, ongoing appeals/donours),</p> <p>Through an online only Just Giving appeal we raised money to pay for two containers of medical equipment aid to Yemen. The aid is gifted to our partner charity, Heartship Foundation in Belfast, from the Northern Irish NHS. Ewe paid for the cost of getting them overland into Yemen. Trustees went to Belfast, as part of our due diligence, to pack and seal each container before it embarked on its journey.</p> <p>We also conducted two successful trips to France to support French Refugees. A Trustee oversaw the trip.</p> <p>Trustees spent £500 of their own money facilitating gathering, sorting and collating second hand clothes/children's toys and goods for Afghan refugees, which were taken to a central warehouse in Leeds, where a large volume of smaller Charities were supporting a Care For Calais donated goods for Afghans appeal.</p> <p>The Trustees discuss how to build safe collaborations with active charities, which fit our "donor</p>

		<p>value” “due diligence” and “volunteer safety” requirements.</p> <p>We considered engaging with the Ukraine crisis but we do not operate in active war zones and the FCDO advised against all travel to Ukraine, so we decided our support should come as individuals, not as Trustees of Refugee Aid Network, volunteering for larger, established Charities here in the UK, thus Refugee Aid Network did not engage with the Ukraine refugee crisis.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		<p>Our model is to offer support where there is a defined need and a safe activity. Part of the due diligence we conduct is around how assured we are that any individual action we take offers value to donors and is safe. We could not identify any actions that fit our criteria due to covid this year, but we have explored many, and remained active.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have not been very active as activity was severely curtailed due to Covid 19 associated lock downs, thus we have maintained our bank balance at the same level for a year, now (April 2022) embarking on a new campaign now restrictions and major covid infection levels have subsided.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We have no operating costs, we run entirely through Trustee volunteer time and resource and have no overheads/salaries, so we do not need reserves to sustain our operation.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We are confident we continue to remain financially robust through 100% donation policy, based upon single, ring-fenced specific activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Donor fatigue remains our main risk.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission Proforma Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Volunteer Trustees are elected on a two year rotation basis, we are not a member organisation, but mobilise around specific actions that fit our constitution, so Trustees with Governance skills are asked to volunteer from our active volunteer pool.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Refugee Aid Network - UK
Other name the charity uses	RAN
Registered charity number	1170613

Charity's principal address	17 Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge, Hexham NE47 6ER.

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	Michael Nixon	Chair	Elected April 2022	Unanimous Trustee vote at 26/4/2022 meeting.
2	Dan Dowling			
3	Muslima Miah	Treasurer	Elected April 2022	
4	Thasab Maqsood			
5	Caitlin Cowan	Secretary	Elected April 2022	
6	Lana Faidulla			
7	Sarah Fenby-Dixon			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	Report Approved at Trustee meeting 26/4/2022	
Michael Nixon		
Dan Dowling		
Muslima Miah		
Thasab Maqsood		
Caitlin Cowan		
Lana Faidulla		
Sarah Fenby-Dixon		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Michael Nixon	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

28/4/22



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Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
donations	10,240	-	-	10,240
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,240	-	-	10,240
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,240	-	-	10,240
A3 Payments				
Aid to French Refugees in Paris Dec 2020	320	-	-	320
Aid to French Refugees Nov 2020	1,960	-	-	1,960
Container to Aden Nov 2020	3,800	-	-	3,800
Container to Aden Oct 2020	3,000	-	-	3,000
	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,080	-	-	9,080
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,080	-	-	9,080
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,160	-	-	1,160
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,160	-	-	1,160

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Carry over from standing orders/gift aid/ongoing appeals	1,160	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	1,160	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	none	-	-
		-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets	none		-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	none		-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	none		-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Dan Dowling

Dan Dowling

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Last year

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**Endowment
funds**
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**Endowment
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**Current value
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**When due
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Date of
approval

4/28/2022