

# OUR WARM WELCOME

England & Wales · Charity number 1174765

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-09-21

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN ST HELENS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, ADVICE, AND LANGUAGE SKILLS.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN ST HELENS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY3. THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN ST HELENS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES.4. THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN ST HELENS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.5. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM

**Activities:** To prevent or relieve poverty amongst those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information, advice, language skills, food, household goods and education and training.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- St Helens

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£45,308	£30,135	-	-
2024-09-30	£13,579	£33,944	-	-
2023-09-30	£27,170	£31,129	-	-
2022-09-30	£41,355	£37,800	-	-
2021-09-30	£47,501	£43,298	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Rev KEVIN DUFFY	Chair	2017-09-21
GORDON JOHN PENNINGTON		2021-12-01
JOYCE COTTRELL		2017-09-21
KATHLEEN ELIZABETH LAWRENSON MBE		2017-09-21

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025  
FOR  
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**Charity Registration Number : 1174765**

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

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**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Charity Registration Number : 1174765**

<b>Trustees</b>	Ms J Cottrell  Ms K E Lawrenson MBE  Rev. K Duffy  G J Pennington
<b>Registered Office</b>	Corpus Christi RC Church Presbytery Alfred Street Rainford ST. Helens WA11 8BY
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	P Buck FCA, DChA Champion TLL Accountants Ltd 7 - 9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston PR4 6SN
<b>Bankers</b>	Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

## OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period since registration at 21st September 2017.

#### **Objectives of the Charity**

To prevent or relieve poverty amongst asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, by providing, but not limited to, information, advice, and language skills.

To advance the education and training of asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.

The provision of services / facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.

The advancement of human rights/promotion of racial harmony and diversity for the public benefit by education and raising awareness in equality and diversity, and promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

The relief of financial hardship or other disadvantage amongst asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, by providing financial support and / or guidance.

#### **Governance and Trustees**

The Charity is not a company, but registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and governed by a model constitution adopted on 21st September 2017.

The Trustees named on page 1 form a committee who are responsible for the management of the Charity and its activities.

New Trustees can be appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Training and induction is provided verbally by existing Trustees.

#### **Details of activities and achievements for the year**

##### Operational Overview

Our Warm Welcome has continued to operate from the St Helens Parish Church hall throughout this period. This partnership remains a cornerstone of our work, providing a dual-level space that allows us to maximize our utility; our drop-in café continues to flourish upstairs, while English language tuition remains a vital fixture on the ground floor.

The past year has seen a significant surge in demand, with our weekly attendance now reaching nearly 100 individuals. This growth reflects both the increasing need in the community and the reputation of the center as a safe, welcoming environment.

##### Crisis Support and Hotel Outreach

We maintain a critical presence at the local hotel, though the nature of this support has become more demanding. The high turnover of occupants means we are frequently meeting new arrivals who possess very few belongings. Our collaboration with the SVP (Society of Saint Vincent de Paul) remains instrumental; their local shop continues to be our primary resource for clothing and essential supplies.

However, this year has not been without significant challenges. In August 2025, we witnessed a step-change in local tensions as protests began at the hotel site. We remain vigilant and continue to work closely with the police and our local partners to prioritize the safety of our service users and volunteers during this period of heightened sensitivity.

## OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### **Details of activities and achievements for the year (continued)**

##### Partnerships and Funding

Collaboration remains the lifeblood of our operations. While we were saddened to see the Parish Nurse program conclude this year, our network remains robust. We continue to work alongside Housing Associations, Health Professionals, Refugee Women Connect, St Marks, Tango, SHAP, the British Red Cross, and other dedicated agencies.

