

ABERAID

England & Wales · Charity number 1174459

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE RELIEF OF THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, OR THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION BY THE HOME OFFICE AND WHO RESIDE, OR WISH TO RESIDE, IN CEREDIGION BY:· THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP;· THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH;· THE ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY.· THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING, ADVICE AND SUPPORT2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM.

Activities: The relief of those granted refugee status and their dependents, or those seeking asylum or those who have been granted humanitarian protection by the home office and who reside, or wish to reside, in Ceredigion

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability

Geography

- Ceredigion

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£5,519	£5,467	-	-
2024-12-31	£5,620	£5,384	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,341	£10,357	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,593	£4,389	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,364	£4,615	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Hammel		2020-11-24
Kathryn Dupont		2023-12-13
MICHAEL DAVID FREEMAN		2017-04-24
Medi James		2020-11-24
Moira Morven Vincentelli		2020-11-24

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Aberaid Annual Report and financial statement 2025

About Aberaid

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By contrast, most refugee families are supported through government schemes which are administered through Ceredigion Council. In November the Council ended the contract with the Red Cross and the three workers are now directly through the Ceredigion Council. We continue to work closely with them.

Aberaid is an entirely voluntary organisation, but it works closely with the Council workers. The charity currently has seven trustees (Moira Vincentelli (Chair), Michael Freeman (Treasurer), Medi James, Vivien Geuter (Minutes Secretary), Kathryn Dupont, Andrea Hammel, Caroline Clark. Vivien Geuter has decided to stand down from her role as a trustee and minutes secretary. With few formal meetings we no longer require a minutes secretary. Activities were largely organised through the regular Wednesday meetings at Morlan Community Centre until July 2025. Since the summer break we have met fortnightly at Capel Seion in Baker Street. In 2026 we will cease to meet regularly but will organise meetings for particular events.

Ceredigion Council Refugee Resettlement Meetings

A representative from Aberaid attends these online meetings normally three times a year, although in 2025 only two were held. They involve various community bodies such as the police, NHS, education services, and the fire service.

Public Engagement

Aberaid is sometimes invited to speak about its work at local events, which provide opportunities to seek donations. However, these invitations have decreased in recent years although we continue to undertake occasional fundraising. Aberaid trustees and volunteers remain active in related causes, such as peace vigils for Gaza. In June many people from Aberaid joined the red ribbon event in Aberystwyth in support of the people of Gaza.

On Wednesday 11th December 2024 Aberaid held a celebration on the liberation of Syria from the Assad regime. The meeting was filmed by BBC Cymru and some members of the group were interviewed and shown on the evening news that night.

Andrea Hammel organised a further exhibition for Aberystwyth Arts Centre *Unsettled Lives - War and Displacement in Wales* showing from June- October 2025 and later at the Senedd in Cardiff. The show included a model of Aleppo Castle by Mohamad Karkoubi and art works by Iryna Kolpakova and Victoria Kazymova. Many of our community attended the opening in Aberystwyth and four of our refugee members spoke at the event in Aberystwyth and again in Cardiff in November 2025.

Community Cohesion Grant

In the summer of 2024, Aberaid was successful in a grant application for a Community Cohesion Fund award to support our work and improve the exhibition display in the Morlan Centre. Between September 2024 and March 2025 weekly meetings were held in Morlan with varying numbers of local volunteers and incomers to the community including people from Ukraine, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Nigeria, Canada and Egypt. The exhibition area was re-decorated by two Ukrainians and an improved display system organised. The first exhibition opened in December 2024 and showed the work of refugees living in the area: four Ukrainian artists, one Syrian blacksmith, a Ukrainian photographer and a nail art specialist. At the opening we were also able to enjoy the performance of a creative writing project organised by Naji Bakhti. The Syrian Dinner Project provided a light lunch. A second exhibition ran from February through till the summer and showed needlework and stitching from Ukraine, Syria as well as local stitchers and up-cyclers including a group of pieces arising from *Un-stitching Gazes*, a community project initiated by Berit Bliesman and Katy Budge from the university. In March Sarah Haxby organised The Textile Get Together where various stitching groups and individuals came together to present their work and share their skills and activities. Other presentations have included a sushi demonstration by Yana Savko who has since set up a pop-up business, a discussion about costume collecting for amateur drama (Caroline Clark) and a storytelling project inviting incomers to tell their folktales or stories (Elena Spagnuoli).

