

Hull Help for Refugees Annual Report April 2023/2024

- This year marked our 9th anniversary as an organisation, and 6^h year as a charity.
- We have continued our main focus this year on helping locally based asylum seekers and refugees. We have provided regular cash support to two projects abroad.
- We have continued to focus on fundraising and raising awareness.
- We have continued to expand and have about 50 very active volunteers and are followed by nearly 5000 people on our Facebook page.
- We raised £41,000 this financial year.
- We donated to organisations working with asylum seekers abroad.

We have focussed on collecting clothing and household items to distribute to asylum seekers housed locally. We have also raised money to buy clothes vouchers for newly arrived asylum seekers. Often people arrive in this country with very few possessions, very little suitable clothing, and sometimes no shoes.

We have been busy fundraising as well as collecting and sorting items. This means we have also been able to support a sewing machine project in Bangladesh, which relies on our funding to provide sewing machines to local women and provide them with training, in order for them to seek employment.

We have continued to work jointly with local charities, especially Welcome House, an asylum seeker and refugee support organisation. We have a room in their building, and distribute clothing from there, twice weekly.

We continue to attract new volunteers, many of whom are asylum seekers. We have utilised the skills of some recently arrived asylum seekers, some of whom have professional backgrounds.

A hotel in an East Riding village has been used to house 95 single male asylum seekers and we worked with local church groups to provide basic essential clothing. We have funded the clothing which local volunteers have purchased and distributed.

We took part in the salvage of tents and sleeping bags from the Leeds festival, and arranged for the washing and cleaning of thousands of sleeping bags to take to Calais to help destitute people trying to claim asylum in the UK..

Main activity April 2023/April 2024.

Fundraising and donations

Our total income for 2023-2024 is £41,127 of which £11,282 was income from events.

Donations:

- £20,000 from The Church of the Latter Day Saints, the later payment of £10,000 for use in the financial year 2024-25
£1000 from UNISON
- Regular donations: we received regular monthly donations of £400, and we received £4000 from individual donations.

Events:

- We have been very successful in holding events to fundraise and raise awareness. These are examples of some of our major fundraisers. We also have a regular stall at a local car boot fair and a monthly stall at a local market.
- We participated in a yard sale which raised £1400
- Carol singing £400
- Art exhibition which raised over £1000
- A gig by a local musician raised: £730

Expenditure

We continued our involvement with Hull based asylum seeking families, and single asylum-seeking men housed at a local hotel.

We provide a £50 voucher from a local clothing store to give to newly arrived asylum-seeking men to the city. Usually men in this position have only the clothes which they are wearing. Having the voucher means that they can choose their own clothes. They are provided with a leaflet with a list of clothing, and pictures of the items, a translation app is used to explain about the use of the vouchers. We keep a careful record of who has had a voucher, so there is only one given out per person. It is explained that they will need to use that to buy shoes and a coat.

Feedback from this system is very positive. The men can also access the donated clothing, which is distributed at Welcome House.

We use a room at Welcome House, www.welcomehousehull.org.uk a local support charity supporting asylum seekers and refugees, to distribute clothing both new and used.

We received a grant of £20,000, from the Church of the Latter Day Saints, specifically for clothing for the men housed at the local hotel. This grant was given in 2 parts, £10,000 at the end of March in order to fund vouchers for the period April-September 2024.

Major Expenditure:

- £18400 on vouchers. We also spent £2900 on new rucksacks to distribute.
- £6,500 on clothing for single men housed in a hotel in East Riding £2000 on clothing and other items for the families housed locally.
- We donated £2500 to Anne in Athens. Anne provides nappies, baby food, food and other essential items to some destitute asylum seeking families based on Athens.
- We donated £5000 to a project in Bangladesh which provides sewing machines and training for women, for them to gain an income.

Other Activity

- We salvaged over 1000 sleeping bags along with numerous tents from the Leeds festival, working with Jubilee Church and Raise the Roof homeless charity. We were supported by Hull College and given the use of their industrial washing machines. Local volunteers washed the remainder of the sleeping bags. In partnership with Yorkshire Aid the majority of sleeping bags were transported to Care4Calais to be distributed to those sleeping rough while fleeing conflict. We also donated sleeping bags to local homeless charities including Emmaus and Raise the Roof.
- We were donated toys from Viking FM www.vikingfm.co.uk Cash for Kids at Christmas. We provided some of these to the Refugee Council for their Christmas party, and distributed the others to families in Hull.
- We helped organise a Christmas party for 80 asylum seekers.

Working with Other Organisations

We have worked very closely with other relevant organisations in the city, especially Welcome House, which provides help and support to asylum seekers and refugees. We have provided support to homeless charities and organisations providing support to deprived families.

UNISON www.unison.org.uk has been a major support to use, letting us use their premises for storage and distribution.

Conclusion

We have been involved in supporting a local faith based group who are providing clothing to asylum seeking men, housed in a village near to Hull. There were over 200 men housed there during this period. Another hotel in a different nearby village housed 95 single asylum seeking men, we have been financially supporting the local group who have been buying and supplying clothing to these men.

Our accommodation is provided free by Hull City Council www.hullcitycouncil and we spend very little in operating expenses. We use this accommodation for storing and sorting clothing

We can only exist with the good will and energy of our many volunteers, and people who support us financially. It is clear that the situation for people seeking asylum globally is continuing to worsen, and we are keen to play a part, albeit very small in helping people in desperate circumstances both home and abroad.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Hull Help for Refugees

No (if any)

1176555

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date

2/4/2023

To

Period end date

1/4/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	7,845	-	-	7,845
Events	11,282	-	-	11,282
Gift Aid	2,000	-	-	2,000
Other income		-	-	-
Release of deferred income		-	-	-
Grants & Other Corp donations	20,000	-	-	20,000
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,127	-	-	41,127
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,127	-	-	41,127
A3 Payments				
Donations paid out	44,128	-	-	44,128
Operating Expenses	3,209	-	-	3,209
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,337	-	-	47,337
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,337	-	-	47,337
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,210	-	-	- 6,210
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,600	-	-	24,600
Cash funds this year end	18,390	-	-	18,390

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	16,866	-
	Cash at PayPal	1,524	-
	Less Deferred Income	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,390	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Container	Unrestricted	2,392
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Leonne Griggs

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Last year

to the nearest £

41,933
10,873
6,279
-
-
17,053
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76,138

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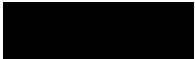
76,138

59,617
6,479
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66,096

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66,096

10,042
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14,558
24,600



**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Hull Help for Refugees

On accounts for the year
ended

01-April-2024

Charity no
(if any)

1176555

Set out on pages

1,2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 01/04/2024.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

02/10/24

Name:

Hendrik Alexander de Groot

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.