

ENFIELD REFUGEE WELCOME GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1175359

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-25

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OR PREVENTION OF POVERTY AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH AMONGST THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS OR WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM BY THE HOME OFFICE AND WHO RESIDE OR WISH TO RESIDE IN ENFIELD TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS OR WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM BY THE HOME OFFICE AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO RESIDE OR WISH TO RESIDE IN ENFIELD AND ARE IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY.

Activities: The relief or prevention of poverty and the preservation and protection of health amongst those granted refugee status or who have been granted asylum by the Home Office and who reside or wish to reside in Enfield To advance the education and training of those granted refugee status or who have been granted asylum by the Home Office and their dependents who reside or wish to reside in Enfield.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Enfield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£3,150	£4,414	-	-
2024-05-31	£2,700	£3,047	-	-
2023-05-31	£3,685	£10,285	-	-
2022-05-31	£7,376	£14,884	-	-
2021-05-31	£19,786	£7,670	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALISON PHILLIPS	Chair	2017-06-21
Anthony Carroll		2022-08-01
Michael MacKenzie		2021-04-06

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ERW Trustees Meeting 19/09/24

Present Charmain, Alison, Tony, Mike M

Apols: Denise

Operational issues:

Housing needs of Family 3.

Limitations of private tenancy.

Landlord court costs. Rent deposits.

Role changes:

Denise will be taking over as Coordinator.

Is there space for volunteers?

Mother of F3 could benefit from English classes.

Alison would like to step down. Tony will be taking over as Chair of Trustees.

Finance:

The court have ordered in ??? that family 3 are liable for costs.

Fundraising needed so that we can maintain a prudent reserve. Target £5K

Obtain court costings and current balance.

Accounts signed off for both years.

Governing document : Tony to circulate final version.

Future direction:

The operational group will meet to consider whether it is possible to respond to the types of request we have had recently.

We will not be making an application to welcome another family.

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting of ERW Trustees held on 6/1/25.

Present: Alison Phillips (Chair), Mike McKenzie, Tony Carroll

The meeting was called to consider further a matter discussed briefly at the AGM in September 2024, namely the future and direction of the Charity. At the AGM, we decided not to make any further applications to resettle families and to focus on supporting existing families who are likely to need it, namely F2 and F3.

Alison summarised recent events concerning the eviction of Family 3 on 21/11/24 and the extensive work required by our volunteers to return the property to good order before handing it back to the landlady. The return of the keys should happen in

week commencing 13/1/25. The landlady has some justifiable cause for concern but, in the charity's view, has undermined her position by overstating the cost of repairs and conflating wear and tear with damage.

Alison said that now was perhaps the time to think about the future of the charity. She outlined the following options:

- a) To keep the charity going under the same title (the current remit as filed with the Charity Commission is sufficiently broad to encompass a different remit and continue to support our existing families (signposting/advice/limited practical and financial assistance).
- b) To close and reopen with a new name and more specific remit (as described above) but continue to support our existing families.

Both options a and b would require fresh momentum and time commitment to develop the new remit and recruit new volunteers. Alison wondered whether the currently active volunteers, namely Denise and Charmain, feel able to make the time commitment to progress things in a new direction, as described above.

- c) To close the charity and offer help informally to our families as and when they needed it.

Tony reminded the Trustees that we do have 2 other volunteers (Tony S and Michael W) who offer weekly conversational English to the father of F2. Tuition is also being offered to certain children (details not to hand). Tony felt that it would be in the interests of both our families and our volunteers to retain a formal framework around whatever activities we undertake, however limited.

ERW has received some informal legal advice about action that should be taken at this point to protect its interests. Mike urged us not to act in haste and to take further advice. Alison will take this forward.

Actions:

- 1) Alison will take further advice on the matter of closing the charity and reopening with a different remit.
- 2) Tony will speak to the main volunteers, Denise and Charmain, to ascertain their views.
- 3) The Trustees will meet again as soon as the above actions have been completed.

Notes completed by; Tony Carroll (8/1/25)

Meeting of ERW Trustees 15/1/25

Present: Mike, Alison, Tony

Closure of charity/ continuation of residual functions

Alison advised that, should we close down as a registered charity, there are no realistic options to link with other existing charities; John Coleby at Caritas has moved on and CARIS only operate with Haringey.

There was a discussion of the pros and cons of closure vs. continuing as a charity. The consensus was that we would continue as a charity, focused on supporting our existing families, as needed.

Further donation:

There was a consensus that, if ERW had more funds in the bank (rather than just a prudent reserve of several hundred pounds), we would want to give Ossi (the landlady of 4 Livingstone Road) a further sum, to acknowledge specific damage: removal of carpet upstairs and burn to kitchen worktop. To date, we have agreed that she should retain the deposit c. £1800 and Alan S has completed specific DIY tasks within the home.

