

ASHA NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1176934

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Company number [CE013097](#)

Registered 2018-02-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit:1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice. The service will be responsive to requests from surrounding counties that are bereft of organisational support to meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees.2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;(b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community

Activities: We promote the social integration of asylum seekers & refugees through:- skill development and volunteering opportunities- women's and men's groups- school admissions, homework clubs, educational trips, sport activities- destitution support- home visits and one to one supportWe also provide food and clothing for those who have no recourse to public funds/not allowed to work

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£497,080	£420,454	-	-
2024-08-31	£452,622	£425,504	-	-
2023-08-31	£250,920	£318,704	-	-
2022-08-31	£271,274	£238,109	-	-
2021-08-31	£271,050	£246,044	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kevin Sauntry	Chair	2018-02-01
Adelin Kalisa		2023-06-06
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Jenny Dennis		2018-02-01
Michelle Holland		2021-01-15
Russell Clark		2024-11-26
Sally Aldridge		2021-03-16

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Accounts

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ASHA North Staffordshire

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kevin Sauntry, Chair Jenny Dennis, Honorary Treasurer Michelle Holland, Director Sally Aldridge, Vice Chair Nelam Nosheen Ahmed, Director Adelin Kalisa, Director Russell Clark, Director
Charity Registration Number	1176934
Principal Office	Unit 7 Hanley Business Park Cooper Street Hanley Stoke -on-Trent Staffs ST1 4DW
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD
Company Registration Number	CE013097

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kevin Sauntry, Chair
	Jenny Dennis, Honorary Treasurer
	Michelle Holland, Director
	Sally Aldridge, Vice Chair
	Nelam Nosheen Ahmed, Director
	Adelin Kalisa, Director
	Russell Clark, Director (appointed 26 November 2024)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice. The service will be responsive to requests from surrounding counties that are bereft of organisational support to meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Public benefit

- Asylum guide programme
- Destitution support
- Volunteering opportunities
- English language classes
- Asylum seeker & refugee mothers & babies' emotional support
- Asylum seekers women club
- Immigration support & advice
- Food bank
- Clothing distribution
- Bicycles distribution
- Asylum seeker children's club
- Galaxy club - emotional club support for young male asylum seekers
- 121 emotional supports
- E-Visa support
- Digital support
- Campaigns, antidiscrimination, immigration policies
- Community learning sessions
- Community cohesion-drumming in school, care homes, churches
- Volunteering in local community organisation
- Advocacy for asylum seekers
- Community events
- 2025 Refugee week celebration
- international women day
- Socialising

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

ASHA North Staffordshire continues to be a vital lifeline for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers across the region. This year, our services reached 2,512 individuals, offering timely, compassionate and culturally sensitive support that upholds dignity and fosters community cohesion.

Who We Supported

- **Total individuals supported:** 2,512
- Adults: 2,289
- Children under 16: 223
- **New arrivals:** 1,622 (197 children and young people and 1,425 adults)
- All were supported within 10 days of arrival, ensuring rapid access to essential services and safeguarding.

Service Engagement

- **Total service contacts:** 36,296
- This includes advocacy, referrals, psychosocial support, safeguarding, and practical assistance across housing, health, education, legal, destitution, language support, health and wellbeing, etc.

Language & Intergration

- **English language support accessed:** 264 individuals, 85 attended English classes
- Participants engaged in tailored lessons and conversation groups, enhancing confidence, employability, and social inclusion.

Women's Empowerment & Wellbeing

- **Women supported:** 913 including 210 women who attended Saturday Women Wellbeing Club, as well as 140 women who attended Friday Dancing Club.
- Our gender-responsive approach prioritised safety, wellbeing, and empowerment, with specialist support for survivors of trauma and those navigating complex systems.

Men's Club

- 139 men attended men's wellbeing club.

Galaxy & Galaxia Club

- 49 young people between 16-24 attended galaxy Club (Men) and galaxia (Women).

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Volunteering & Community Contribution

- **Asylum seekers Volunteering engagements:** 2,496
- Equivalent to **5,490 hours**, representing a financial value of **£87,840** if delivered by paid staff.
- Volunteers played a crucial role in service delivery, peer support, translation, and event coordination - demonstrating the power of lived experience and community leadership.

