

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

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

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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)

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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 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.

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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.

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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:

- 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.

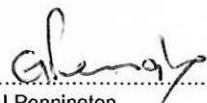
Reserves Policy

The Charity has completed its 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

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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 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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Date: 13/7/2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	
<u>Receipts</u>				
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	-
Total receipts	23,591	17,764	41,355	11,107
<u>Payments</u>				
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
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
Total payments	20,036	17,764	37,800	13,298
Net of receipts and payments	3,555	-	3,555	(2,191)
 Cash funds last year end	 16,484	 17,720	 34,204	 36,395
Cash funds this year end	20,039	17,720	37,759	34,204

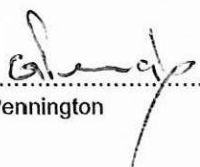
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
30th SEPTEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Fund Total 2022 £	Restricted Fund Total 2022 £	Fund Total 2022 £	Fund Total 2021 £
<u>Cash/Bank funds</u>				
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>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Professional fees 2021/2022 to be billed after year end :-				
Independent examination (Including VAT)	(480)	-	(480)	(450)
	<u>(480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(480)</u>	<u>(480)</u>

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

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