Alison is exploring sources of funding but, so far, has only been able to come up with a match funding arrangement, which is beyond our means.

Actions:

- 1) ERW will continue as a Charity, supporting existing families, in accordance with its remit. It will not be making a further application to resettle another family in need .
- 2) Alison will contact the Charity Commission and make them aware that there is an ongoing disagreement with a partner regarding the extent of our responsibility for and what is damage/ what is wear and tear, caused by the tenants to her property.
- 3) Alison will pursue options for donations, as discussed above.
- 4) Tony will write an email in response to Ossi's dated 9/1/25, essentially re-stating our position.
- 5) Alison will liaise with Ossi re return of house keys.

Notes by: Tony

Balance sheet for year ending 31/5/25

Opening bank balance £1482-32

Closing bank balance £218-76

Income:

Donations and legacies: £2430

Other (contributions from landlord F2): £720

Total income: £3150

Expenditure:

Grants to individuals: £1887

Payments to contractors (re F2 and F3 home maintenance): £2190-71

Internet/broadband (F4): £110-37

Indemnity premium: £165-48

Bank charges: £60

Total expenditure: £4413-56

Opening bank balance £1482-32

Total income £3150

Less total expenditure £4413-56

Net balance £218-76

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Annual Report to Trustees June 2023-May 2024

With prior notice, Family 2's rent was increased again to £2100 in January 2024. ERW agreed to continue the top up support to them at the rate of £100 per month until the end of March 2024, when Housing Benefit levels were uprated for the first time in 4 years.

One of Family 2's children is receiving Maths tuition, the oldest is having English tuition and the father is receiving support with conversational English from 2 of our volunteers.

ERW paid for a replacement front door lock to the property which Family 3 occupy in July 2023. Family 3 were given a notice to quit by their landlord at the end of their tenancy in November 2023. Extensive attempts were made to find an alternative property for the family, without success. This family of 5 children require a minimum of a 3 bed property. Through the courts, the landlord was granted possession of the property in May 2024. An application for eviction by Bailiffs has been lodged at the Court. The family have been registered with Enfield Homeless Persons Unit. They will not act to assist them, until an eviction date is known. The family have been given an indication by Enfield Housing that they are likely to be rehoused in the North or North West of England, where property prices are cheaper.

Family 3 are very traditional in the way that they function, with responsibility for the care of the youngest child (3) falling almost entirely on the mother. She has not had the opportunity to develop her spoken English

Comment: when ERW was established, it was not envisaged that we would be in a position of having to support a family through an eviction process, nor expecting a landlord, who offered her property out of good will, to follow a court process to secure the return of her property. I recommend that we cover the landlord's court costs, which are currently in the region of £1000. This has not been discussed with other members of the group.

Family 4 have settled well. They are very independent and manage their lives well. Their 3 daughters are happy in school. The eldest daughter is having English tuition. Both parents are highly motivated to strengthen their job prospects and are making good progress with ESOL classes. Father does some occasional work with the BBC Persian Service. The family have the benefit of a long-term, secure tenancy through a Origin Housing Association. This makes a real difference as it gives them long-term security in terms of suitable accommodation at an affordable rent.

Financial position:

We have received 2 sizeable one-off donations during the financial year of £740 (Winchmore Hill Quakers) and £500 (Palmers Green URC), in addition to a generous regular monthly donation of £100. The most significant expenditure which Trustees should be aware of was £2100 in respect of rent top up payments. When the charity was established, it was not anticipated that such payments would be required and we have not made this explicit in our fundraising. I would argue that although

unplanned, this has made the difference between ensuring continuity and stability for Family 2 and putting them in a position of major instability and disruption.

Future direction:

ERW was able to attract and hold the interest of a few new volunteers, prior to and after the arrival of Family 4, as there were a number of tasks to assist with. The new volunteers helped with the tasks at hand but have now moved on to other things. The family are independent and capable and now do not require much from us..

The group has met to discuss future direction. The consensus is that we should focus on supporting our existing families for as long as needed, rather than fundraise to apply to welcome a new family. Origin Housing, who provided the accommodation for Family 4, are not able to provide us with another house. In the current, grossly inflated rental market in London, finding affordable accommodation is nigh on impossible. Even if something suitable did come up, there remains the prospect of having to move out of London to a more affordable area at the end of their 12 or 18 month tenancy.

An alternative initiative which could be considered in parallel to our existing work, or as an entirely new direction, is to respond to individual requests for support from refugees living in Enfield, which fall outside of statutory provision. This option has not been fully discussed with our volunteers.

