

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.

Report compiled by: Tony Carroll (Coordinator) finalised 16/09/2024

Date	Description	Paid out	Paid in	Balance	
6/1/2022	Balance brought forward			8673.53	
6/9/2022	Donation WHQ		166.19	8839.71	
6/14/2022	Donation D.S.		100	8939.71	
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

Reimburse	103.59	6038.48 Attachment 4
4/6/2023 Reimburse	210	5828.48 Attachment 4
4/8/2023 Reimburse	373.4	5455.08 Attachment 4
4/10/2023 Reimburse	376.43	5078.65 Attachment 4
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

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