Our bike distribution initiative—a vital link for transport—has been spasmodic this year due to the illness of key leads. We are currently actively seeking new partners to help stabilize and expand this project to ensure consistent access for our users.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued financial backing for our operational costs (transport, equipment, and food supplies) from:

St Helens Parish Trust  
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund  
Rotary Club  
LCRCA

##### Future Outlook and Premises

The Church of England's deanery-level property review remains a point of focus. Our current base at the Parish Church hall is now officially on the market. While a sale has not yet been finalized, we are working proactively with the Vicar and the Parish Council to explore alternative locations. Despite the uncertainty of the building, the Parish continues to view our mission as a key component of their future vision as a Minster, and we are committed to ensuring our operations continue to serve St Helens regardless of the venue."

Donations can be made by visiting

[www.justgiving.com/ourwarmwelcome](http://www.justgiving.com/ourwarmwelcome)

Despair is contagious so is hope. Let's become infected by hope and spread it to all we meet.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - Continued.**

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

**Risk analysis**

The Trustees have identified, as required, the major risks to which the Charity is exposed.

The Trustees consider that they have taken such action and put in place policies, procedures and controls which will mitigate the identified risks and assist in maintaining the future financial viability of the Charity.

**Remuneration of Trustees**

During the year none of the Trustees of the Charity received remuneration for the provision of their position as trustee to the Charity.

**Transactions and financial position**

The results for the period ended 30th September 2021 are shown on the appended pages. Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis rather than an accruals basis, as permitted under the Charity SORP 2015 relating to smaller charities.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its results for that period (based on Receipts and Payments). In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. Prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy and at any time, the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

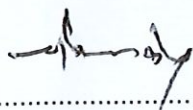
**Reserves Policy**

The Charity has completed its sixth year and has achieved a reserves balance of £27,947 - being the closing bank balances. £24,887 of this is for restricted purposes (including around £10,000 Lottery funding that relates to the following year to be spent in 2025/26, leaving an unrestricted, free-fund of £4,658. This is a reasonable balance to help fund day-to-day activities as we move into our seventh year. As activities are more established and the Charity grows, we will be able to determine a regular cost base upon which we can set our target reserves level in order to ensure ongoing sustainability.

**Investment Policy**

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 26/3/2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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G J Pennington

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our Warm Welcome for the twelve month period ended 30th September 2025.

**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 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



.....  
**Mr P Buck FCA, DChA**  
**Champion TLL Accountants Ltd**  
7 - 9 Station Road  
Hesketh Bank  
Preston  
PR4 6SN

Date: 30/3/26

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	4,075		4,075	1,739
Grants	13,300	27,713	41,013	11,840
Interest Received	220		220	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>17,595</u>	<u>27,713</u>	<u>45,308</u>	<u>13,579</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>				
Room Hire/ Rent	7,998		7,998	3,641
Training Resources and Equipment		15,840	15,840	21,033
Travel/Mileage		4,706	4,706	6,586
Insurance	564		564	453
Cyclists club	140		140	1,164
Independent Examiner Fee	816		816	780
Bank charges	71		71	288
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>9,590</u>	<u>20,546</u>	<u>30,135</u>	<u>33,945</u>
<b>Net of receipts and payments</b>	8,005	7,167	15,172	(20,366)
Cash funds last year end	(3,347)	17,720	12,775	33,141
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>24,887</u>	<u>27,947</u>	<u>12,775</u>

Closing Restricted funds include around £10,000 of Lottery Grants that we received in this year but relate to work to be done next year, and will be expended accordingly.

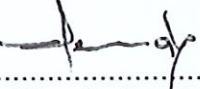
**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**30th SEPTEMBER 2025**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund Total 2025</b>	<b>Restricted Fund Total 2025</b>	<b>Fund Total 2025</b>	<b>Fund Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Cash/Bank funds</u></b>				
General account	3,060	5,161	8,221	2,156
Savings account	-	19,726	19,726	10,619
	<u>3,060</u>	<u>24,887</u>	<u>27,947</u>	<u>12,775</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>				
<b><u>Professional fees 2024/2025 to be billed after year end :-</u></b>				
Independent examination (Including VAT)	(780)	-	(780)	(780)
	<u>(780)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(780)</u>	<u>(780)</u>

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and as such there is no 'Balance Sheet'.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 26/3/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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G J Pennington

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OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**Charity Registration Number : 1174765**

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CHARITY INFORMATION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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<b>Registered Office</b>	Corpus Christi RC Church Presbytery Alfred Street Rainford ST. Helens WA11 8BY
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## OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

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#### **Details of activities and achievements for the year**

Our Warm Welcome St Helens continued to operate from the Parish Church hall in the town centre here in St Helens and it must be added that the partnership has been beneficial to all. The premises have been fully utilised with the drop-in café now upstairs and the English lessons downstairs.

