

HAY, BRECON AND TALGARTH SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES

England & Wales · Charity number 1173570

Details

Other names HBTSR

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-06-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (THE OBJECTS) ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, RELIEVE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS AMONGST PEOPLE SEEKING REFUGE/ASYLUM AND A PLACE OF SANCTUARY OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES AND TO EDUCATE THE BRITISH PUBLIC, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND POLICY MAKERS ABOUT THEIR PLIGHT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A PROMOTING IN HAY, BRECON AND TALGARTH AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS THE PROVISION OF PLACES OF RESPITE AND SANCTUARY BY VISITS AND/OR LONGER STAYS FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM OR REFUGE AND THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PEACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF OUR COMMUNITIES B ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS, VOLUNTARY AND PUBLIC BODIES AND FAITH ORGANISATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVISION OF RESPITE AND SANCTUARY, AND IN GENERAL IN WELCOMING AND ASSISTING PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM OR REFUGE C PROVIDING ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, LOCAL COMMUNITY, PUBLIC BODIES AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE SITUATION OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM OR REFUGE AND WAYS OF ALLEVIATING THEIR DISTRESS D FACILITATING AND CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF PEOPLE SEEKING REFUGE OR ASYLUM TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND TO UK SOCIETY AND CULTURE AND CHALLENGING HOSTILITY AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEME INFORM, ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC POLICIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVISION OF REFUGE AND SANCTUARY AND DIMINISH THE DISTRESS OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM OR REFUGE.

Activities: HBTSR HELPS PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM/REFUGE BY PROVIDING THEM WITH OUTINGS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR LEISURE, FRIENDSHIP AND SKILL EXCHANGE. WE HELP OUR OWN LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO MEET PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES AND BE ENRICHED BY THIS. WE SPEAK PUBLICLY AND RAISE FUNDS. WE APPROACH LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPROVE POLICY AND SUPPORT. WE PROVIDE SOME EXPERT ASSISTANCE AND COLLECT GOODS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£18,215	£25,400	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,851	£33,623	-	-
2022-12-31	£37,272	£24,562	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,257	£19,869	-	-
2020-12-31	£32,385	£20,205	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Margaret Blake	Chair	2025-01-15
Adil Abdul Majid Gatrad		2021-11-22
Claire Armstrong		2023-01-11
Dr AILSA DUNN MB BS FRCP		2015-09-30
Elisabeth Lifford		2023-01-11
LAWRENCE DUFFY		2015-09-23
Melrose East		2017-11-22
Meriel Gillespie		2025-02-12
Rowland Denis Jepson		2023-01-11

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Accounts



Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

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Annual report 2023

HBTSR has been in existence for eight years in order to support and welcome people seeking sanctuary. We do this by offering days out, raising money to help individuals and groups who assist and/or support people seeking sanctuary and by campaigning for more humane asylum policies and laws. Throughout this year we have held Welcome Days and kept in touch with our supporters by e-mail, telephone and monthly group meetings on Zoom. The latter increases attendance in our widely dispersed rural area and has enabled colleagues in Swansea to join with us to plan and discuss needs. We have focused upon encouraging schools to become recognised as Schools of Sanctuary and were delighted that Powys Council has committed to working towards being a [Council of Sanctuary](#).

We have raised money to support individuals and families and have [continued to campaign](#) for people seeking sanctuary in conjunction with the Together with Refugees coalition.

We were privileged to be recognised by both PAVO and the High Sheriff of Powys for [an award this year](#), as well as one from the [Monmouthshire Muslim Community Association](#).

We were invited to be part of a group at Brecon Cathedral [to meet the King](#) and also to speak at the Powys Launch of [Council of Sanctuary](#) at Royal Welsh Show.

This year saw our long time Chair Margaret Blake step down. A new Chair, Tim Butler and additional trustees were appointed.

Welcome Days

These are mostly single-day visits to a particular community or venue, where people seeking sanctuary can enjoy a 'day out' in the countryside and share hospitality and activities with the local community. Many people benefit from these days out – not only people seeking sanctuary but also the host communities and the organisations who support them. There are great benefits in working together for a common goal and providing activities that local communities can access alongside visiting sanctuary seekers. Community cohesion and intergenerational working are immediate benefits that hosting areas have noted. New friendships have formed both within the local community and among people seeking sanctuary.

We were fortunate to secure a grant from PAVO Refugee Support Fund that paid for transport to three of our Welcome Days.

We have worked closely with Beacons for Ukraine and the Llandrindod support group to ensure that Ukrainian, Syrian and Afghan people living locally are invited to the Welcome Days and assisted to integrate and feel welcome in our community.

Most Welcome Day visits are held in collaboration with Swansea drop in support groups SASS and UID who compile lists of those sanctuary seekers who wish to attend – with frequent revisions as people drop in and

Throughout this document we have used the term 'people seeking sanctuary' to describe people seeking refuge/ asylum/ safety. We try to avoid depersonalising terms such as 'Asylum seeker' or 'Refugee'.

Abbreviations used in the report:

BBNPA	Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority	BSL	British Sign Language
DBS	Disclosure & Barring Service	DEC	Disasters Emergency Committee
EYST	Ethnic Youth Support Team	IELTS	International English Language Testing System
NASS	National Asylum Support Services	NRPF	No recourse to public funds
PAVO	Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations	SASS	Swansea Asylum Seekers Support
UID	Unity in Diversity		

out – and help them to reach the departure point for transport. Many thanks to Thanuja Hettiarachchi who as undertaken most of this work.

