

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024
FOR
OUR WARM WELCOME CIO**

Charity Registration Number : 1174765

Charity Commission

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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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 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

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

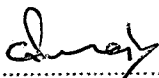
Reserves Policy

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 27.3.2025 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 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
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Hesketh Bank
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Date: 27. 3. 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	1,739	-	1,739	3,539
Grants		11,840	11,840	18,573
Rents received	-	-	-	4,400
Interest Received	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	<u>1,739</u>	<u>11,840</u>	<u>13,579</u>	<u>26,513</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
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
Total payments	<u>22,104</u>	<u>11,840</u>	<u>33,944</u>	<u>31,130</u>
Net of receipts and payments	(20,366)	-	(20,366)	(4,618)
Cash funds last year end	15,422	17,720	33,141	37,759
Cash funds this year end	<u>(4,944)</u>	<u>17,720</u>	<u>12,775</u>	<u>33,141</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
30th SEPTEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Fund Total 2024 £	Restricted Fund Total 2024 £	Fund Total 2024 £	<i>Fund Total 2023 £</i>
<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'.

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G J Pennington