Additionally, we continue to support the remaining hotel by delivering clothes and other resources to new occupants who arrive with very few belongings, with the key support of the local SVP and their shop supplying clothing. The SVP has been instrumental in maximising resources and coordinating shared donations to ensure that everyone receives the necessary support. Partnership is crucial, and despite all agencies being stretched, support continues to be provided. Our partners include Housing Associations, Health Professionals, Refugee Women Connect, Parish Nurse, St Marks, Tango, SHAP, the British Red Cross, and all other supporting agencies. We also maintain close relationships with the police to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone involved, especially in light of the recent violence in Southport and Liverpool

Throughout the year, we have received funding for operational costs such as transport, equipment, and food supplies from St Helens Parish Trust, Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund, Rotary Club, and LCRCA. Bikes continue to be distributed, and a new partnership is being explored to expand this.

OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

**Details of activities and achievements for the year (continued)**

A recent review at the deanery level around property by the Church of England locally has suggested the sale of our base, which may impact our operations in the future. We are closely working with the vicar and parish council to look at alternatives. As a future minster, they see our work as key to their mission.

OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - Continued.

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

**Risk analysis**

The Trustees have identified, as required, the major risks to which the Charity is exposed.

The Trustees consider that they have taken such action and put in place policies, procedures and controls which will mitigate the identified risks and assist in maintaining the future financial viability of the Charity.

**Remuneration of Trustees**

During the year none of the Trustees of the Charity received remuneration for the provision of their position as trustee to the Charity.

**Transactions and financial position**

The results for the period ended 30th September 2021 are shown on the appended pages. Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis rather than an accruals basis, as permitted under the Charity SORP 2015 relating to smaller charities.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its results for that period (based on Receipts and Payments). In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

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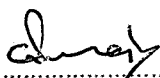
**Reserves Policy**

The Charity has completed its fifth year and has achieved a reserves balance of £37,759 - being the closing bank balances. £17,720 of this is for restricted purposes, leaving an unrestricted, free-fund of £20,039. This is a reasonable balance to help fund day-to-day activities as we move into our sixth year. As activities are more established and the Charity grows, we will be able to determine a regular cost base upon which we can set our target reserves level in order to ensure ongoing sustainability.

**Investment Policy**

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on ..... 27. 3. 2025 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



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G J Pennington

OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our Warm Welcome for the twelve month period ended 30th September 2024.

**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 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr P Buck FCA, DChA  
Champion TLL Accountants Ltd  
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PR4 6SN

Date: 27. 3. 2025

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	1,739	-	1,739	3,539
Grants		11,840	11,840	18,573
Rents received	-	-	-	4,400
Interest Received	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>1,739</u></b>	<b><u>11,840</u></b>	<b><u>13,579</u></b>	<b><u>26,513</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>				
Room Hire/ Rent	3,641		3,641	7,089
Training Resources and Equipment	9,193	11,840	21,033	13,690
Events			-	-
Covid tests			-	-
Travel/Mileage	6,586		6,586	7,942
Insurance	453		453	433
Cyclists club	1,164		1,164	1,035
Independent Examiner Fee	780		780	600
Bank charges	288		288	341
<b>Total payments</b>	<b><u>22,104</u></b>	<b><u>11,840</u></b>	<b><u>33,944</u></b>	<b><u>31,130</u></b>
<b>Net of receipts and payments</b>	<b>(20,366)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(20,366)</b>	<b>(4,618)</b>
Cash funds last year end	15,422	17,720	33,141	37,759
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b><u>(4,944)</u></b>	<b><u>17,720</u></b>	<b><u>12,775</u></b>	<b><u>33,141</u></b>