Welcome Days 2023		
Month	Venue	Hosts – local communities with additional help from:
March	Llangorse	Llangorse Community Hall and School, Melrose East, Bernie Herman, Penny Scruby and Alison Eagle, Claire Elliott and Niki Jones, Emily Hedges, Taiko Mynydd Du
April	Penpont	Vina and Gavin Hogg, Margaret Blake, Jackie Oliphant, Fiona Cloke, Kate Thomas, Katy Cherrington, Claire Elliott, Emily Hedges
May	Craig y Nos Country Park	Bannau Brycheiniog National Park The Big Skill, Lis Lifford , Criw Craggy, Claire and Matt Elliott
June	Talybont-on-Usk	Henderson Hall, Talybont Talybont WI, Talybont Stores and PO, Rhiannon and Nick, The Star Inn, The White Hart Inn
July	Talgarth	Gwernyfed Rugby Club, Talgarth Football club Virginia Brown, Lynne Oliver, Melrose East, Grow for Talgarth, Tuesday Lunch club, Jacqui Wilding and Bronllys Wellbeing Park, Nicola Jones Sports Development, Talgarth Bowling Club, Shuffle and Roll Board Games, Rob Hughes of Talgarth Walkers are Welcome
August	Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Visitor Centre, Libanus	Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Francesca Bell, Aled Edwards, Jackie and Rob Thomas, Brecon Labour Party, The Big Skill, Melrose East
	Llangorse – Smaller visits from sanctuary-seekers supported by Newport Sanctuary: Climbing & Rowing ; Women's Group	Llangorse Community Hall and School, Llangorse Rope and Riding Centre, Lakeside The women so enjoyed their visit that they came back to sell items at the Llangorse Christmas Fair in December.
September	Assisted group in Carmarthenshire to organise their own Welcome Day	

Welcome Days 2023		
Month	Venue	Hosts – local communities with additional help from:
October	Llangynidr	Llangynidr Village Hall, School, Red Lion Pub, Church & Chapels, BBNPA & Usk Astronomical Society, Jean Barnes, Mike Gatehouse, Melrose East, Emily Hedges, the Gibbs family, Tessa, Graham, Emily, Kate, Yolanda Sidler, Liz, Kirsty Davies, Jane Durrant, Maryna, Loretta, Lily Peel, Simon Lancaster, Justin & The Hallelujah Joes, Tim Butler, Val Fraser,
October- November Visit 1 , Visit 2 , Visit 3 , Visit 4	Hay on Wye Castle – Visits by sanctuary seekers from Three Counties Hotel, Hereford	Hay Castle & Refugee Art Exhibition. Drovers Cycles, Anna and Luke, Miv Smith, Mike Jones, Carl Fox, Stuart Lifford, Andy, Aaron, Jamie, Tom True and Mari Fforde
November	Hay School	Hay on Wye School Hay on Wye school and PTFA, Hay Castle, Three Tuns, Gay on Wye bookshop, Richard Morris, Josh Boyd-Green, Bernie Herman, Lynne Oliver, Claire Armstrong, Christina Campbell, Alex Benfield

Reports are available about each of the visits on [our website](#). Our thanks to all those communities and organisations who made these visits possible. All events involve many others from the communities and HBTSR members, as well as those listed here. Many more contributed food and other goods.

Hardship fund

Established in the early days of HBTSR to meet urgent or one-off needs, and guided by a small group of advisers, we can usually respond to Hardship Fund requests within 24 hours. All decisions are subsequently discussed at HBTSR monthly group meetings. Individuals are asked to apply via one of the sanctuary seeker support groups we work with (in Swansea UID and SASS) who help us to assess and balance local needs.

Direct payments

<i>Month</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Detail</i>
February	£45	Bus pass for one child
		Bus fares for vulnerable man Football kit for one
April	£140	Train fares for a Ukrainian family
June	£50	Cash plus a bag of groceries for a woman moved from Swansea, whose Aspen debit card was not renewed for more than 3 weeks.
	£41	Registration and kit for young footballer (club waived weekly subscriptions)
July	£135	Birth project run by a member
September		Face paints and left-handed scissors for an asylum childcare group
	£245	Kit required for a catering course
	£350	Bus pass for travel to College

Our Hardship Fund has had fewer calls for direct payments since we set up the devolved hardship funds allowing decisions and money to be made available on the spot by people who know the need.

Devolved Hardship Funds

These funds are supported by periodic block grants made by HBTSR. The organisations which receive and administer individual payments send in regular reports to HBTSR group meetings and these are included in our minutes. We have found that making money available where and when it is needed allows dignified and speedy help.

SASS Hardship and Shoe Fund

During the pandemic we provided a monthly sum of money for phone top-ups but with WiFi now being provided in many of the homes and a return to in-person teaching, the need was much less.

However there was a need for small sums of money to help with immediate food poverty especially at weekends when food banks are closed. There were also needs to meet some urgent solicitor fees and provide clothing. Thus the phone top-up fund became the SASS Hardship fund, administered by three volunteers. A monthly report is sent in by Maria Nicholas.

In addition Maria identified a need for shoes as many new people arriving invariably had either inappropriate or very worn footwear. She found a mail-order footwear company with bargain prices. Giving people new shoes rather than secondhand ones restores a degree of dignity and sense of self worth.