Digital Support

- 729 individuals, including, 205 supported for E-Visa.

Destitution Support

- 1,326 plus dependants received food at ASHA Centre and 27 families were delivered food at homes, lunch club = 791 individuals in total 3,059 attended lunch club, clothes = 1,285 plus dependants in total 4,673 visits clothing area, 33 individuals received cash support.

Food Parcels Distributed

- 6,526 including 5,741 distributed at the centre and 785 delivered at home.

Socialising

- 1,902 individuals and a total **11,461** visits.

Emotional Support 1 to 1

- 69 people attended

Case Work

- 1,569 (immigration, benefits support, housing including Stoke-on-Trent community Connector Service and other case work that we provide from Hanley Library).

This year's outcomes reflect AHSA's unwavering commitment to responsive, inclusive, and high-impact support. Every number tells a story of resilience, solidarity, and transformation. We remain deeply grateful to our volunteers, partners, and funders who make this work possible.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Annual income for the accounting period 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025 was £497,080. At the end of the period, expenditure was £420,454.

Funding from grants has accounted for 72% of income during this period, the most significant being the highly valued contribution from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

Charities and grant giving organisations that have supported service delivery:

- The Big Lottery Reaching Communities
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Stanley Thomas Foundation
- BBC Children in Need
- Know Your Neighbourhood Fund
- Community Foundation
- AB Charitable Trust,
- Good Things Foundation
- National Lottery Awards for All
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- Lloyds
- CAF Resilience Fund
- Garfield Weston

Policy on reserves

Asha holds a Reserves Policy to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of at least three months should a shortfall in income occur, and to take account of potential risk and contingencies that may arise from time to time.. The current level of free reserves available to the charity is £213,425 (2024 £183,998) which is sufficient to meet the costs of staff and volunteers, property costs, (rent, council tax and utilities) and running costs (phones, mobiles, insurance etc.).

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

The Charity is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives and states the framework for directing the organisation. An amendment to the charity objects, to extend the scope of activity to surrounding counties that are bereft of organisational support to meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees, was approved by the Charity Commission in July 2024.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 09/04/26 and signed on its behalf by:

Kevin Sauntry
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Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ASHA North Staffordshire for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire 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 ASHA North Staffordshire 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since ASHA North Staffordshire 's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of CIMA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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



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Daryl Denson ACMA
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09/04/26
Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	119,499	355,130	474,629
Investment income	3	435	-	435
Other income	4	22,016	-	22,016
Total income		<u>141,950</u>	<u>355,130</u>	<u>497,080</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(116,023)</u>	<u>(304,431)</u>	<u>(420,454)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(116,023)</u>	<u>(304,431)</u>	<u>(420,454)</u>
Net income		25,927	50,699	76,626
Gross transfers between funds		<u>3,500</u>	<u>(3,500)</u>	-
Net movement in funds		29,427	47,199	76,626
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>183,998</u>	<u>79,551</u>	<u>263,549</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>213,425</u>	<u>126,750</u>	<u>340,175</u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	59,519	392,291	451,810
Investment income	3	812	-	812
Total income		<u>60,331</u>	<u>392,291</u>	<u>452,622</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(98,545)</u>	<u>(326,959)</u>	<u>(425,504)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(98,545)</u>	<u>(326,959)</u>	<u>(425,504)</u>
Net movement in funds		(38,214)	65,332	27,118
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>222,212</u>	<u>14,219</u>	<u>236,431</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>183,998</u>	<u>79,551</u>	<u>263,549</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 12.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	10	341,051	264,383
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(876)</u>	<u>(834)</u>
Net assets		<u>340,175</u>	<u>263,549</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	126,750	79,551
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>213,425</u>	<u>183,998</u>
Total funds	12	<u>340,175</u>	<u>263,549</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 09/04/26 and signed on their behalf by:

Kevin Sauntry
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Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	24,171	-	24,171
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	3,500	159,613	163,113
Grants from other charities	91,828	195,517	287,345
	119,499	355,130	474,629
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	36,519	-	36,519
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	1,000	236,185	237,185
Grants from other charities	22,000	156,106	178,106
	59,519	392,291	451,810