Regular meetings

Wednesday meetings have continued on a fortnightly basis throughout this year with a break over the summer after which we began to meet in Capel Seion in Baker Street. The council support workers call in most weeks sometimes to meet with particular members of the group who need some information or help with general matters. Rob Allen of NHS Wales visits the group from time to time. We always take the opportunity to practice English conversation and some discussion about current local issues. In the Autumn some members of the group have worked on a friendship quilt, a project led by Eleri Philips for the Welsh Refugee Council. The work will be shown around Wales in 2026. We also had a presentation from representatives of the Welsh Assembly explaining about the new arrangements for voting in Wales. Some Aberaid volunteers also attend the Coleg Ceredigion Thursday morning English practice class run by Sarah McKenna. We have held successful children's parties in post-Christmas and in the Spring and Autumn half-terms.

Prosvita Project

After the great success of the Kolyada Christmas play in December 2024 the Ukrainian families were keen to establish more regular meetings for young people to maintain language and culture activities. In the Autumn we raised funds to support the project led by Victoria Kazymova. The young people meet weekly and we are grateful to Capel Seion who generously offer their meeting room free of charge. The project culminated with a wonderful Kolyada nativity play held at Morlan on Sunday 14th December 2025. The characters in the play were represented by puppets made in a traditional technique and held up by all the different actors in the play. The event was followed by Ukrainian Christmas food offered to everyone in the packed hall.

Sudan Fundraising event

In October Aberaid held a fundraising coffee morning in Morlan for Sudan initiated by Amal Mohammad Saleh who is a loyal volunteer and sometimes Arabic translator. Ben Lake, our local MP gave an excellent speech and Amal was able to give a more personal account of the difficulties in Sudan which is so little publicised in the British media. The event raised over £1500 for the Sadagaat Charity which supports work in Sudan.

Medi James ensures there are regular reports of our activities in *Broaber 360* and the local Welsh newspaper, *Yr Angor*. *The Cambrian News* covered reports on the Sudanese fundraising event.

Aberaid wishes to extend its huge thanks to all our members and supporters in the community especially our volunteers, trustees, members of the local Arabic-speaking community and council officials, as well as the Morlan Centre and Capel Seion who offer their premises free of charge. All have worked together to welcome refugees and incomers to the area.

Moira Vincentelli, Chair Aberaid

ABERAID Accounts 9.11.2024 to 8.11.2025	
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Balance on 9.11.2023	£1,984.00
Income Summary	
General donations	£423.13
donations for Ukrainian project	£1,150.00
donations for Syrian project	£1,588.58
in memory of Adnan Demirel	£355.00
Welsh Refugee Council, Grant	£2,000.00
interest	£2.88
Total income 2023-2024	£5,519.59
Expenditure Summary	
Morlan art (grant funded)	£1,719.43
Shaping Nations (grant funded)	£1,749.62
Insurance	£56.00
Syrian Project	£1,543.58
Ukrainain project	£300.00
web site fees	£38.50
Bank account fee	£60.00
total expenditure 2023-2024	£5,467.13
balance on 8.11.2025	£2,036.46

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Aberaid Annual Report 2024

About Aberaid

Aberaid was established in 2015 in response to the crisis in Syria. Its aim is to support and raise funds for Syrian refugees settling in the Aberystwyth area. Since then the area has welcomed some people from Afghanistan and many more from Ukraine. In 2017 Aberaid raised sufficient funds to undertake a Community Sponsorship scheme to find housing and pay costs to settle a family here. That family has now been here for over six years, achieved the 'right to remain' status in 2023. In the same year the whole family visited their relatives in Jordan during the summer holidays. They continue to do well in Aberystwyth and the three boys are happy and doing well at school. The eldest will sit his GCSEs in 2025. They would like to move to a larger house and have put in an application for social housing.