Moving-on Fund

This was set up in March 2021 to help people with newly granted refugee status with the expenses of setting up a new home. Grants could be up to £200 per Family/Person to be spent as needed. This fund was to help people for whom previously we might have found household goods but had been unable to help due to the pandemic. Applications are made via volunteers and the usual agencies.

With the return to more normal life we have started some limited deliveries of household goods. Only 2 grants were made this year.

EYST Urgent Accommodation Fund

In 2022 we were able to respond to increasing concerns within EYST about the number of people who become street homeless and destitute as a result of their asylum claim. Despite working closely with ShareTawe, there are no quick fixes and no surplus accommodation. EYST provides information to the Council to prove that the asylum claim is being worked on and that EYST will apply for NASS support when

appropriate. After a few days, the council usually offer a room while EYST work further on the person's asylum case.

The fund allows EYST to book a B&B room for a couple of nights while statutory services sort things out .

“To have an emergency pot that we can use at our discretion (for those moments when we've exhausted all options) is a dream.”

Bus pass project

Between February and April we spent £1,500 on bus passes to allow children living more than 2 miles but under 3 miles from school to have a weekly bus pass. This was very ably managed by Catherine a worker at EYST. There is [a detailed report](#) on our website.

We tried to use this report to show the need and the benefits but the council and Senedd have not continued their support for this scheme.

Asylum Justice Sanctuary Fund

For the last two years we have made substantial donations to Asylum Justice Sanctuary fund to help them to obtain documents needed in people's cases. We have regular reports included in our minutes about how the money is spent.

We also hold some money donated specifically to help with legal cases such as to pay for reports, fares to travel to hand in paperwork, translations etc. This money is ring-fenced with decisions on use made by a small HBTSR group which can draw on the expertise of support group volunteers in the cities. The fund was used once this year to assist with legal support for a man in detention and helped to obtain his release.

UID small electrical equipment fund

Pre- pandemic we used to collect items and deliver them. However, some of the items needed are available new at a reasonable price. Giving money that can be used to buy the items where they are needed has seemed very sensible.

In addition in June we bought 15 Geobook Laptops via the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of XMA which cost £1,200. These were distributed via SASS and UID .

Courts support group

People seeking sanctuary are understandably very anxious about attending immigration tribunal hearings and we have been able to offer moral support this year by accompanying four individuals. We have a leaflet on our website explaining our role as observers and for morale support. SASS have identified a need for sanctuary-seekers to practise for interviews and hearings and we have offered to help with this.

Other Activities

At the start of Lockdown in March 2020, ShareTawe asked if we could accommodate a man who would otherwise be homeless or placed in a hostel/dormitory. A local holiday cottage owner agreed to make this available and HBTSR was able to befriend, help with subsistence and ensure that he has been safely accommodated. Since April 2022 he has lived with a generous local host family.

Friendship and support

Many HBTSR members keep in touch with individuals met at welcome days and we have maintained contact with support groups. We are told that this is greatly appreciated.

A Friendship Quilt began as a lockdown project, designed to support people seeking sanctuary based in Swansea, whom Emily Hedges and her friend Jenny Chippindale met at one of the Welcome Days held in Hay school. When the pandemic put an end to face-to-face meeting to sew and embroider, Emily devised the Friendship Quilt where everyone could work individually on their own squares and, once lockdown was over, join together to complete the project The quilt is now [on display at Hay Castle](#) where it is much admired and [available for members of the public](#) to sponsor individual squares.

Goods

Until the start of lockdown in March 2020 we continued to be given large amounts of clothing, bedding, toys, household and kitchen items that were of use to people seeking sanctuary both here and abroad. In March 2020 we stopped collecting goods as none of the support groups was open and so we had nowhere to send items. We have not restarted as most support groups have their own supplies now.

Ty Mawr Lime continue to provide us with a warm, secure storage area where we have been able to keep things that are needed for Welcome Days and occasional items needed by Support groups .

Stores Group

Sue and Carola have continued to visit the store to check that items are in date and sort any suitable items to be transported.

Bicycles

Over 60 bikes have been donated this year to Newport Sanctuary. Drover Cycles , Sean, and Lawrence have continued to collect bicycles which are conveyed to Newport by Vanessa. We are very grateful to everyone who has donated bicycles and given storage or transport. These bikes have allowed so many people freedom to travel.

Newport has a regular bike maintenance session and now has city centre premises offering a secure bike park and space to refurbish and maintain bikes. They credit our support for helping to start and maintain this popular activity.

Drovers Cycles held [a bike repair day](#) for some residents of the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford, and 13 bikes were subsequently delivered along with helmets, lights and locks

Sewing Machines

Tools for Self Reliance Cymru are kindly able to let us have machines that are not suitable to be sent to their partners in Africa and other kind people have also donated machines.

In September 2020 Newport Gap Sanctuary asked for our help in finding sewing machines and materials to start a sewing group. This has continued to flourish and is a source of informal English conversation and teaching.

A similar sewing group is planned in Swansea. 13 sewing machines were taken to SASS in October.

Christmas and Eid presents.

We gave £1000 each for Christmas gifts, party or food to UID, SASS, Newport and to the Hereford support group. Over 300 gifts from schools and supporters were taken to Swansea for distribution. A donation was given in April to Monmouthshire Muslim Community Association via our trustee Adil Gatrad to buy gifts for Eid.

Schools of Sanctuary

Encouraging local schools to become [Schools of Sanctuary](#) has become a particular interest for HBTSR this year. We have a small group of Trustees and supporters who are committed towards taking forward the recognition of many of our schools. We are helped in this by the Church in Wales [encouraging all its schools](#) to apply.