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	435	435
	435	435
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	812	812
	812	812

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Income from asset transfer	22,016	22,016
	22,016	22,016
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Income from asset transfer	22,016	22,016
Total for 2025	22,016	22,016

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	2025 £
Staff Costs	227,856	227,856
Staff/volunteer expenses	12,180	12,180
Travel Expenses	1,676	1,676
Training and Development	1,139	1,139
Other	2,822	2,822
Professional and Legal	28,602	28,602
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	53,742	53,742
Maintenance	15,969	15,969
Equipment	4,682	4,682
Activities, Trips and Groups	9,906	9,906
Workshop, Social events & Refreshments	9,912	9,912
Bus passes and Emergency Food and Accommodation.	34,598	34,598
Sessional Worker Costs	17,370	17,370
	420,454	420,454
	Activity undertaken directly £	2024 £
Staff Costs	227,228	227,228
Staff/volunteer expenses	11,786	11,786
Travel Expenses	1,751	1,751
Training and Development	517	517
Professional and Legal	47,204	47,204
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	52,673	52,673
Maintenance	14,699	14,699
Equipment	8,726	8,726
Activities, Trips and Groups	31,445	31,445
Bus passes and Emergency Food and Accommodation.	28,643	28,643
	424,672	424,672

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6 Government grants

The National Lottery Reaching Communities gave £123,732 (2024: £121,306) for work with asylum seekers.
Stoke on Trent City Council gave £24,631 (2024: £1,000) towards running costs.
National Lottery Know your Neighbourhood gave £nil (2024 £22,500) for working with asylum seekers.
Stoke on Trent City Council gave £3,500 (2024: £3,700) towards Winter Emergency Supplies
National Lottery Awards 4 All gave £nil (2024: £19,996) towards Mens Wellbeing Support.
National Lottery Cost of Living gave £nil (2024: £68,683) towards vulnerable families.
National Lottery Community Fund KYN gave £11,250 towards running costs.

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £163,113 (2024 - £237,185).

There are no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	209,602	200,100
Social security costs	20,487	12,384
Pension costs	6,077	6,003
	<u>236,166</u>	<u>218,487</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Support Worker	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	344	455
Cash at bank	<u>340,707</u>	<u>263,928</u>
	<u>341,051</u>	<u>264,383</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>876</u>	<u>834</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General	183,998	141,950	(116,023)	3,500	213,425
Restricted funds					
National Lottery Reaching Communities	428	123,732	(121,672)	-	2,488
National Lottery Community Fund KYN	-	11,250	(11,250)	-	-
Refugee Action	2,240	-	-	-	2,240
Community Foundation	2,686	8,448	(11,134)	-	-
AB Charitable Trust	3,561	-	-	(3,561)	-
SOT City Council	9,961	24,631	(17,370)	-	17,222
BBC Children in Need	-	45,984	(32,985)	-	12,999
Good Things Foundation	2,215	3,000	(5,215)	-	-
National Grid	180	-	(180)	-	-
Stanley Thomas Foundation Fund	35,009	71,419	(71,480)	61	35,009
National Lottery Cost of living	5,429	-	(5,429)	-	-
Community Foundation Mental Health Digital	7,124	-	(7,124)	-	-
National Lottery Awards for All	10,718	-	(10,718)	-	-
Community Foundation for Staffordshire	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Community Foundation- Youth Community Fund	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Award for All - Rythms of Unity	-	19,670	-	-	19,670
CAF Resilience Fund	-	12,500	-	-	12,500
Centres for Warmth	-	5,500	(5,500)	-	-
One Stoke Community Grant	-	5,496	(874)	-	4,622
YMCA Micro Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>79,551</u>	<u>355,130</u>	<u>(304,431)</u>	<u>(3,500)</u>	<u>126,750</u>
Total funds	<u><u>263,549</u></u>	<u><u>497,080</u></u>	<u><u>(420,454)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>340,175</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	222,212	60,331	(98,545)	183,998
Restricted				
National Lottery Reaching Communities	428	121,306	(121,306)	428
Refugee Action	2,240	-	-	2,240
Community Foundation	1,590	17,992	(16,896)	2,686
AB Charitable Trust	-	4,000	(439)	3,561
SOT City Council	9,961	-	-	9,961
Nat Lottery Know your neighbourhood	-	22,500	(22,500)	-
BBC Children in Need	-	33,280	(33,280)	-
Good Things Foundation	-	3,000	(785)	2,215
National Grid	-	9,952	(9,772)	180
Stanley Thomas Foundation Fund	-	67,994	(32,985)	35,009
National Lottery Cost of living	-	68,683	(63,254)	5,429
Community Foundation Mental Health Digital	-	19,888	(12,764)	7,124
National Lottery Awards for All	-	19,996	(9,278)	10,718
SOT CC Winter Emergency Supplies	-	3,700	(3,700)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>14,219</u>	<u>392,291</u>	<u>(326,959)</u>	<u>79,551</u>
Total funds	<u><u>236,431</u></u>	<u><u>452,622</u></u>	<u><u>(425,504)</u></u>	<u><u>263,549</u></u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