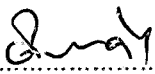
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
30th SEPTEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Fund Total 2024 £	Restricted Fund Total 2024 £	Fund Total 2024 £	Fund Total 2023 £
<u>Cash/Bank funds</u>				
General account	-4,944	17,720	12,775	33,141
Savings account				
	<u>-4,944</u>	<u>17,720</u>	<u>12,775</u>	<u>13,420</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Professional fees 2023/2024 to be billed after year end :-				
Independent examination (Including VAT)	(780)	-	(780)	(600)
	<u>(780)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(780)</u>	<u>(780)</u>

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and as such there is no 'Balance Sheet'.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27.3.2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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G J Pennington

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**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Charity Registration Number : 1174765**

<b>Trustees</b>	Ms J Cottrell  Ms K E Lawrenson MBE  Rev. K Duffy  G J Pennington
<b>Registered Office</b>	Corpus Christi RC Church Presbytery Alfred Street Rainford ST. Helens WA11 8BY
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	P Buck FCA, DChA Champion TLL Accountants Ltd 7 - 9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston PR4 6SN
<b>Bankers</b>	Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

## OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period since registration at 21st September 2017.

#### **Objectives of the Charity**

To prevent or relieve poverty amongst asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, by providing, but not limited to, information, advice, and language skills.

To advance the education and training of asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.

The provision of services / facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.

The advancement of human rights/promotion of racial harmony and diversity for the public benefit by education and raising awareness in equality and diversity, and promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

The relief of financial hardship or other disadvantage amongst asylum seekers and those granted refugee status, and their dependents, living (temporarily or permanently) in St Helens and the surrounding area, by providing financial support and / or guidance.

#### **Governance and Trustees**

The Charity is not a company, but registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and governed by a model constitution adopted on 21st September 2017.

The Trustees named on page 1 form a committee who are responsible for the management of the Charity and its activities.

New Trustees can be appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Training and induction is provided verbally by existing Trustees.

#### **Details of activities and achievements for the year**

Our Warm Welcome (OWW) has had another busy year supporting over 500 asylum seekers placed across the borough. The drop in has expanded delivery to 2 sessions of ESOL a week and this includes the delivery of the Life in the UK sessions for those preparing for the UK Citizenship Test.

Over the year OWW has been fortunate enough to secure funding through grants from The National Lottery, Merseytravel, The Duchy of Lancaster, St Helens Council, Migrant Help, St Vincent de Paul Society and the Parish Church Trust.

These awards have enabled the charity to deliver bicycles and appropriate training, transport to help asylum seekers attend the drop in, hospital appointments and education interviews as well as purchasing winter clothing and footwear and paying for the additional costs for the ESOL provision.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Details of activities and achievements for the year (continued)**

The charity has always evolved to meet the changing needs of our client base. This was particularly true with the move to supporting people in hotels. With one hotel closing and a large increase in those placed in local houses, we are called to evolve once more.

The fast-track process operated by the government last year has presented a new issue of large numbers of homeless people with leave to remain. We are working with the local authorities and other housing agencies to respond to this new group's needs.

It is the hope of the local authority that we are part of a funded support system to be established in the coming months. This is being carefully considered by the trustees to ensure any role would meet our constitution. This is an ongoing process as details emerge.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - Continued.**

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

**Risk analysis**

The Trustees have identified, as required, the major risks to which the Charity is exposed.

The Trustees consider that they have taken such action and put in place policies, procedures and controls which will mitigate the identified risks and assist in maintaining the future financial viability of the Charity.

**Remuneration of Trustees**

During the year none of the Trustees of the Charity received remuneration for the provision of their position as trustee to the Charity.