Five schools in our area (Brecon High School; Clyro, Hay on Wye, Llangattock and Ysgol Mynydd Du primary schools) have started the journey towards becoming Schools of Sanctuary and Cradoc, which was the first primary school in Wales to be recognised as a school of Sanctuary was re-accredited in July. We involved schools in a [writing and art competition](#) for Refugee Week and held a very successful [awards evening](#) on 16th June.

Llangors Primary school was recognised as a school of Sanctuary following an inspection in November 2023.

Fundraising/ Awareness raising activities

Our generous supporters have ensured that we continue to be able to support people seeking sanctuary in south Wales and more recently also in Hereford where more than 100 men seeking asylum are accommodated in a hotel.

We have benefitted from donations at weddings and funerals, closure of trusts and also from Regular monthly direct debits. Donations were also collected at many of our Welcome Days.

Fundraising events and activities included:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>
May	Hay Festival	Bucket collections & street stalls
July	Royal Welsh Show	Stall jointly with Beacons for Ukraine
August	Talybont Show Brecon Show	Stall jointly with Beacons for Ukraine
	Llangynidr Show	STALL
Christmas 2023	Various	

Hay Festival of Sanctuary

Hay Festival is re-applying to be recognised as a Festival of Sanctuary. We were again able to assist the Festival with planning charity collections as well as having a number of collections for ourselves. Thanks to the generosity of the many people attending we were able to raise a substantial amount for our activities. A local sanctuary-seeking man acted as a steward at the spring festival and enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Penny, the Box Office team and Hay Festival Chief Executive and Trustees for all their help and support.

Homes for Ukraine, Wales Super Sponsor

We have worked closely with Powys County Council and the Ukrainian resettlement programme. We are pleased that the council has recognised and worked with the various support groups for people seeking sanctuary across the county. We worked closely with Beacons for Ukraine and helped them to run a Ukrainian Christmas party and an information session with our Regional MS. Welcome Days now always include Ukrainians living locally and we have maintained and updated a page on our website with Ukraine-specific information.

We hold/administer monies for Beacons for Ukraine that were donated following fundraising in Crickhowell.

We were involved in an [Oral History project](#) run by Rhiannon and Olha on behalf of Beacons for Ukraine. This is for use by anyone who wishes and is a useful resource about seeking sanctuary.

Lobbying, Awareness raising and Education.

Throughout the year we have continued to highlight important petitions and causes. We have been helped in this by the fortnightly briefing of Asylum Matters and the regular updates for Lift The Ban Coalition and Together with Refugees.

We have regular correspondence with our MP and regional MS.

We have repeatedly drawn attention to the Nationality and Borders Act and the Illegal Migration Act in conjunction with the 'Together with Refugees' coalition. Our activities are described on our website, [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

We also helped to curate an exhibition of contemporary refugee art at Hay Castle from 22 September to 16 November including some works by artists living in Brecknockshire and Swansea. Some details of the exhibition are in the reports of visits by refugee groups to this exhibition.

[For Refugee Week](#) Theatr Brycheiniog hosted an exhibition of work from Llangorse school about Sanctuary. We held an awards ceremony for pupils who entered our refugee week competition and a celebration of quilting at Hay Castle. In addition we had a Welcome Day during the week in Talybont.

We have worked with schools to encourage them to become recognised as Schools of Sanctuary and hope to celebrate these awards publicly.

Website and social media

The website is maintained by City of Sanctuary and Ailsa with help from Mike and Paul. It contains all our newsletters, reports, event write-ups, policies and links to other groups.

<i>Channel</i>	<i>Followers/Subscribers at 1 December 2023</i>	<i>Maintained by</i>
Facebook	1,200	Public group with posts approved by Steve and Ailsa
Twitter/X	1,228	Maria – this remains an active campaigning resource
Instagram	114	Alex
Email	515	Subscribers to our newsletters, which are written by Ailsa with details of meetings, activities, updates, and petitions.

Graphic design: Neil and Cate continue to help with design of our leaflets and posters to ensure that we have a consistent, recognisable and effective visual presence.

Administration.

Meetings: All are welcome to attend our regular, monthly Group meetings (currently by Zoom, though this is reviewed regularly). Meetings hear and discuss reports on activities, income, expenditure, any issues, plans and seek views and aim for consensus about future work.

Policies: all are on our website and are reviewed annually by the Chair and trustees. We have over 500 people on our mailing list who receive regular mailings .

Bank account: a new account was opened in August as the local Branch of Barclays closed.

Officers and Trustees: are appointed at the AGM with Trustees able to co-opt additional as needed. Trustees have met three times this year and have kept in touch regularly.