National Lottery – for the Reaching Communities England project. Core funding for the Charity providing Asylum Seeker early support

Refugee Action – The Asylum Guides National Programme aims to support organisations to embed and deliver their own unique Asylum Guides programmes and become part of the national network.

BBC Children in Need – providing additional funding to support Asylum Seeker children’s service, improve self confidence, integration into school and lessen social isolation

National Lottery Know your Neighbour – to improve wellbeing through volunteering and community initiatives.

Community Foundation – funding for the volunteering programme

Good Things Foundation – funding to run “Learn my Way” project.

National Grid – grant to provide local communities with electricity, gas and winter support

Awards for All – Men’s Well Being Support: project to provide emotional support, community learning and socialising opportunities to reduce social isolation

Awards for All – Rhythms of Unity: Building Bridges through Drumming and Dance project

Stoke on Trent City Council – funding for expanding critical digital support for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and local people.

Community Foundation – funding for adult and youth community mental health services

CAF Resilience – project to enable organisations to become more resilient so that they will be able to provide support into the future for the communities they serve.

Centres for Warmth – providing support and advice for energy efficiency.

One Stoke – Building community cohesion between Asylum Seekers and local community members through drumming.

Micro Grant – providing holistic support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2025 £
Current assets	214,301	126,750	341,051
Current liabilities	(876)	-	(876)
Total net assets	213,425	126,750	340,175
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2024 £
Current assets	184,832	79,551	264,383
Current liabilities	(834)	-	(834)
Total net assets	183,998	79,551	263,549

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.









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ASHA North Staffordshire

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

ASHA North Staffordshire

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kevin Sauntry, Chair Jenny Dennis, Honorary Treasurer Michelle Holland, Director Sally Aldridge, Vice Chair Nelam Nosheen Ahmed, Director Adelin Kalisa, Director Russell Clark, Director
Charity Registration Number	1176934
Principal Office	Unit 7 Hanley Business Park Cooper Street Hanley Stoke -on-Trent Staffs ST1 4DW
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD
Company Registration Number	CE013097

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kevin Sauntry, Chair
	Jenny Dennis, Honorary Treasurer
	Michelle Holland, Director
	Sally Aldridge, Vice Chair
	Nelam Nosheen Ahmed, Director
	Adelin Kalisa, Director
	Russell Clark, Director (appointed 26 November 2024)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice. The service will be responsive to requests from surrounding counties that are bereft of organisational support to meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

Public benefit

- Outreach Service for newly arrived Asylum Seekers / refugees
- Provide a holistic pathway service at the centre that supports asylum seekers from arrival right through to decision and beyond. This includes digital support and referrals to external services. Asha works with people from over 58 different nationalities who speak 31 different languages and who have very diverse faiths or no faith. As a secular organisation, we support people based on who they are not what they believe.
- A Welcome Pack for new asylum seekers and refugees, and Asylum Guides Programme
- English Classes for non-English speaking newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees.
- Women's Club and Men's Club
- Emotional and General Wellbeing Support and Volunteering opportunities
- Social inclusion activities and training so that asylum seekers can become volunteers and peer champions in their local community
- Asylum seeker children's club and unaccompanied minors.
- Drop-in service and weekly community lunch.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Over the year we made significant progress in advocating for the rights of asylum seekers and refugees. Our mission is to foster a society that recognises and actively supports the dignity and rights of these individuals. Over the past year, we have focused on increasing public empathy, combating discrimination and prejudice, reducing poverty, and enhancing the mental health, wellbeing, integration, and inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees providing early interventions to newly arrived in the area and those who have been experiencing conflicting social and health needs that are key barriers of integration.