Some examples are set out below, based on requests we have received;

- supporting individuals or families to furnish their accommodation.
- supporting families to obtain children's clothing.
- helping refugee families in need to access appropriate advice.
- advocacy work.

Forthcoming personnel changes:

Alison Phillips wishes to step down as Chair of Trustees.

Tony Carroll wishes to step down as Coordinator, as he has moved to the South Coast and can no longer fulfil the commitments of the Coordinator role. However, Tony is willing to remain a Trustee, if Trustees agree. Fortunately, Denise Sheen has agreed to take on the Coordinator role.

Report compiled by Tony Carroll (6/09/24)

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6/15/2022	HMRC gift aid		300	9239.71	
6/17/2022	D/D Talk T	20		9219.71	
6/21/2022	Bank charg	5		9214.71	
7/14/2022	Donation D.S.		100	9314.71	
7/19/2022	D/D Talk T	20		9294.71	
7/21/2022	Bank charg	5		9289.71	
8/15/2022	Donation D.S.		100	9389.71	
8/19/2022	D/D Talk T	20		9369.71	
8/21/2022	Bank charg	5		9364.71	
8/25/2022	Home Office reimburs		1468.84	10833.55	Attachment 1
9/14/2022	Donation D.S.		100	10933.55	
9/20/2022	D/D Talk T	20		10913.55	
9/21/2022	Bank charg	5		10908.55	
10/14/2022	Donation D.S.		100	11008.55	
10/19/2022	D/D Talk T	20		10988.55	
10/20/2022	O2 set up	50		10938.55	
10/21/2022	Bank charg	5		10933.55	
10/25/2022	Donation from WHQ		50	10983.55	
11/3/2022	Plumbing F	276			Attachment 2
11/3/2022	Plumbing F	96		10611.55	Attachment 2
11/8/2022	Contributic	1200		9411.55	Attachment 3
11/14/2022	Donation D.S.		100	9511.55	
11/18/2022	D/D Talk T	20		9491.55	
11/21/2022	Bank charg	5		9486.55	
11/24/2022	Bal of cont	1680		7806.55	
11/30/2022	Donation PG URC		500	8306.55	
12/14/2022	Donation D.S.		100	8406.55	
12/19/2022	D/D Talk T	20		8386.55	
12/21/2022	Bank charg	5		8381.55	
1/16/2023	Donation D.S.		100	8481.55	
1/16/2023	Reimburse	299		8182.55	
1/19/2023	D/D Talk T	20		8162.55	
1/21/2023	Bank charg	5		8157.55	
2/9/2023	TV Licence	159			
2/9/2023	TV Licence	159		7839.55	
2/14/2023	Donation D	100		7939.55	
2/17/2023	D/D Talk T	20		7919.55	
2/21/2023	Bank charg	5		7914.55	
2/28/2023	Contributic	403		7511.55	
3/10/2023	Rent to up	600		6911.55	
3/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	7011.55	
3/17/2023	D/D Talk T	20		6991.55	
3/21/2023		5		6986.55	
3/28/2023	Indemnity	165.48		6821.07	
4/4/2023	Reimburse t	544			Attachment 4
	Reimburse	135			Attachment 4

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4/6/2023 Reimburse	210	5828.48 Attachment 4
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4/12/2023 Reimburse	300.75	4777.9 Attachment 4
4/14/2023 Donation		100 4877.9
4/17/2023 Reimburse	730	Attachment 4
4/17/2023 Reimburse	135	Attachment 4
4/17/2023 Reimburse	95.02	Attachment 4
4/17/2023 Reimburse	100	3817.88 Attachment 4
4/19/2023 D/D Talk T	22.84	3795.04
4/21/2023 Bank charg	5	3790.04
4/25/2023 Reimburse	45	3745.04 Attachment 4
4/25/2023 Reimburse	324	3421.04 Attachment 4
4/29/2023 Reimburse	38.1	Attachment 4
Reimburse	36.15	Attachment 4
Rent top up	200	
Initial set	300	2846.79
5/2/2023 Reimburse	28.49	2818.3 Attachment 5
5/4/2023 Initial set	300	2518.3
5/12/2023 Initial set	300	2218.3
5/15/2023 Donation	100	2318.3
5/19/2023 D/D Talk T	22.84	
5/19/2023 Reimburse	159	2136.46 Attachment 5
5/21/2023 Charges	5	2131.46
5/21/2023 Initial set	58	2073.46
5/31/2023 Bal b/f		2073.46