HBTSR Roles & Responsibilities

Post Holders as of December 2023

<i>Post</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Appointed</i>
Chair	Tim Butler		Jan 2023
Vice Chair			
Treasurer	Lawrence Duffy		
Secretary	Ailsa Dunn		
Trustees	Ailsa Dunn	Secretary	June 2017
	Lawrence Duffy	Treasurer	June 2017

<i>Post</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Appointed</i>
	Melrose East	Risk Management & Welcome Days	Dec 2017
	Val Fraser	Press	(*Nov 2021) Jan 2022
	Adil Gatrad		(*Nov 2021) Jan 2022
	Claire Armstrong	Support	Jan 2023
	Lis Lifford		Jan 2023
	Rowland Jepson	Schools of Sanctuary	Jan 2023
Safeguarding Lead	Dr Aideen Naughton		
Hardship Fund advisers	Mike Gatehouse		
	Lynne Rogers		
	Lawrence Duffy	Treasurer	
	Tim Butler	Chair	
Webmaster	Paul Funnell		
Stores Group	Sue Richards		
	Carola Tipton		
	Ailsa Dunn		
Social Media	Steve Buzza	Facebook	
	Ailsa Dunn	Facebook	
	Maria Duggan	Twitter/X	
	Alex Benfield	Instagram	
Fundraising	Rachel Giaccone		
	Jane Dodds		
Welcomer/Information Officers	Margaret & Pat Blake, Lawrence Duffy, Melrose East, Mike Gatehouse, Adil Gatrad, Penny & Andrew Leonard, Philip Oliver, Sue & Gez Richards, Lynne Rogers		
Risk Management	Melrose East		
Courts Support Group	Sarah Andrews, Claire Armstrong, Janet Bodily, Hilary Bright, Virginia Brown, Maureen Douglas, Lawrence Duffy, Ailsa Dunn, Maria Duggan, Melrose East, Allie Exton, Corinne Harris, Jonnie & Tina Hill, Rowland Jepson, Angharad Kuck, Lis Lifford, Ellie Lonsdale, Kirsty Morgan, Philip Oliver, Pauline Paterson, Barbara Price, Reg Price, Sue Richards, Lynne Rogers, Clare Shirtcliff, Neil		

<i>Post</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Appointed</i>
Legal Fund Group	Tim Butler, Lawrence Duffy, Maria Duggan, Rowland Jepson, Philip Oliver, Mark Seymour, Marilyn Thomas		
Policies	Mike Gatehouse & others		
Transport Group	Hilary Bright, Tim Butler, Lawrence Duffy, Val Fraser, Trish Fretten, Adil Gatrad, Tina & Jonnie Hill, Gaynor & Jim Hooper, Trina Lodge, Jim & Clare Milner		

Please let us know if you'd like to take on or assist with any of the roles listed above.

Thanks to all our supporters and friends for all that you have done this year to help raise the profile of and to directly help people seeking sanctuary.

Ailsa Dunn 31 December 2023

Accounts Year ended
31st December 2023



INCOME			
Donations	General donations including from welcome days and stalls.	£19,351	
	Beacons for Ukraine/ CSU	£3,339	
Hay Festival		£4,170	
PAVO		£1,500	
Hay Fair trade stall		£388	
Brecon market		£103	Total Income £28,851
EXPENSES			
Asylum Justice		£4,000	
Newport Gap Housing project		£4,000	
Coach hire		£2,770	
CSU/BSU		£2810	
EYST - bus fares project, and clothing		£2,586	
EYST emergency accomodation		£1,000	
SASS immediate needs/footwear		£2000	
Herefordshire City of Sanctuary		£2,000	
UID Christmas		£1,000	
SASS Christmas		£1,000	
Gap Newport Christmas		£1,000	
XMA computers for Swansea		£1,260	
City of Sanctuary 'subscription'		£800	
Drovers cycles for bike parts, helmets , lights, locks		£727	

**Accounts Year ended
31st December 2023**

Hardship	Fares at welcome days	£380	Hardship
	Dental expenses	£300	
	Moving on	£250	
	Catering uniform	£249	
	Destitute lady/Aspen card slow to arrive	£85	
	Essential childcare to enable course	£850	
	Support	£450	Total hardship £2564
Bus pass	Student didn't fit College criteria	£335	
Bus fares for couple moved away from Newport centre		£273	
UID electrical items		£600	
Sanctuary books for Schools		£400	
School speaker fees		£250	
Climbing centre day out		£375	
EID presents		£345	
One off Legal fees for man in detention		£360	
Public Liability Insurance		£203	
Miscellaneous expenses under £100		£965	
			Total expenditure £33,623

**Accounts Year ended
31st December 2023**



Bank Balance at 31/12/22		£28,241
December 2022 expenses		[£1616]
Income		£28,851
Expenses		[£33,623]
Bank Balance at 31/12/22		£21,853

Provisions

Provisions		
Legal Fund	£1,140	
Asylum Justice	£3,000	
Beacons supports Ukraine	£2,350	
EYST accommodation Fund	£1,000	
TOTAL		TOTAL £7,490



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Hay, Brecon and Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2023

Charity no (if any)

Set out on page

1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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:

R J Eagle

Date:

10/01/2024

Name:

R J Eagle

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

Address:

5 Tai-Canol, Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7UR

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Accounts

HBTSR Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 December 2022
Income

Donations : General		10,789	
Asylum Justice	Ukraine : March	2,605	3,000
Container to Ukraine	CSU	3,467	
CSU	Erwood	1,026	7,098
Lysdinam Trust			5,000
			22,887
Hay Festival			9,874
Pop Up Shop			2,534
Kites @ Hay Castle			759
St David Concert Hay			718
Bronnlys coffee morning			500
Total		960	37,272
Travels - Afghan children		500	
Crisis appeal		450	
GAP, Legal fees		500	
Coach to Penpont		365	
EID gifts		341	
Miscellaneous		2,035	
Total		24,562	

Expenditure

Handbills	5,585
Asylum Justice	3,000
Container to Ukraine	3,000
CSU	1,825
Phone hot ups	1,200
UID, Christmas	1,000
SASS, Christmas	1,000
GAP, Christmas	1,000
Winter wonderland	1,000
Travel passes	960
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Donations : General		10,789	
Asylum Justice		3,000	
Ukraine : March	2,605		
CSU	3,467		
Container to Ukraine		7,098	
Erwood	1,026		
CSU		5,000	22,887
Lysdinam Trust			
Hay Festival		1,200	9,874
Pop Up Shop		1,000	2,534
Kites @ Hay Castle		1,000	759
St David Concert Hay		1,000	718
Bronnlys coffee morning		1,000	500
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report of the trustee/
members of

Hay, Emson and Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on page

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I report to the trustee(s) on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
scope of report

As the charity's trustee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act).