This has been achieved by a series of targeted initiatives such as, assisting the local community with a garden project in one of the local parks; strengthening our links with the NHS Immunisation Outreach Team; having a social inclusion programme of events and activities; further expanding our network of supporting and helping agencies.

However, our journey has not been without its challenges. We have faced significant obstacles, including far-right wing disorder and social media campaigns that spread misinformation and hostility towards asylum seekers and refugees. These challenges have underscored the importance of our work and the need for continued advocacy and support.

Far-right wing disorder has manifested in violent attacks on asylum-seeker shelters and public demonstrations against our cause. These incidents have not only threatened the safety of those we aim to protect but have also highlighted the pervasive prejudice and xenophobia that still exist in our society.

Additionally, social media has been a double-edged sword. While it has allowed us to reach a broader audience and garner support, it has also become a platform for spreading disinformation and inciting hatred. False narratives and inflammatory rhetoric have made our work more challenging, as we strive to counteract these negative influences and promote a message of empathy and inclusion.

Despite these challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our mission. This report highlights our key achievements, the obstacles we have encountered, and the lessons we have learned. It also outlines our strategic plans, as we continue to advocate for a more inclusive and compassionate society. We are proud of the progress we have made and with support from our partners we remain dedicated to supporting asylum seekers and refugees in their journey towards a better future.

Financial review

Charities and grant giving organisations that have supported service delivery:

- The Big Lottery Reaching Communities
- National Lottery Cost-of-living Fund
- Stanley Thomas Foundation
- BBC Children in Need
- Know Your Neighbourhood Fund
- Community Foundation
- AB Charitable Trust,
- Good Things Foundation
- National Lottery Awards for All

Annual income for the accounting period 01/09/23 to 31/08/24 was £452,622
At the end of the review period, expenditure was £425,504

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Policy on reserves

Asha holds a Reserves Policy to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to three months should a shortfall in income occur, and to take account of potential risk and contingencies that may arise from time to time.. The current level of free reserves available to the charity is £183,998 (2023 £222,212) which is sufficient to meet the costs of staff and volunteers, property costs, (rent, council tax and utilities) and running costs (phones, mobiles, insurance etc.).

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

The Charity is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives and states the framework for directing the organisation. An amendment to the charity objects, to extend the scope of activity to surrounding counties that are bereft of organisational support to meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees, was approved by the Charity Commission in July 2024.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ^{21/05/25}..... and signed on its behalf by:

Kevin Sauntry
.....
Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

ASHA North Staffordshire

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ASHA North Staffordshire for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire 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 ASHA North Staffordshire 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since ASHA North Staffordshire 's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of CIMA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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



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Daryl Denson ACMA
CIMA

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The Dudson Centre
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

27/05/25
Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	59,519	392,291	451,810
Investment income	3	812	-	812
Total income		<u>60,331</u>	<u>392,291</u>	<u>452,622</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(98,545)	(326,959)	(425,504)
Total expenditure		<u>(98,545)</u>	<u>(326,959)</u>	<u>(425,504)</u>
Net movement in funds		(38,214)	65,332	27,118
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>222,212</u>	<u>14,219</u>	<u>236,431</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>183,998</u>	<u>79,551</u>	<u>263,549</u>
				Total 2023 £
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	100,026	150,615	250,641
Investment income	3	279	-	279
Total income		<u>100,305</u>	<u>150,615</u>	<u>250,920</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(28,225)	(290,479)	(318,704)
Total expenditure		<u>(28,225)</u>	<u>(290,479)</u>	<u>(318,704)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		72,080	(139,864)	(67,784)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>49,610</u>	<u>(49,610)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		121,690	(189,474)	(67,784)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>100,522</u>	<u>203,693</u>	<u>304,215</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>222,212</u>	<u>14,219</u>	<u>236,431</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 13.