By contrast, most refugee families are supported through government schemes which are administered through Ceredigion County Council. In November the Council ended the contract with the Red Cross and the three workers are now directly employed through the County Council.

Aberaid is an entirely voluntary organisation which works closely with the County Council. The charity currently has five trustees (Moira Vincentelli (Chair), Michael Freeman (Treasurer), Medi James, Vivien Geuter (Minutes Secretary), Andrea Hammel). In this last year we have had very few formal meetings and activities are largely organised through the regular Wednesday meetings at Morlan Community Centre.

Meetings attended by Trustees

Ceredigion Council Refugee Resettlement Meetings: Aberaid attends these meetings three times a year, which involve various community bodies such as the police, NHS, education services, and the fire service.

Public Engagement: Aberaid is sometimes invited to speak about its work at local events, which provide opportunities to seek donations. However, these invitations have decreased in recent years. Aberaid trustees and volunteers remain active in related causes, such as peace vigils for Gaza.

Morlan Centre Meetings

Since 2023 we have held regular Wednesday morning meetings at Morlan Centre in conjunction with the 'Warm room' opening of the building. We are very grateful to the Morlan Centre for offering us this meeting place and especially Eifion Roberts who has supported us so willingly. The main aim is to offer an informal meeting to encourage English speaking (and even sometimes Welsh). It has proved to be a useful drop-in place where people can make friends or come for specific advice when needed. Council workers, Alison Dunnette and Luned Jones usually drop in and sometimes arrange to meet people on individual matters. A regular feature has been the attendance of Rob Allen, Community Development Outreach for NHS.

Since 2022 growing numbers of Ukrainians have moved into Ceredigion and some of them attend regularly but increasingly as they find work and settle here they have less time to attend. The Syrian families who have been here for longer now have a strong group network and join us for particular events especially at half-terms and holidays when we organise children's activities.

Increasingly we have extended our reach to people, especially women with young children and Arabic speaking women often associated with medical or university staff.

Aberaid has also worked with university staff on community outreach. In late 2023 there was a Creative Writing project with Syrian people, and this was presented as a performance in November this year. They ran a second version of that workshop in December this year.

In June there was an event held at the bandstand in Aberystwyth with creative and community dialogue activities. In August a group of Syrian families visited Braich Goch near Machynlleth for a day out in the countryside and in October some of the families visited the water sports centre at Llandysul.

In the summer of 2024, we were successful in a grant application for a Community Cohesion Fund award to support our work and improve the exhibition display in the Morlan Centre. The paid decorating was undertaken by two Ukrainians and the first exhibition which opened in early December showed the work of refugees living here: two Ukrainian artists, one Syrian blacksmith, a Ukrainian photographer and a nail art specialist. At the opening we also saw the performance from the Creative Writing project.

On 22nd December the Ukrainian community held a traditional Christmas play event which brought many of the Ukrainian families together to practice. It was a heart-warming event and was well attended by the community.

Some Aberaid volunteers also attend the Coleg Ceredigion English practice class run by Sarah McKenna on Thursday mornings.

Fundraising

In the immediate aftermath of the Ukrainian crisis, we attracted considerable funds including the evening event, ‘Hope and Harmony: A night of music, poetry and Syrian cuisine’ in conjunction with Aberystwyth University on 4th November 2023. Since 2022 we agreed to allocate £200 to Ukrainian families as they moved to the area for any immediate needs. We also respond to other specific requests – laptops, baby equipment, bicycles, online courses.

By the end of 2022 we decided to use some money more strategically and we have been able to offer a contribution to ongoing costs of rent for a limited period. The gap between what people receive on Universal Credit and the actual cost of housing means that it is hard to find properties in town. This is particularly relevant to Ukrainians as they move on from their hosted situation to living independently. During 2024 we had distributed most of the funds raised in the early stage of the Ukrainian crisis and that scheme is now closed. Most of the families have been able to work sufficiently to cover their needs.

Aberaid wishes to extend its huge thanks to all our members and supporters in the community especially our volunteers, trustees, members of the local Arabic-speaking community and council officials, all of whom have worked together to welcome refugees to the area.