Pop-Up 3-Step

Notes on Hay 3

St David's Church

Section 100

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 146 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.

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Signed:

R J Eagle

Date:

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HAY, BRECON AND TALGARTH SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES

England & Wales - Charity number 1173570

Accounts



Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

Registered charity no 1173570

Annual report 2020

Overview from a year greatly affected by the Pandemic.

Welcome Days

Welcome days in our area		2
Small groups	Otis visited Hay and Fairfield schools in January	
Holiday cottage stays	3 families stayed before lockdown and since 23rd March a destitute asylum seeker from Swansea has been staying in Brecon. Over the summer he was able to stay at another house for 2 months before returning to Rowland.	

Attendance at welcome days by people seeking sanctuary *

It almost seems like a different world in which we were able to invite people seeking sanctuary in Swansea to board a 53 seater coach and visit Hay on Wye school in January and Llangorse community Centre in early March. Both of these well attended events allowed people to meet up, chat, have fun together and to take home some gifts and donations to share with others in Swansea. In particular large amounts of food donations from Hay Deli including pasta, rice, couscous and spices were very welcome gifts coming just before lockdown.

Many people benefit from these days out – not only people seeking sanctuary but also the host communities. There are benefits in working together for a common goal and providing activities that local people including children can access. Community cohesion and intergenerational working are immediate benefits that areas that have hosted have noted as well as new friendships.

And then Lockdown intervened and the carefully arranged programme of events was cancelled for the foreseeable future.

'How wonderful to feel safe and wanted and welcomed, when for many, this is not what we experience in everyday life.'

'I do hope there are more people like yourselves out there bucking the trend of extremism and misunderstanding and using simple goodwill and friendship to make a difference.'

* throughout this document we have used the term 'people seeking sanctuary' to describe people seeking refuge/ asylum/ safety. We try to avoid depersonalising terms such as 'Asylum seeker' or 'Refugee'.

Hardship fund

This was established soon after the start of the group in order to meet urgent or one off needs and has been in great demand throughout this year. Requests are now coming from a number of groups who support people seeking asylum and on most occasions

they have a favourable response within 24 hours. An application form is on our website but we do respond to any request that is sent via a recognised support group and seek any necessary additional supportive information.

We have had requests from groups such as Swansea Asylum Seekers Support, The Gap Sanctuary, Swansea Asylum Seeking Women's group, Welcome to Swansea group, Eyst Covid Response Project and Sharetaue.

In addition, we have a separate fund for Nappies and Feminine Hygiene products and male toiletries administered by Maria Nicholas, a volunteer in Swansea.

Hardship fund payments

January	Payments for 2 destitute people for food and essentials for several weeks, a vacuum cleaner, replacement spectacles and transport for disabled boy to attend school
February	Bus fares for teenagers attending school with long journey, help with clothing and items for family with No Recourse to Public funding, Shoes and money for a destitute men.
March	Weekly support for elderly couple who had support withdrawn and then reinstated. Contribution towards tuition fees for man to kickstart career in IT after granted status. Help with transport to tribunal for family members, and money towards laptops for Syrian Families in Ystradgynlais
April	Shoes for 7 children,
May	Court fine for alleged spitting . Digital tablet for child not in school. Medication for person with no income and need for non prescription items. Groceries for household with no money.
June	Printer cartridges, lap tops x2 help with legal fees for a citizenship application.
July and August	Mobiles, tablets, clothing grants, Laptops [£1050] level 3 Beauty equipment,
September	Bus passes x7. Immediate help for domestic abuse sufferer,
October	Bus travel payments for a month. Course kit x2 and books for course X1
November	Laptop x1
December	Help with moving

Other Monies used

Donations for bike maintenance *-bikes report below*

Donations for Phone top ups *-report below*

Donation to Safe passage and Help Refugees after fire at Moria

Donation via County of Sanctuary Pembrokeshire for Penally Camp and some money for immediate needs to The Heart a group set up to provide clothing and toiletries to Penally.

Donation to Hopetowns.

Membership and Support

As at 31st December 2020

Email newsletter subscribers	475
Facebook followers	769
Twitter followers	926
Instagram	

Fundraising/ Awareness raising activities

Almost all of the fundraising activities planned for the year had to be cancelled but our generous supporters have ensured that we have still been able to support people in need both in south Wales and those seeking refuge abroad .

We have sold handmade, washable **face masks** made by Rachel, Janet, Gaynor and Kumari and raised over £2000.

A stall on Hay Market in November raised over £270 and gave useful publicity.

We were successful in obtaining a grant of £4000 from Community Foundation Wales Covid Resilience fund that allowed us to pay for Phone top ups for many people seeking asylum so they could continue with studies, and also buy 10 laptops, 2 digital tablets, 2 phones, essential parts for bikes , gardening equipment and hand sanitiser, soap and masks.

WE have had our information display boards in Hay School and Library, Llangorse Community Centre and Brecon Cathedral.