**Transactions and financial position**

The results for the period ended 30th September 2023 are shown on the appended pages. Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis rather than an accruals basis, as permitted under the Charity SORP 2015 relating to smaller charities.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its results for that period (based on Receipts and Payments). In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. Prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy and at any time, the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


**Reserves Policy**

The Charity has completed its sixth year and has achieved a reserves balance of £33,800 - being the closing bank balances. £17,720 of this is for restricted purposes, leaving an unrestricted, free-fund of £16,081. This is a reasonable balance to help fund day-to-day activities as we move into our seventh year. As activities are more established and the Charity grows, we will be able to determine a regular cost base upon which we can set our target reserves level in order to ensure ongoing sustainability.

**Investment Policy**

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 4 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
G J Pennington

OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our Warm Welcome for the twelve month period ended 30th September 2022.

**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 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mr P Buck FCA, DChA  
Champion TLL Accountants Ltd  
7 - 9 Station Road  
Hesketh Bank  
Preston  
PR4 6SN

Date: 4/7/2024

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	3,539	-	3,539	14,095
Grants	486	18,087	18,573	20,644
Rents received	-	4,400	4,400	6,596
Interest Received	658	-	658	20
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,683</b>	<b>22,487</b>	<b>27,170</b>	<b>41,355</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>				
Room Hire/ Rent	2,689	4,400	7,089	6,268
Training Resources and Equipment	-	13,690	13,690	19,925
Events	-	-	-	429
Covid tests	-	-	-	420
Client travel and vouchers	3,544	4,398	7,942	3,321
Insurance	433	-	433	2,000
Cyclists club	1,035	-	1,035	5,083
Independent Examiner Fee	600	-	600	480
Bank charges	340	-	340	294
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>22,488</b>	<b>31,129</b>	<b>37,800</b>
<b>Net of receipts and payments</b>	<b>(3,958)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,959)</b>	<b>3,555</b>
Cash funds last year end	20,039	17,720	37,759	34,204
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,081</b>	<b>17,720</b>	<b>33,800</b>	<b>37,759</b>

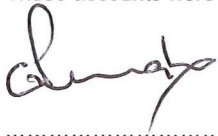
**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**30th SEPTEMBER 2023**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund Total 2023</b>	<b>Restricted Fund Total 2023</b>	<b>Fund Total 2023</b>	<b>Fund Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Cash/Bank funds</u></b>				
General account	8,122	-	8,122	6,739
Savings account	7,958	17,720	25,678	31,020
	<u>16,080</u>	<u>17,720</u>	<u>33,800</u>	<u>37,759</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>				
<b><u>Professional fees to be billed after year end :-</u></b>				
Independent examination (Including VAT)	(780)	-	(780)	(600)
	<u>(780)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(780)</u>	<u>(600)</u>

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and as such there is no 'Balance Sheet'.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
G J Pennington

**OUR WARM WELCOME**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174765

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022  
FOR  
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**Charity Registration Number : 1174765**

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

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OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

CHARITY INFORMATION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

**Trustees**

Ms J Cottrell

Ms K E Lawrenson MBE

Rev. K Duffy

G J Pennington (Appointed 1st September 2021)

**Registered Office**

Corpus Christi RC Church Presbytery  
Alfred Street  
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**Independent Examiner**

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## OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

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#### **Details of activities and achievements for the year**

Our Warm Welcome St Helens continued to operate from the Parish Church hall in the town centre here in St Helens and it must be added that the partnership has been beneficial to all. The premises have been fully utilised with the drop-in café now upstairs and the English lessons downstairs.

In addition we have had to take on visits to the hotels to deliver clothes and other resources as new occupants have been arriving with very few clothes.

Partnership is the key word and whilst all agencies continue to be stretched support continues to be offered. These partners included the British Red Cross as well as a variety of other partners including Housing Associations, Health Professionals, Refugee Women Connect. Parish Nurse, St Marks, Tango and SHAP.