Moira Vincentelli

Chair Aberaid

ABERAID Accounts 9.11.2023 to 8.11.2024	
Balance on 9.11.2023	£1,747.46
Income Summary	
donations	£3,159.68
interest	£3.65
Ceredigion CC grant	£620.00
Carmarthenshire CC grant	£1,837.52
Total income 2023-2024	£5,620.85

Hope and harmony

Expenditure Summary		
Syrian Dinner Project	£1,300.00	Hope and harmony
Donation to Ukraine train	£512.34	Hope and harmony
Insurance	£157.00	
Subsidising rents	£3,130.00	
Painting Morlan (part, grant aid)	£224.97	
Account fee	£60.00	
total expenditure 2023-2024	£5,384.31	
balance on 8.11.2024	£1,984.00	

Michael Freeman, Treasurer, Aberaid

Friday 20th December 2024

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Aberaid Annual Report 2022 - 2023

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, Morlan Centre, Wednesday 13th December.

I am delighted to say that this is the first AGM that we have been able to hold in person since 2019. Even last year it was on Zoom. This year we wanted to make it more of a social occasion and extend out to our wider constituency particularly those coming to Morlan.

About Aberaid

As many of you will know Aberaid is a charity set up in 2015 in response to the crisis in Syria. Its aim is to support and raise funds for refugees settling in the Aberystwyth area. Since then the area has welcomed some people from Afghanistan and many more from Ukraine. In 2017 Aberaid raised sufficient funds to undertake a Community Sponsorship scheme to find housing and pay costs to settle a family here. That family has now been here for nearly five years and has just recently achieved the 'right to remain' status. During the summer holidays the whole family were even able to go back to Jordan for a few weeks to visit relations (with some financial help from us).

By contrast, most refugee families are supported through government schemes which are administered through Ceredigion Council and, until last month, with paid workers through the Red Cross. In November the Council ended the contract with the Red Cross and now the paid support is undertaken directly by the council but with some of the same workers.

Aberaid is an entirely voluntary organisation but it works closely with the Council and the paid workers.

The charity currently has five trustees (Moirá Vincentelli (Chair), Michael Freeman (Treasurer), Medi James, Vivien Geuter (Minutes Secretary), Andrea Hammel)

In October one of the founder trustees, Sion Meredith, resigned as he has had a long period of ill health. I would like to thank him on behalf of Aberaid for all his devoted work over the years with Aberaid and wish him well for a speedy return to good health.

Meetings attended by Trustees

- Aberaid attends the Ceredigion Council Refugee Resettlement Meetings These meet three times a year and have representation from many different bodies including police, NHS, education and the fire service.
- Aberaid is also invited to talk about its work and these are sometimes an opportunity for inviting donations. Michael and Medi have been active in this.
- In May Michael and Moira attended 'Meet the community and voluntary organisations?' at the National Library of Wales, and Michael manned an Aberaid stall at the University's Peace week event in the National Library.

Morlan Centre Meetings

We have ceased to hold zoom committee meetings and since the spring have found it easier to keep in touch through the Morlan meeting.

The most significant initiative this year has been the Wednesday meetings at Morlan Centre in conjunction with the 'Warm room' opening of the building. We are very grateful to the Morlan Centre for offering us this meeting place and especially Eifion Roberts who has supported us so willingly. The main aim is to offer an informal meeting to encourage English speaking (and even sometimes Welsh). It has proved to be a useful drop-in place where people can make friends or come for specific advice when needed. We have now agreed that the recently appointed Council workers, Alison Dunnette and Luned Jones will join us to offer their services.

At Morlan we have held half-term meetings for children to attend. We kept running throughout the summer holidays and Peter Stevenson did a storytelling event. By far our best attended event was the fundraiser organised by the Syrian Dinner Project to raise funds in response to the Syrian / Turkey Earthquake in February. Money was sent directly to a charity in Syria. A regular feature has been the attendance of Rob Allen, Community Development Outreach for NHS who has brought in other staff including last month two midwives. It was a useful opportunity to exchange information particularly in relation to the need for interpreters/ translators.