Our collection bucket in Drovers and the Mill gave us some income for which many thanks.

We have issued press releases about the two welcome days and an update about our activities during lockdown, an article about the Bicycles project with Drovers and Newport Sanctuary and an article about the Sewing machine collaboration with Tools for Self Reliance and Newport Sanctuary and our Christmas activities with Swansea and Penally.

Schools of Sanctuary

No new awards this year although Hay School hosted a day and Llangorse school made donations to the welcome day in Llangorse.

Festival of Sanctuary

Hay Festival was recommended to be recognised as a Festival of Sanctuary in January with plans for a celebration at the festival in May. The pandemic meant that there was no celebration but we are delighted that the support that the Festival gives to so many people seeking sanctuary has been recognised.

Other Activities

Holiday Cottage

For a number of years Rowland Jepson has allowed his holiday cottage to be used for short stays by people seeking asylum when it was not otherwise booked. At the start of Lockdown, Sharetawe asked if we could accommodate a man who would otherwise be homeless or placed in a hostel/ dormitory. Rowland agreed to this use and we have been able to befriend and help with subsistence. Ruth Gibbs kindly gave our gentleman the use of her house during the summer when Rowland had some pre arranged bookings.

During the time that this man has been in Brecon he has been assisted by the Food bank as well as by HBTSR and by Pepperberry Kitchen [run by supporters] who have delivered twice weekly meals.

Bicycles

Drovers Cycles , Sean, Vanessa, John, Miv and Lawrence have continued to collect bicycles which have been shared with Re- cycle in Swansea and the Gap Sanctuary Project in Newport. We are very grateful to everyone who has donated bicycles, given storage and transport which has allowed so many people freedom to travel. We have assisted with purchase of bike parts, helmet, lights and locks.

Over 60 bikes have been donated this year to Newport Sanctuary or Re-Cycle Swansea.

Newport has a regular bike maintenance session that was able in part to continue during the year. They credit our support for helping to start and maintain this popular session. Penally Camp in Pembrokeshire has used money that we gave them to help to set up a bike bank to allow the men housed there to travel. Newport Sanctuary volunteers and Mark attended Penally to help service bikes.

English Language Tuition

Mac regularly visited Unity in Diversity[UID] to teach an IELTS course and to take donated goods from our store. This was stopped by the pandemic but he continues with some informal online support.

Courts support group

People seeking sanctuary are understandably very anxious about attending hearings and we have been able to offer moral support by attending with individuals. Requests for this had increased but ceased during the pandemic. We have a leaflet on the website explaining our role. We also hold some money that was donated to help with legal cases.

Friendships and support

Many of our group have kept in touch with individuals throughout the pandemic and we have maintained contact with support groups. We have been told that this is greatly appreciated.

Phone top ups

Kelly Wearing in Swansea agreed to help buy phone top ups for people seeking asylum who needed these to help them to continue with studies or other urgent needs. This started in May and has been well utilised. We have had many thank you emails saying how much this has helped.

An example

'My name is X, I live in Swansea as a asylum i want to send an email to you and say thank you very much for your help. As i told you, your help was very helpful for me because unfortunately my baby is ill and doctors said she may not survive for a long time very difficult situation.'

Sewing Machines

Newport Gap Sanctuary asked for our help in finding some sewing machines and materials to start a sewing group. Tools for Self Reliance were kindly able to let us have machines that were not suitable to be sent to Africa and other kind people also donated machines. In September, Janet and Gaynor visited to refresh people's knowledge of how to use a sewing machine and by November there were 3 separate groups visiting the centre to use the machines. Additional machines were also provided to Unity in Diversity

[UID] for individuals. A further 6 machines were given to Newport in early December and 3 to UID.

Knitting group

Due to the Pandemic this group has been unable meet. There are some items ready to go when feasible.

Goods

Until the start of lockdown we continued to be given large amounts of clothing, bedding, toys, household and kitchen items that were of use to people seeking sanctuary both here and abroad. Drop off points the Liberal Democrats office in Brecon, St Marys Church in Hay and Hay Vets in Talgarth took in our donations for which we were extremely grateful.

Since lockdown, we mostly stopped collecting goods as none of the support groups were open and so we had nowhere to send items.

In November we were able to send donated games, warm mens clothing and toiletries to Penally with Sylvia and Hilary and also Mens clothing, blankets and similar items via Ellen to go to Calais. Individuals sent toiletries to Moria camp via a Freepost option organised by Attika Humankind Support. *And please see Christmas giving below.*

Ty Mawr Lime continue to provide us with a warm, secure storage area where we have been able to keep things and gradually disperse them as lockdown restrictions eased.

Several house clearances over lockdown gave us useful furniture and household items that has been stored in a garage awaiting dispersal. We were able to send some of these household items to UID and Newport in the autumn.

Sean took a large collection of baby clothes to a new Clothes bank for baby clothes.

In November Christina W arranged for a market stall on Hay Market to sell some of the donated clothes and some face masks which raised just over £270.

Stores Group

Sue, Erica, Carola, Brenda, Virginia, Lawrence and Ailsa collected goods from the drop off points and sorted, checked and packaged it. Lawrence, Ailsa, Trevor, Jonnie, Tina, Sylvia, Hilary, Mac, Miv, Sean, Tim, Val and Sally have transported items.

Sue has continued to visit the store to check that items are in date and sort any suitable items to be transported. Sue and Others wrapped presents that had been gathered early in the year.

Christmas presents.