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6/1/2023	Balance b/f			2073.46
6/14/2023	Donation DS		100	2173.46
6/16/2023	Talk Talk F	22.84		2150.62
6/20/2023	Shell Broa	33.86		2116.76
6/21/2023	Charges	5		2111.76
7/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	2211.76
7/21/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		
7/21/2023	Charges	5		2188.77
7/25/2023	Rent top u	600		1588.77
7/31/2023	Lock repla	258		1330.77
8/14/2023	Donation		100	1430.77
8/21/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		
8/21/2024	Charges	5		1407.78
9/4/2023	Bal of initi	79.96		
9/4/2023	Rent top u	600		727.82
9/11/2023	Donation WHQ		100	827.82
9/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	927.82
9/21/2023	Charges	5		922.82
9/22/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		904.83
10/3/2023	Reimburse	214		690.83
10/16/2023	Donation DS		100	790.83
10/21/2023	Charges	5		785.83
10/23/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		767.84
11/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	867.84
11/20/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		849.85
11/21/2023	Charges	5		844.85
12/13/2023	Rent top u	600		244.85
12/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	
12/14/2023	Donation WHQ		740	1084.85
12/20/2023	Donation PG URC		500	1584.85
12/21/2023	Charges	5		1579.85
12/21/2023	Wash macl	70		1509.85
12/27/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		1491.86
1/9/2024	Rent top u	100		1391.86
1/11/2024	Donation WHQ		100	1491.86
1/15/2024	Donation DS		100	1591.86
1/21/2024	Charges	5		1586.86
1/22/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		1568.87
2/5/2024	Rent top u	100		1468.87
2/10/2024	Donation		20	1488.87
2/14/2024	Donation		100	1588.87
2/19/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		1580.88
2/21/2024	Charges	5		1575.88
3/11/2024	Rent top u	100		1475.88
3/14/2024	Donation DS		100	1575.88
3/20/2024	Liability Ins	165.48		1410.4
3/21/2024	Charges	5		1405.4
3/22/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		1387.41
4/15/2024	Donation DS		100	1487.41

4/21/2024 Charges	5		1482.41
4/22/2024 Shell B'bar	17.99		1464.42
5/5/2024 Passport F	57.5		1406.92
5/14/2024 Donation		100	1506.92
5/20/2024 Shell B'bar	19.6		1487.32
5/21/2024 Charges	5		1482.32
5/31/2024 Bal b/f			1482.32

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Annual Report to Trustees June 2022-May 2023

In April 2022, we welcomed Family 3, who have 5 children. They moved into their home in N13, with an 18 month tenancy offered by a private landlord. In June 2022, we learnt that the Home Office had mistakenly referred them on to us, as the father already had British citizenship and had worked in the UK for several years, sending money home to his family in Afghanistan. At the point that the U.S, allies and coalition partners announced the withdrawal of all their forces, the father went back to Afghanistan to bring his family to the UK. It would appear that it was at this point that the mistake about eligibility was made by the Home Office.

Having got to know the family and their level of need, a collective decision was made by the ERW core group at this point to continue to offer the family practical support upon request, but cease the usual level of financial support we would offer to an eligible family.

Family 1 had already moved out of their home in Enfield to a town in Derbyshire. They weren't happy there and could not get the necessary support for their eldest son, who has additional needs. They moved to Stoke on Trent during the year. ERW assisted the family with part payment of a large utility bill (see accounts).

Family 2, who have 4 children, continue to be settled in their home in Bush Hill Park. The children are doing well in school. There was a major leak in the skylight in the roof of the property which caused substantial interior water damage over time .ERW made a substantial contribution to the repairs (see accounts). In January 2023, the rent on the property was increased by £200 per month to £2000. This is beyond Housing Benefit levels of £1800. A top up was necessary, which the family could not afford. ERW made a collective decision to cover the cost of the shortfall for the duration of the 12 month tenancy.

An application was made to resettle a fourth family. Initially, it was intended to welcome a family from Ukraine, in response to the emerging crisis. We secured an offer of a Housing Association property, courtesy of Origin Housing. However, we established that a Ukrainian family would be ineligible under the community sponsorship scheme and so we applied to resettle an Afghani family. We were very fortunate to retain the commitment to this of Origin Housing, who provided a 2/3 bedroom house in N13, at an affordable rent. The couple, who have 3 children, arrived in April 2023. We supported the family in the usual areas. Early signs are that they are already quite adjusted to life in the UK, having spent 18 months in a hotel in Canterbury.

Prior to the arrival of Family 4, ERW attracted 3 new volunteers who provided a lot of help in setting up the family home, in advance of their arrival.

Financial position:

As can be seen from the accounts, ERW incurred significant expenditure in this reporting year (specifically-the contributions to the repairs of F2's home and the rent top up). The rent top up is a particular concern, not only in relation to our finances but also as an indicator of the prohibitive cost of local rented accommodation.

Housing Benefit levels have not been uprated since 2020, so they are now well behind market rents.

