

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021
FOR
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

Trustees	Ms J Cottrell
	Ms K E Lawrenson
	Rev. K Duffy
	G J Pennington (Appointed 1st September 2021)
Registered Office	Corpus Christi RC Church Presbytery Alfred Street Rainford ST. Helens WA11 8BY
Independent Examiner	P Buck FCA, DChA Champion TLL Accountants Ltd 7 - 9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston PR4 6SN
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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 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 downstairs and the English lessons and partner sessions upstairs. Numbers have increased significantly, and we now support over 350 asylum seekers in houses and local hotels and we have been advised that this figure will increase to over 500 in the near future.

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.

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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.

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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:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 26th July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


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G J Pennington

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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
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Hesketh Bank
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Date: 27.07.2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	1,987	-	1,987	4,962
Grants	1,440	7,680	9,120	15,840
Total receipts	3,427	7,680	11,107	20,802
<u>Payments</u>				
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
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
Total payments	5,618	7,680	13,298	9,888
Net of receipts and payments	(2,191)	-	(2,191)	10,914
 Cash funds last year end	 18,675	 17,720	 36,395	 25,481
Cash funds this year end	16,484	17,720	34,204	36,395


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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
30th SEPTEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Fund Total 2021 £	Restricted Fund Total 2021 £	Fund Total 2021 £	Fund Total 2020 £
<u>Cash/Bank funds</u>				
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>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Professional fees 2020/2021 to be billed after year end :-				
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 ^{26th} July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


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G J Pennington