Fundraising

Aberaid needs to keep raising funds which tends to be easier for a sad reason – at moments of crisis – recently in 2021 for Afghanistan and in 2022 for Ukraine. Ceredigion Council is not able to accept donations directly and Aberaid offered to accept and administer such donations. Although we prefer donations to be 'for refugees generally' money is often donated for a particular group. We have had to devise ways of distributing these funds in a fair way. Since 2022 we agreed to allocate £200 to any Ukrainian family as they came to the area for any immediate needs and we respond to other specific requests – laptops, baby equipment, bicycles, online courses.

Since the autumn 2022 we decided to use the money more strategically and we have been able to offer a contribution to ongoing costs of rent for a limited period. The gap between what people receive on Universal Credit and the actual cost of housing means that it is hard to find properties in town. This is particularly relevant to Ukrainians as they move on from their hosted situation to living independently.

Other fundraising initiatives were at Easter on the Prom and in November - *Hope and Harmony*, a music and poetry evening in conjunction with the university. The funds were divided between Aberaid and Ukraine Train. In April we ran an appeal for medical equipment for Ukraine Train.

Art and cultural activities

I am passing round some sheets with photographs of different Aberaid events that have run over the past year.

Aberaid wishes to extend its huge thanks to all our members and supporters in the community especially our volunteers, trustees, members of the local Arabic-speaking community and council officials, all of whom have worked together to welcome refugees to the area.

Thank you, Diolch yn fawr.

Moira Vincentelli

Chair Aberaid

ABERAID Accounts 9.11.2022 to 8.11.2023	
Balance on 9.11.2022	£10,763.46
Income Summary	

donations	£1,326.85
interest	£14.14
total income 2022-2023	£1,340.99
Expenditure Summary	
Deposit on accommodation	£461.00
Trauma Treatment training	£325.00
event, Christmas party	£50.00
event, Cardigan	£595.00
event, silk workshop	£245.00
Our family (Christmas present, travel and Leave to remain)	£1,600.00
Furniture	£1,015.99
£200 to 13 families, £100 to another	£2,700.00
rent support (4 properties)	£2,180.00
Student support	£1,125.00
Account fee	£60.00
total expenditure 2022-2023	£10,356.99
balance on 8.11.2023	£1,747.46

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Aberaid Annual Report from the Chair and Treasurer for the year November 2020 – November 2021

Presented at the AGM November 23rd November 2021 - Zoom meeting

Another year has gone by for Aberaid and we continue to find ourselves working in a challenging situation as the Covid pandemic makes it very difficult for us to organise the kind of activities that we did in the past. Even as trustees and committee members we have not been able to meet as a group. Fortunately, this has been compensated through the facilities of Zoom and we have met on a fortnightly basis throughout most of this last year.

I am very grateful to the trustees and members of the committee who have attended willingly and given advice and encouragement to Michael Freeman and myself who have been working more directly with the family that we support through the community sponsorship scheme. We were sorry to lose Claire Pickard who stepped down as our minutes secretary in the spring. Our long-standing member, Sion Meredith stepped back for a while for personal reasons but remains in touch at a distance. Caroline Clark has recently kindly agreed to join the committee.

The Family

The family have now been here for two and a half years and they continue to do well in Aberystwyth. Particularly important is the excellent educational opportunities that they have found for the three boys who quickly settled into the schools here. The children's English is improving all the time and they enjoy school work. The father of the family has been working for two years in a local restaurant and is now gaining skills as a baker. He was furloughed for some time but for most of this last year has been working. He values the income, of course, but also the experience and the opportunity to improve his English. In September Coleg Ceredigion initiated in-person teaching again and, like most of the Syrians, the father has appreciated the opportunity to return to classroom English lessons. His employer generously enables him to organise his hours around the classes. He is a keen student.

We are particularly grateful to Liz Mullan who has offered English zoom classes for the family but particularly aimed to help the mother who is not happy to go to Coleg Ceredigion classes. Sadly, even though there has been more opportunity for her to go to the house the mother seems hesitant to meet.