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5/15/2023 Donation	100	2318.3
5/19/2023 D/D Talk T	22.84	
5/19/2023 Reimburse	159	2136.46 Attachment 5
5/21/2023 Charges	5	2131.46
5/21/2023 Initial set	58	2073.46
5/31/2023 Bal b/f		2073.46

Date	Description	Paid out	Paid in	Balance
5/31/2023	Balance b/f			2073.46
6/14/2023	Donation DS		100	2173.46
6/16/2023	Talk Talk F	22.84		2150.62
6/20/2023	Shell Broa	33.86		2116.76
6/21/2023	Charges	5		2111.76
7/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	2211.76
7/21/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		
7/21/2023	Charges	5		2188.77
7/25/2023	Rent top u	600		1588.77
7/31/2023	Lock repla	258		1330.77
8/14/2023	Donation		100	1430.77
8/21/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		
8/21/2024	Charges	5		1407.78
9/4/2023	Bal of initi	79.96		
9/4/2023	Rent top u	600		727.82
9/11/2023	Donation WHQ		100	827.82
9/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	927.82
9/21/2023	Charges	5		922.82
9/22/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		904.83
10/3/2023	Reimburse	214		690.83
10/16/2023	Donation DS		100	790.83
10/21/2023	Charges	5		785.83
10/23/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		767.84
11/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	867.84
11/20/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		849.85
11/21/2023	Charges	5		844.85
12/13/2023	Rent top u	600		244.85
12/14/2023	Donation D.S.		100	
12/14/2023	Donation WHQ		740	1084.85
12/20/2023	Donation PG URC		500	1584.85
12/21/2023	Charges	5		1579.85
12/21/2023	Wash macl	70		1509.85
12/27/2023	Shell B'bar	17.99		1491.86
1/9/2024	Rent top u	100		1391.86
1/11/2024	Donation WHQ		100	1491.86
1/15/2024	Donation DS		100	1591.86
1/21/2024	Charges	5		1586.86
1/22/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		1568.87
2/5/2024	Rent top u	100		1468.87
2/10/2024	Donation		20	1488.87
2/14/2024	Donation		100	1588.87
2/19/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		1580.88
2/21/2024	Charges	5		1575.88
3/11/2024	Rent top u	100		1475.88
3/14/2024	Donation DS		100	1575.88
3/20/2024	Liability Ins	165.48		1410.4
3/21/2024	Charges	5		1405.4
3/22/2024	Shell B'bar	17.99		1387.41
4/15/2024	Donation DS		100	1487.41

4/21/2024 Charges	5		1482.41
4/22/2024 Shell B'bar	17.99		1464.42
5/5/2024 Passport F	57.5		1406.92
5/14/2024 Donation		100	1506.92
5/20/2024 Shell B'bar	19.6		1487.32
5/21/2024 Charges	5		1482.32
5/31/2024 Bal b/f			1482.32

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Enfield Refugee Welcome Group

Registered Charity 1175359

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We have since built on our experience and have now welcomed a third family.

First Family

Our first family: mum, two sons and a daughter who arrived in July 2017 are now established in Stoke on Trent where they have extended family.

Although we are no longer responsible for the family under the Home Office Scheme we remain in contact. This year has seen the eldest son suffer with his PTSD and he is not receiving the structured learning environment that he was used to in Enfield. Should suitable housing become available they would like to relocate back to Enfield. Mum is now a registered carer for son 1 so the family would not be subject to a benefit cap.



Second Family

Our second family arrived on the 5th March 2020 just ahead of “lockdown”. The family consists of Grandma, Dad & Mum, and Four Children.

We have completed our final two-year assessment with the Home Office and now no longer have any responsibility towards the family. We will naturally, however, continue to support them in any way we can.

During the year we have provided them with a large new fridge, electrical and plumbing services and have provided them with three new laptops.

We have met with them to explain the need to gain employment and I am pleased to say dad is now in part time paid employment. This has helped in maintaining their level of benefits.

Third Family

Our third family came under the Afghanistan Crisis resettlement scheme. They arrived in January 2022, and we were fortunate to source a large three-bedroom semi-detached house with a good size garden at LHA rates. We provided new beds, new bedding, kitchen equipment etc. The landlord specifically wanted the house to go to a refugee family. The family is made up of Dad, Mum and five children ranging from thirteen years old down to under one year. Somewhat surprisingly the family partly arrived in their own car. Dad explained that they would have preferred Ealing as that is where he used to be an Uber driver! He also explained that they were British Passport Holders.

After discussion with the Home Office, it appears that the family initially declared themselves as Afghanistan nationals so entered that resettlement process as opposed to returning British Citizens.