ASHA North Staffordshire
(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	-	1,500
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>264,383</u>	<u>235,725</u>
		264,383	237,225
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(834)</u>	<u>(794)</u>
Net assets		<u>263,549</u>	<u>236,431</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	13	79,551	14,219
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>183,998</u>	<u>222,212</u>
Total funds	13	<u>263,549</u>	<u>236,431</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21/05/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Kevin Sauntry
.....
Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	36,519	-	36,519
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	1,000	236,185	237,185
Grants from other charities	22,000	156,106	178,106
	59,519	392,291	451,810
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	18,811	-	18,811
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	90,485	90,485
Grants from other charities	81,215	60,130	141,345
	100,026	150,615	250,641

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>812</u>	<u>812</u>
	<u>812</u>	<u>812</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>279</u>	<u>279</u>
	<u>279</u>	<u>279</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Staff Costs	24,093	203,135	227,228
Staff/volunteer expenses	345	11,441	11,786
Travel expenses	-	1,751	1,751
Training and development	-	517	517
Professional and legal	26,374	20,830	47,204
Rent, utilities & office costs	16,372	36,301	52,673
Maintenance	14,699	-	14,699
Equipment	2,745	5,981	8,726
Activities, trips and groups	5,301	26,144	31,445
Bus passes, emergency food and accomodation	7,784	20,859	28,643
	<u>97,713</u>	<u>326,959</u>	<u>424,672</u>
	<u>97,713</u>	<u>326,959</u>	<u>424,672</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Staff Costs	20,358	157,962	178,320
Staff/volunteer expenses	-	10,602	10,602
Travel expenses	-	1,723	1,723
Training and development	-	950	950
Professional and legal	-	13,211	13,211
Rent, utilities & office costs	-	41,715	41,715
Maintenance	-	8,389	8,389
Equipment	-	3,328	3,328
Activities, trips and groups	-	22,355	22,355
Bus passes, emergency food and accomodation	-	27,377	27,377
Misc	7,073	2,867	9,940
	<u>27,431</u>	<u>290,479</u>	<u>317,910</u>
	<u>27,431</u>	<u>290,479</u>	<u>317,910</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	832	832
	<u>832</u>	<u>832</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	794	794
	<u>794</u>	<u>794</u>

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6 Government grants

The National Lottery Reaching Communities gave £121,306 (2023:£62,892) for work with asylum seekers.
Stoke on Trent City Council gave £1,000 (2023: £11,943) towards running costs.
National Lottery Know your Neighbourhood gave £22,500 (2023 £11,250) for working with asylum seekers.
DWP Winter Food and Essentials Fund gave nil (2023 £4,400) for working with asylum seekers.
Stoke on Trent City Council gave £3,700 towards Winter Emergency Supplies
National Lottery Awards 4 All gave £19,996 towards Mens Wellbeing Support.
National Lottery Cost of Living gave £68,683 towards vulnerable families.
The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £237,185 (2023 - £90,485).
There are no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	200,100	154,001
Social security costs	12,384	7,105
Pension costs	6,003	5,196
	<u>218,487</u>	<u>166,302</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Support Worker	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

In addition to this payments of £8,741 (2023: £12,018) were made to sub contractors.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	-	1,500

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	455	175
Cash at bank	263,928	235,550
	<u>264,383</u>	<u>235,725</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	834	794