Despite periods of lockdown, it was decided to see if anyone wanted to give gifts for Christmas. Hay on Wye Primary school, Llangynidr Primary School and Llangorse community donated a large amount of gifts of chocolates, biscuits, toiletries and children's presents. Llangorse CP Church in Wales School pupils made handmade cards and Crickhowell High School donated money from their Welsh Bacc Charity fund. Money was given to both Newport Sanctuary and UID Swansea to buy gifts, food or to give money to people for Christmas and the gifts and cards were split between Uid and Penally Camp. Santa [delivery] was played by Jonnie, Mac, Sean and Adil.

Lobbying, Awareness raising and Education.

Throughout the year we have continued to highlight important petitions and causes. We have been helped in this by the fortnightly briefing of Asylum Matters and the weekly

updates for Lift The Ban Coalition. We have regular correspondence with our MP and MS and have met both this year.

Website and social media

The website is maintained by City of Sanctuary and Ailsa with help from Mike and Paul. This has all our newsletters, write ups, policies and links to other groups.

Facebook remains a public group with posts approved by Steve and Ailsa

Twitter is run by Maria and continues as an active campaigning force.

Instagram is run by Alex.

Neil and Cate continue to help with design of our leaflets and posters to ensure that we have a consistent, recognisable and effective visual presence.

Expenditure

Detail is provided in the Finance annual report. We have helped many individuals to buy items including food, bus passes, laptops and phone top ups and have made donations to other charities that help people seeking sanctuary such as those helping at Penally camp, and also some national groups helping in Greece and Calais.

An example of how helping other charities can benefit people we are concerned about in south Wales -

In December 2019 we gave a £200 donation to Hopetown a London support group for people seeking sanctuary who had been particularly affected by spending time in Calais. This was set up by a man who spent some time in Swansea before he had his Leave to Remain. In July a very traumatised man who had been in Swansea was moved to London. Friends were very concerned about him. We were able to link him up with Hopetown who made immediate contact and involved him in their now limited activities. Subsequently friends reported that he felt much happier and as if he had a future.

Last year we gave money to Swansea Asylum Seekers Women's Group and we heard that the organiser Jeni has been able to set up a project called 'Open Doors'- a range of short on line courses that give women a taster of a subject and may lead on to further study or help into work when this is permitted.

Administration.

All policies are on our website and are reviewed annually by the Chair and trustees. . Our Safeguarding policies were tested earlier this year and found to work . We have added a Covid Policy recently.

We have nearly 500 people on our mailing list who receive a regular mailing with details of activities, updates, petitions and details of meetings. All are welcome to attend our meetings .

We have met monthly since June via Zoom and report upon activities, income, expenditure, any issues, plans and seek views and aim for consensus about future work.

Officers and Trustees are appointed at the AGM with Trustees able to co-opt additional Trustees between AGMs as needed. Trustees have met once this year but have kept in touch regularly. Please do let us know if you'd like to take on any of the roles listed below.

Post Holders as of December 2020	Holder
Chair	Margaret Blake
Vice Chair	Sally McColl
Treasurer	Lawrence Duffy
Secretary	Ailsa Dunn
Trustees	Margaret Blake* Lawrence Duffy* Ailsa Dunn* Melrose East appointed 12/2017 Sally McColl appointed 12/2017 *appointed 06/2017 when the Charity was registered
Safeguarding Lead	Dr Aideen Naughton
Hardship fund group	Mike Gatehouse, Lynne Rogers and Lawrence Duffy. Appointed annually
Fundraising coordinators	Rachel Giaccone and Jane Dodds
Welcomer/ information officer and group	Philip Oliver and Lynne Rogers, Lawrence Duffy, Ailsa Dunn, Adil Gatrad, Margaret and Pat Blake, Sue and Gez Richards, Penny and Andrew Leonard, Sally and Colin McColl, Ellen McCombe, Mac McCarthy, Mike Gatehouse, Melrose East.
Supermarket liaison	Virginia Brown
Store user group	Sue Richards, Carola Tipton, Erica McCarthy, Brenda Charlwood, Ailsa Dunn
Webmaster	Paul Funnell
Facebook administrator	Steve Buzza
Twitter lead	Maria Duggan
Instagram Lead	Alex Benfield
Schools Liaison/ educator	Sue Richards,
Holiday stays coordinators	Lynne Rogers, Thanu Hettiarchchi, Rowland Jepson
Risk Management	Melrose East
Courts Support Group	Claire Armstrong, Margaret Blake, Pauline Paterson, Sarah Andrews, Sue Richards, Rowland Jepson, Barbara Price, Reg Price, Philip Oliver, Lynne Rogers, Melrose East, Lawrence Duffy, Ailsa Dunn, Lis Lifford, Corinne Harris, Clare Shirtcliff, Ellie Lonsdale, Hilary Bright, Ellen and Roger McCombe, Adil Gatrad, Rowland Jepson, Janet Bodily, Neil Stone, Maria Duggan, Jonnie and Tina Hill, Allie Exton, Virginia Brown, Gillian Hall, Maureen Douglas, Angharad Kuck, John Anderson, Kirsty Morgan, Virginia Brown
Policies	Mike Gatehouse



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Hay, Brecon and Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2020

Charity no (if any)

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2020**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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.

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R J Eagle

Date:

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5 Tai-Canol, Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7UR

2020 Annual Return submitted 29.10.21.

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Year ended 31 December 2020
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No serious incidents

Annual return for HBTSR 2020



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