The Home Office have apologised for not ensuring we received a refugee family and have released us from any responsibility for them.

The landlord, however, wishes them to leave the property. They have a valid tenancy agreement so we cannot simply ask them to move.

Finance

All bank statements are attached as is a simplified spreadsheet detailing income and expenditure. The headline figures since the opening of the bank account are:

Opening Balance £16,182.08

Income £7,376.32

Expenditure £14,884.88

Cash at Bank £8,673.52



Alan Jones, a retired chartered accountant, has independently looked at both the bank statements, receipts, and the spreadsheet. He confirms the figures.

We have been very fortunate this year to benefit from regular additions to our funding; a monthly donation of £100 and one-off donations of £1,266.33. We also received a gift aid repayment of £4,078.84 mainly due to the significant single donation we received last year. I have again applied for Gift Aid this year, but the amount will be circa £300 due to the nature of donations.

General

I am stepping down as the project leader for ERWG and am now actively looking for a replacement. Naturally, I will provide an extended hand over period but having been heavily involved since its inception I find I no longer have the time needed to fulfil the role properly.

Conclusion

It has been a challenging and to some degree a disappointing year. We should not lose sight of the fact that family three were in a war zone and had no home to come back to, so our help has been properly given.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Seldon', is positioned above the printed name.

Alan Seldon

26th July 2022

Date	Type	Description	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance	
1/6/21		Opening Balance			16182.08	✓
14/6/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	16282.08	Credit
1/7/21	CR	HMRC CHARITIES		4078.84		Credit
1/7/21	DD	TV LICENCE DDA	159		20201.92	DD
2/7/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun ERWG Rent assistance	250		19951.92	BP
8/7/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun ERWG Rates assistance	250		19701.92	BP
14/7/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	19801.92	Credit
29/7/21	CR	DAVIES S+K GIFT SAM DAVIES		150	19951.92	Credit
16/8/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	20051.92	Credit
31/8/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun ERWG Dentist	60		19991.92	BP
14/9/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	20091.92	Credit
15/9/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun Council Tax	211.18		19880.74	BP
30/9/21	BP	D Sheen ERWG	82.75		19797.99	Receipt 1
14/10/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	19897.99	Credit
15/11/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	19997.99	Credit
16/11/21	BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent	2000		17997.99	BP
17/11/21	BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent Deposit	1804.94		16193.05	BP
27/11/21	CR	O Ron Livingstone O/P		368.22	16561.27	Credit
1/12/21	DD	OCTOPUS ENERGY FIRST PAYMENT	178.1		16383.17	Receipt 2
8/12/21	BP	Amber Moves Mr A J ERWG	120		16263.17	Receipt 3
10/12/21	BP	Amber Moves Mr A J ERWG	60		16203.17	Receipt 4
14/12/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	16303.17	Credit
20/12/21	BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent	1595.62		14707.55	BP
22/12/21	CR	PALMERS GREEN UNIT PG URC		500	15207.55	Credit
3/1/22	BP	A SELDON F2 New Fridge	371.97		14835.58	Receipt 5
4/1/22	DD	OCTOPUS ENERGY	178.1		14657.48	Receipt 6
5/1/22	CR	SANDHAM D&F DONATION		150	14807.48	Credit
7/1/22	BP	A SELDON F3 Beds Ikea	749		14058.48	Receipt 7
11/1/22	CR	WINCHMORE HILL QUA From WH Quakers		500	14558.48	Credit
12/1/22	CR	PAID IN AT 400521		116.33	14674.81	Credit
14/1/22	CR	DS Monthly donation		100		Credit
14/1/22	BP	D Sheen F3 House Setup	271.76		14503.05	Receipt 8

✓ Bank Statement - agreed.