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	222,212	60,331	(98,545)	183,998
Restricted funds				
Nat Lottery Reaching Communities	428	121,306	(121,306)	428
Refugee Action	2,240	-	-	2,240
SOT City Council	9,961	-	-	9,961
Community Foundation	1,590	17,992	(16,896)	2,686
AB Charitable Trust	-	4,000	(439)	3,561
Nat Lottery Know your neighbourhood	-	22,500	(22,500)	-
Good Things Foundation	-	3,000	(785)	2,215
BBC Children in Need	-	33,280	(33,280)	-
National Grid	-	9,952	(9,772)	180
Stanley Thomas Foundation Fund	-	67,994	(32,985)	35,009
National Lottery Cost of living	-	68,683	(63,254)	5,429
Community Foundation Mental Health Digital	-	19,888	(12,764)	7,124
National Lottery Awards for All	-	19,996	(9,278)	10,718
SOT CC Winter Emergency Supplies	-	3,700	(3,700)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>14,219</u>	<u>392,291</u>	<u>(326,959)</u>	<u>79,551</u>
Total funds	<u>236,431</u>	<u>452,622</u>	<u>(425,504)</u>	<u>263,549</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General	100,522	100,305	(28,225)	49,610	222,212
Restricted					
Tudor Trust	1,090	-	(1,090)	-	-
Nat Lottery Reaching Communities	136,612	62,892	(149,466)	(49,610)	428
Lloyds Bank Foundation	8,818	-	(8,818)	-	-
Refugee Action	7,650	18,076	(23,486)	-	2,240
DWP Winter Food	-	4,400	(4,400)	-	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
SOT City Council	-	11,943	(1,982)	-	9,961
Community Foundation	-	3,181	(1,591)	-	1,590
AB Charitable Trust	3,019	-	(3,019)	-	-
Nat Lottery Know your neighbourhood	-	11,250	(11,250)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	46,504	14,976	(61,480)	-	-
Comic Relief Asylum Guide	-	8,897	(8,897)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>203,693</u>	<u>150,615</u>	<u>(290,479)</u>	<u>(49,610)</u>	<u>14,219</u>
Total funds	<u>304,215</u>	<u>250,920</u>	<u>(318,704)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,431</u>

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Refugee Action -the Asylum Guides National Programme aims to support organisations to embed and deliver their own unique Asylum Guides programmes and become part of a national network.

BBC Children in Need- providing additional funding to support our organisation through the Covid 19 pandemic.

National Lottery Know your Neighbourhood- to improve wellbeing through volunteering and community initiatives.

Julia and Hans Rausing Trust.-funding to purchase foodbank items and to cover the increase in staffing, rent and utilities due to the cost of living crisis.

Community Foundation- funding for the volunteering programme.

Stoke on Trent CC.-funding towards the cost of the "Mayor's Community Weekend".

Comic Relief Asylum Guide-funding to pilot the "Asylum Guide" programme.

AB Charitable Trust-funds toward responding to widespread violence across the UK in August 2024.

Good Things Foundation-funding to run a "Learn my way" project.

National Grid- grant to support local communities.

Stanley Thomas Foundation Fund- funding for "Hope after Trauma" project.

National Lottery Awards for all-funding for a wellbeing project for 80 vulnerable male asylum seekers and refugees.

Stoke -on -Trent CC- funding for winter emergency supplies

Community Foundation- funding for adult community mental health services.

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2024 £
Current assets	184,832	79,551	264,383
Current liabilities	(834)	-	(834)
Total net assets	183,998	79,551	263,549
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2023 £
Current assets	223,006	14,219	237,225
Current liabilities	(794)	-	(794)
Total net assets	222,212	14,219	236,431

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.









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ASHA North Staffordshire

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

ASHA North Staffordshire

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chair	Kevin Sauntry
Trustees	Jenny Dennis Michelle Holland Sally Aldridge Nelam Nosheen Ahmed Adelin Kalisa
Charity Registration Number	1176934
Principal Office	Unit 7 Hanley Business Park Cooper Street Hanley Stoke -on-Trent Staffs ST1 4DW
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD
Company Registration Number	CE013097

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- Jenny Dennis
- Catherine Ralph (resigned 23 November 2022)
- Michelle Holland
- Sally Aldridge
- Nelam Nosheen Ahmed (appointed 21 November 2022)
- Adelin Kalisa (appointed 6 June 2023)

Chair: Kevin Sauntry

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

Public benefit

Outreach Service

Provide a holistic pathway service at the centre that supports asylum seekers from arrival right through to decision and beyond. This includes digital support and referrals to external services. Asha works people from over 58 different nationalities who speak 31 different languages and have very diverse faiths and none. As a secular organisation, we support people based on who they are, not what they believe.

A Welcome Pack for new asylum seekers and refugees, and Asylum Guides Programme

English Classes for non-English speaking newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees

Women's Club and Men's Club

Emotional and General Wellbeing Support and Volunteering opportunities.

Social inclusion activities and training asylum seekers to become volunteers and peer champions in their local community

Asylum seeker children's club and unaccompanied minors.

