

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023
FOR
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

	PAGE
Charity Information	1
Report of the Trustees	2-4
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees	5
Receipts and Payments Accounts	6
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	7

OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

Trustees

Ms J Cottrell

Ms K E Lawrenson MBE

Rev. K Duffy

G J Pennington

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

Bankers

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.



.....
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
	£	£	£	
<u>Receipts</u>				
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
Total receipts	4,683	22,487	27,170	41,355
<u>Payments</u>				
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
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
Total payments	8,641	22,488	31,129	37,800
Net of receipts and payments	(3,958)	-	(3,959)	3,555
 Cash funds last year end	 20,039	 17,720	 37,759	 34,204
Cash funds this year end	16,081	17,720	33,800	37,759

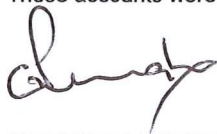
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
30th SEPTEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Fund Total 2023 £	Restricted Fund Total 2023 £	Fund Total 2023 £	Fund Total 2022 £
<u>Cash/Bank funds</u>				
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>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Professional fees to be billed after year end :-				
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