Over the year funding has been received for operational costs including transport, equipment, and food supplies from Tesco, Cyclists Club UK, St Helens Parish Church and St Helens Council. The Bike Shed operates once a month and over 70 bikes have been refurbished and issued over the period thanks to a grant from Cyclists Club UK the The Big Bike Revival.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Details of activities and achievements for the year (continued)**

Following a review of operations, it has been decided to continue operating The Drop-in Centre at Parish Church. Our Warm Welcome is the main support agency for Asylum Seekers in St Helens and through our partnership at grassroots level we believe that the Charity is in a positive position to meet future demands. Trustees believe that the Charity is in a strong financial position and that we are ready to meet the challenge of supporting more "Friends" in the coming year.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - Continued.**

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

**Risk analysis**

The Trustees have identified, as required, the major risks to which the Charity is exposed.

The Trustees consider that they have taken such action and put in place policies, procedures and controls which will mitigate the identified risks and assist in maintaining the future financial viability of the Charity.

**Remuneration of Trustees**

During the year none of the Trustees of the Charity received remuneration for the provision of their position as trustee to the Charity.

**Transactions and financial position**

The results for the period ended 30th September 2021 are shown on the appended pages. Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis rather than an accruals basis, as permitted under the Charity SORP 2015 relating to smaller charities.

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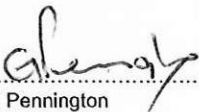
**Reserves Policy**

The Charity has completed its fifth year and has achieved a reserves balance of £37,759 - being the closing bank balances. £17,720 of this is for restricted purposes, leaving an unrestricted, free-fund of £20,039. This is a reasonable balance to help fund day-to-day activities as we move into our sixth year. As activities are more established and the Charity grows, we will be able to determine a regular cost base upon which we can set our target reserves level in order to ensure ongoing sustainability.

**Investment Policy**

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 12 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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G J Pennington

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our Warm Welcome for the twelve month period ended 30th September 2022.

**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 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mr P Buck FCA, DChA  
Champion TLL Accountants Ltd  
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Date: 13/7/2023

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	14,095	-	14,095	1,987
Grants	2,880	17,764	20,644	9,120
Rents received	6,596	-	6,596	-
Interest Received	20	-	20	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>23,591</u></b>	<b><u>17,764</u></b>	<b><u>41,355</u></b>	<b><u>11,107</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>				
Room Hire/ Rent	6,268	-	6,268	-
Training Resources and Equipment	2,161	17,764	19,925	10,042
Events	429	-	429	-
Covid tests	-	-	420	420
Travel/Mileage	3,321	-	3,321	2,314
Insurance	2,000	-	2,000	-
Cyclists club	5,083	-	5,083	-
Independent Examiner Fee	480	-	480	450
Bank charges	294	-	294	72
<b>Total payments</b>	<b><u>20,036</u></b>	<b><u>17,764</u></b>	<b><u>37,800</u></b>	<b><u>13,298</u></b>
<b>Net of receipts and payments</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>(2,191)</b>
Cash funds last year end	16,484	17,720	34,204	36,395
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b><u>20,039</u></b>	<b><u>17,720</u></b>	<b><u>37,759</u></b>	<b><u>34,204</u></b>

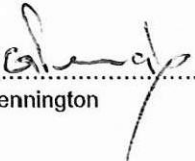
**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**30th SEPTEMBER 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
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<b><u>Cash/Bank funds</u></b>				
General account	20,039	17,720	37,759	34,204
Savings account				
	<u>20,039</u>	<u>17,720</u>	<u>37,759</u>	<u>13,420</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>				
<b><u>Professional fees 2021/2022 to be billed after year end :-</u></b>				
Independent examination (Including VAT)	(480)	-	(480)	(450)
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**OUR WARM WELCOME**

England & Wales - Charity number 1174765

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# Accounts

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OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

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Partnership is the key word and whilst all agencies are stretched at this difficult time support continues to be offered. These partners included the British Red Cross as well as a variety of other partners including Housing Associations, Health Professionals, Refugee Women Connect, Parish Nurse, St Marks with Tango and SHAP.