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19/1/22 BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent	1595.62		12907.43 BP
21/1/22 DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 30DEC2021	5		12902.43 DR
30/1/22 BP	D Sheen F3 House Setup Dunelm	90✓		12812.43 Receipt 9 <i>h</i>
31/1/22 BP	A Sutherland F3 House Setup	715.8✓		12096.63 Receipt 10 <i>h</i>
1/2/22 DD	Octopus Energy	178.1✓		11918.53 Receipt 11 <i>h</i>
1/2/22 BP	A Seldon F3 House Setup	817.89✓		11100.64 Receipt 12 <i>h</i>
1/2/22 BP	A Seldon F3 House Setup Ikea	135✓		10965.64 Receipt 13 <i>h</i>
2/2/22 BP	F2 TV licence	159✓		10806.64 BP
9/2/22 CR	Donation		100✓	10906.64 Credit
14/2/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓	11006.64 Credit
16/2/22 BP	Rent Payment F3	1595.62✓		9411.02 BP
16/2/22 BP	A Seldon F3 Lawnmower and lead	122.99✓		9288.03 Receipt 14 <i>h</i>
18/2/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	32.16✓		9255.87 Receipt 15 <i>h</i>
21/2/22 DR	Bank Charges	5.8✓		9250.07 DR
24/2/22 CR	Octopus Energy Refund		212.93✓	9463 Credit
28/2/22 BP	Zurich Public Liability Insurance	165.48✓		9297.52 Receipt 16 <i>h</i>
1/3/22 BP	M Ramjan electrician F2	100✓		9197.52 Receipt 17 <i>h</i>
2/3/22 BP	C Dascalescu plumber F2	90✓		9107.52 Receipt 18 <i>h</i>
7/3/22 BP	F3 TV Licence	159✓		8948.52 BP
14/3/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓	9048.52 Credit
18/3/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	20✓		9028.52 Receipt 19 <i>h</i>
21/3/22 DR	Bank Charges	5✓		9023.52 DR
24/3/22 BP	F3 Carpets and fridge payment	500✓		8523.52 BP ✓
14/4/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓	8623.52 Credit
21/4/22 DR	Bank Charges	5✓		8618.52 DR
22/4/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	20✓		8598.52 Receipt 20 <i>h</i>
16/5/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓	8698.52 Credit
20/5/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	20✓		8678.52 Receipt 21 <i>h</i>
21/5/22 DR	Bank Charges	5✓		8673.52 DR <i>h</i>
	Opening Balance			16182.08
	Total Income		7376.32	7376.32
	Total Expenditure	14884.88		-14884.88
	Closing Balance			8673.52

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Working with the support of Caritas and the London Borough of Enfield the group were able to independently secure suitable premises and sufficient funding, by way of donations, to be able to accept a family under the vulnerable children's scheme.

We have since built on our experience by successfully welcoming a second family.



First Family

Our first family: mum, two sons and a daughter who arrived in July 2017 have just moved to Stoke on Trent where they have extended family. Although we are no longer responsible for them under the Home Office scheme, we naturally continued to support them through what was a year of highs and lows. The high being the successful immigration court appeal to allow for family reunification and the low being having the new flat attacked by people searching for drugs.

With the reunification it was a priority to find new housing as the existing accommodation was overcrowded. Working with the London Borough of Enfield eventually new premises were found, and the family moved. It became apparent that the Council had not undertaken proper due diligence as the premises were wholly unsuitable, being previously a very active drugs house. The family were plagued with visitors at all times of day / night with a number of attempted break ins. Various agencies were engaged with and a multi-agency approach taken to support an immediate relocation.

During the year, the family received financial support in terms of legal costs, rent support during changes to Universal Credit, a new washing machine and computer tablets to assist with the children's schooling. We also assisted with removal fees.

The family have now successfully relocated to Stoke on Trent. They have asked to pass on their thanks to the "amazing group who have helped them over the years".

Second Family

Our second family arrived on the 5th March 2020 just ahead of "lockdown". The family consists of.

- Grandma
- Dad & Mum
- Four Children

The family have not benefited from the same level of hands-on support that we would like to have provided due to the pandemic and the restrictions this has imposed. Given the timing on their arrival they have settled in exceptionally well. The children are at school, the family have bought a car and the whole family's language skills are improving except Grandmas which is understandable.

Additional efforts are now being made in providing the children with further English support. Matters have settled down nicely with the neighbours now with no further reported issues.

In addition to purchasing a car, dad is hoping to take the UK test shortly as he is aware of the 1-year requirement. He has recently passed the theory test. The family are applying for travel documents to allow for future travel. They also now have a splendid aquarium and have really made the house their home.



Over the year we have provided additional furniture a new cooker and computer tablets for the children for schooling.

Further support has been considerably curtailed by Covid restrictions but as the situation eases it is hoped to increase the number of visits and overall support provided to the family.

During the year we had two reporting meetings with the Home Office where the family are interviewed independently, amongst other things, about the support we provide. We have passed both Home Office assessments with excellent results and they wish to know when we will be looking at our next family!

We are now no longer responsible as a group for the family in the Home Office's eyes, however, we will naturally continue to support them.

The family are very grateful to the group for the help and support they receive.

Finance

All bank statements are attached as is a simplified spreadsheet detailing income and expenditure. The headline figures since the opening of the bank account are:

Opening Balance £4,066.01

Income £19,786.55

Expenditure £7,670.48

Cash at Bank £16,182.08

Alan Jones, a retired chartered accountant, has independently looked at both the bank statements, receipts, and the spreadsheet. He confirms the figures.