There have been health issues for both parents and there have been times when the father has been off work on medical grounds. Both are waiting for further appointments at the hospital. They also have worries and concerns for their wider family scattered though parts

of the Middle East and Europe. In October all the family tested positive for Covid but fortunately nobody was very ill.

On a very positive note, the father passed his driving test earlier this year and was able to buy a car. This gave the family new opportunities and now the father also has an extra job as a Deliveroo driver which he manages to fit around his other commitments.

As part of our work with the community sponsorship scheme we organised a face-to-face personal plan meeting with the parents in July. This was to allow the parents to talk through their long-term aims. The plan is that they should be independent of everyday support from Aberaid and, in particular, become independent financially. This has not been achieved yet as there are some outstanding debts and we continue to pay the utilities bills. It was agreed that they would soon be able to take on this commitment and achieve this by July 2022. In 2024 they become eligible for 'leave to remain' status and it is expected that they will require some help with this – including possibly some lawyer's fees. The father is very capable of organising his finances and dealing with everyday matters but they do consult with us over more complicated official letters relating to school, medical or financial matters.

Citizens UK

Citizens UK supported our Community Sponsorship scheme but we decided to step back from paying their fees after this year. However, they continue to invite us to Zoom meetings for community sponsorship groups which allow volunteers to share experience across the UK.

Arabic classes for children

For over a year Aberaid was paying for Arabic classes originally in person and later online. We were not able to go on funding these and gave the parents warning that it would stop at the end of the summer term. For some time after that there was a teacher who offered on-line lessons free but she has since moved abroad so all of this has stopped.

English classes and friendship meet-ups

Some members of Aberaid have participated in on-line English lessons since the beginning of the year but that has now stopped since Coleg Ceredigion opened. However, as a separate initiative in this last year some of us have found other volunteers to work with individual families to practice English. It offered the opportunity for friendship pairing at a time when it was difficult to meet up. Currently we are looking into the possibility of organising a coffee meet-up possibly at one of the cafes in town.

Dr. Andrea Hammel has involved some of the committee in the 'Refugees from National Socialism in Wales: Learning from the Past for the Future'. In fact, from a personal point of view I can say this project has provided an opportunity to meet up and, in part, plan for an exhibition in Aberystwyth Arts Centre in Autumn 2022. There have been meetings in the Arts Centre, then an outdoor summer party at the Castle and more recently a children's art workshop.

Fundraising

Over the last year our resources have dwindled and there is little opportunity for further fundraising which we feel needs a particular aim and rationale when there are so many charity calls.

Afghan crisis

When the Afghan crisis arose in the summer and Ceredigion Council were looking for support we have offered our services in helping with housing needs. The Home Office provides good initial funding but only for one year and, as a charity, we were able to offer to accept cash donations that people wished to give for Afghan families arriving locally. These are kept as a separate funding stream. Two Afghan families are coming to Ceredigion.

Meetings attended

Aberaid trustees have continued to attend the regular Ceredigion Refugee Resettlement Meetings and have given presentations when invited by local societies. Recently Michael also visited a group in Llanidloes who are hoping to develop a new community sponsorship initiative. We continue to work with the Red Cross staff.

Aberaid wishes to extend its huge thanks to all our members and supporters in the community especially our volunteers, trustees, members of the local Arabic-speaking community and council officials, all of whom have worked together to welcome refugees to the area. Thank you, Diolch yn Fawr and Shukran to all.

**Moira Vincentelli,
Chair, Aberaid**

Aberaid Annual Account, 9.11.2020-8.11.2021

INCOME

membership	£210.00
donations	£1,669.41
Donation, Afghans	£485.20
TOTAL	£2,364.61

EXPENDITURE

Arabic classes	£2,040.00
Family support	£2,031.96
Bank charges	£90.00
translation	£153.55
Morlan	£300.00
TOTAL	£4,615.51

Balance 9.11.2020	£2,809.98
income	£2,364.61
expenditure	£4,615.51
balance on 8.11.2021	£559.08

**Michael Freeman,
Treasurer, Aberaid**