Over the year funding has been received for operational costs including transport and food supplies from The National Lottery, Tesco and St Helens Council. We are pleased to report that we have re-opened the Bike Shed and over 50 bikes have been refurbished and issued over the period thanks to a grant from the Big Bike Revival – Cycling and local donations.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Details of activities and achievements for the year (continued)**

We are currently conducting a major review of operations and we are setting up a separate fund as we hope in time to secure permanent accommodation as it is clear that the demand on the third sector will continue to grow in the coming years. In summary this has been another difficult year for the charity, and we have been faced with many challenges. That aside, Our Warm Welcome remains financially viable and we are now meeting the new challenges of supporting those in hotels, as well as new friends from Afghanistan and the Ukraine - all with different needs. We look forward to the year of change 2022.

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - Continued.**

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

**Risk analysis**

The Trustees have identified, as required, the major risks to which the Charity is exposed.

The Trustees consider that they have taken such action and put in place policies, procedures and controls which will mitigate the identified risks and assist in maintaining the future financial viability of the Charity.

**Remuneration of Trustees**

During the year none of the Trustees of the Charity received remuneration for the provision of their position as trustee to the Charity.

**Transactions and financial position**

The results for the period ended 30th September 2021 are shown on the appended pages. Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis rather than an accruals basis, as permitted under the Charity SORP 2015 relating to smaller charities.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its results for that period (based on Receipts and Payments in preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. Prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy and at any time, the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Reserves Policy**

The Charity has completed its fourth year and has achieved a reserves balance of £34,204 - being the closing bank balances. £17,720 of this is for restricted purposes, leaving an unrestricted, free-fund of £16,484. This is a reasonable balance to help fund day-to-day activities as we move into our fifth year. As activities are more established and the Charity grows, we will be able to determine a regular cost base upon which we can set our target reserves level in order to ensure ongoing sustainability.

**Investment Policy**

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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G J Pennington

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our Warm Welcome for the twelve month period ended 30th September 2021.

**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 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**Mr P Buck FCA, DChA**  
**Champlon TLL Accountants Ltd**  
7 - 9 Station Road  
Hesketh Bank  
Preston  
PR4 6SN

Date: 27.07.2022

**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Donations	1,987	-	1,987	4,962
Grants	1,440	7,680	9,120	15,840
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>3,427</u></b>	<b><u>7,680</u></b>	<b><u>11,107</u></b>	<b><u>20,802</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
<b><u>Charitable Activities</u></b>				
Room Hire/ Rent	-		-	264
Training Resources and Equipment	2,362	7,680	10,042	4,073
Events	-	-	-	226
Covid tests	420	-	420	-
Travel/Mileage	2,314	-	2,314	-
Insurance	-	-	-	303
Bike Shed Project	-	-	-	4,500
Independent Examiner Fee	450	-	450	450
Bank charges	72	-	72	72
<b>Total payments</b>	<b><u>5,618</u></b>	<b><u>7,680</u></b>	<b><u>13,298</u></b>	<b><u>9,888</u></b>
<b>Net of receipts and payments</b>	<b>(2,191)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,191)</b>	<b>10,914</b>
Cash funds last year end	18,675	17,720	36,395	25,481
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b><u>16,484</u></b>	<b><u>17,720</u></b>	<b><u>34,204</u></b>	<b><u>36,395</u></b>


**OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**30th SEPTEMBER 2021**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund Total 2021</b>	<b>Restricted Fund Total 2021</b>	<b>Fund Total 2021</b>	<b>Fund Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>Cash/Bank funds</u></b>				
General account	16,484	17,720	34,204	25,481
	<u>16,484</u>	<u>17,720</u>	<u>34,204</u>	<u>13,420</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>				
<b><u>Professional fees 2020/2021 to be billed after year end :-</u></b>				
Independent examination (Including VAT)	(450)	-	(450)	(450)
	<u>(450)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(450)</u>	<u>(450)</u>

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and as such there is no 'Balance Sheet'.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on <sup>26<sup>th</sup></sup> July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
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G J Pennington