We have been very fortunate this year to benefit from significant additions to our funding; a monthly donation of £100 and one-off donations of £600, £5,000 & £10,000 the donors wish to remain anonymous. I have recently claimed gift aid on the donations and have now received £4,078.84 from HMRC. This will be reflected in next year's accounts.

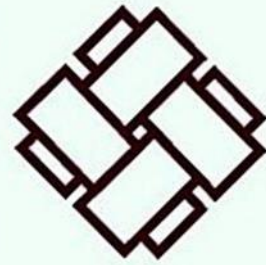
General

Colin Teevan one of our Trustees has stepped down owing to a move away from London. We are delighted to welcome Michael MacKenzie to be a Trustee. Mike is known to some of the core group and has significant financial experience.

The Home Office are keen for us to look to apply to support a further family. We have the finances but having spoken to members of the core group I believe the consensus is that we await the lifting of Covid restrictions before we once again look to both apply and rebuild the human resources needed.

This coming year we need to improve on our social media presence and communications, an area that is important in raising the plight of refugees.

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Conclusion

It has been another very successful year with family 1 being reunited and family 2 coping exceptionally well with all the restrictions placed upon them. Family 1 are now moving on to a new phase in their lives. I honestly believe our input in supporting them since arrival and in the successful reunification of the family is a fantastic testament to the ability and dedication of the group.

We have been exceptionally fortunate in receiving some amazing financial donations which leaves us again in an excellent position to support the next family.

Naturally as a volunteer group there has been churn especially early in the pandemic, but we remain a coherent group with expertise in safeguarding, compliance, interpreting, support etc.

Overall a year with its challenges but the core group remains confident and unfailing in our determination to support refugees where possible.



Alan Seldon

6th July 2021

ERWG Accounts Apr 2020 - May 2021

Date	Reason	Paid In	Paid Out	Balance
01/04/2020	Opening balance			4066.01
12/04/2020	Npower		97.35	3968.66
16/04/2020	F2 transfer to bank		200	3768.66
01/05/2020	Rent assistance F1		650	3118.66
07/05/2020	From Home Office	2720.55		5839.21
19/05/2020	Council Tax Payment F2		15.43	5823.78
21/05/2020	Donation	100.00		5923.78
26/05/2020	Reimbursement of house fit out F2		1793.75	4130.03
02/06/2020	Washing Machine Repair F2		35	4095.03
02/06/2020	Gas check on cooker F2		85	4010.03
26/06/2020	Rent assistance F1		650	3360.03
01/07/2020	TV Licence F1		157.5	3202.53
31/07/2020	Rent assistance F1		650	2552.53
15/09/2020	DS for furniture etc. F2		1053.49	1499.04
15/09/2020	Donation	600.00		2099.04
13/10/2020	Rent assistance F1		350	1749.04
27/10/2020	Donation	5000.00		6749.04
16/11/2020	Monthly Donation	100.00		6849.04
30/11/2020	Rent assistance F1		500	6349.04
14/12/2020	Monthly Donation	100.00		6449.04
17/12/2020	Rent assistance F1		500	5949.04
14/01/2021	Monthly Donation	100.00		6049.04
29/01/2021	AS for TV Licence F2		157.5	5891.54
15/02/2021	Monthly Donation	100.00		5991.54
15/01/2021	Donation FS	150.00		6141.54
19/02/2021	AS for computer tablets F2		259.98	5881.56
25/02/2021	Donation from St Monicas	16.00		5897.56

08/03/2021	Zurich Insurance		165.48	5732.08
12/03/2021	Donation	10000.00		15732.08
15/03/2021	Monthly Donation	100.00		15832.08
09/04/2021	A Sutherland removal of waste furniture		50	15782.08
12/04/2021	Donation PG URC	500.00		16282.08
14/04/2021	Monthly Donation	100.00		16382.08
30/04/2021	Rent assistance F1		300	16082.08
14/05/2021	Monthly Donation	100.00		16182.08
	Total Donations / Grant	19786.55		
	Total Expenditure		7670.48	
	Closing Balance			16182.08

Utility bill assistance F2

F2 Monetary assistance unexpected bills.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

Void rent payment

F2 Council Tax assistance

Donation towards new cooker F2

House fit out for F2, furniture, mattresses etc. see spreadsheet.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

Additional furniture for F2 see spreadsheet

One off donation, anonymous donor.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

One off donation, anonymous donor.

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.

F2 TV Licence

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.

Church donation not eligible for Gift Aid

Computer Tablets to help childrens schooling

Church donation not eligible for Gift Aid

Public Liability Insurance

One off donation, anonymous donor.

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.

Reimbursement for part cost of removal fees F1

Church donation not eligible for Gift Aid

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.

Regular rent assistance because of benefit cap.

Recurring monthly donation from anonymous donor.