Drop in service and weekly community lunch.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Social Impact

The lasting impact of COVID-19-induced social isolation remains and has continued to be a serious issue for our service users, while the cost-of-living crisis has further restricted beneficiaries socially as well as economically and limited the support donors are able to provide. Despite the current situation, Asha's work has had a demonstrable positive impact on the wellbeing of our service users as seen through user assessments and surveys.

This year has been exceptionally busy due to the resumption of services at the Asha centre post-pandemic and the opening of two hotels in November 2022, located just a 10-minute walk from our centre. We have increased new dispersal in the area due to the influx of Asylum seekers crossing the channel combined with the existing Asylum seekers supported from the year before. These new arrivals increased our service demands by 135% and doubled the number of beneficiaries we have supported this period compared to the previous year. We have also reached out in hotels in the Stafford area and East Cheshire and local hotels to those unable to travel to our centre. The main achievement of the year has been the continuation of the high quality and wide range of support we have offered to asylum seekers and refugees (ASRs). We have maintained our standards of professionalism, compassion, and responsiveness despite the challenging circumstances. The new unit will be further utilised to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all service users and ease the delivery of classes and services.

Contributions made by Volunteers

We recruit asylum seekers to become volunteers for the charity and peer supporters. In addition to those who were already volunteering this year, we recruited 19 new asylum seekers to become volunteers and asylum guides for others. This is to give them valuable work experience, increase their confidence and self-esteem, and make them work-ready for when their application is granted. It also challenges people's misconceptions of asylum seekers and refugees while building stronger relationships within the community. It is an opportunity for service users to feel part of and contribute to the charity's work. Together with volunteers from the local community, volunteers contributed 4500 hours of work worth £59,760 in monetary terms. Service users also volunteered in local hospitals and care homes.

During the year Asha supported 1458 adults and 409 children and young people. Of these 978 (67%) of adults and 243 (40%) of children registered with Asha for the first time this year. Asha therefore supported 18079 people this year.

Formal and Informal Partnerships

During this year Asha has been supported by a wide range of organisations which are listed below:

B-Art, Care Homes (Volunteering schemes) Citizens Advice Bureau, Faith Groups (Methodist Church), Family Support Services, Food Banks, Good Things Foundation, Hanley Park Charity, Hospitals (volunteering scheme), Joining Communities Together, Keele University TESOL programme, Keele University - Medical school for community placements, Local asylum seekers community groups, Local Social Services, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Lichfield, Peak District Mosaic, Refugee Action, Refugee health Project - NHS, SERCO (Housing provider for asylum seekers), Sporting Communities, and Stoke on Trent City Council to name a few

Charities and grant giving organisations who have supported service delivery AB Charitable Trust, BBC Children in Need, The Big Lottery Reaching Communities, Lloyds; Peak District Mosaic; AB Charitable Trust.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Annual income for the accounting period 01/09/22 to 31/08/23 was £250,920. (2022: £271,274)

At the end of the review period, expenditure was greater than expected - £318,704 compared to £238,109 in 2021-22, which reflects a 135% increase in service demand due to increased new dispersal in the areas (including the opening of two hotels housing Asylum Seekers in November 2022), coupled with the impact of the cost of living crisis. To meet the additional need it has been necessary to rent additional premises, which has resulted in an 87.5% increase in rental costs. Similarly we have seen a 114% increase in expenditure on emergency food due to the high level of demand.

Policy on reserves

Asha holds a Reserves Policy to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to three months should a shortfall in income occur, and to take account of potential risk and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The current level of free reserves available to the charity is £222,212 (2022 £100,522) which is sufficient to meet the costs of staff and volunteers, property costs, (rent, council tax and utilities) and running costs (phones, mobiles, insurance etc.).

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

The Charity is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives and states the framework for directing the organisation. ASHA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation regulated therefore dually by both the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Asha has recruited two new Trustees during the period under review. There remain two vacant places and Asha is seeking to fill these through the open recruitment process with the help of VAST (Stoke on Trent CVS).

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on **24 June 2** and signed on its behalf by:

Kevin Sauntry
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Kevin Sauntry
Chair

ASHA North Staffordshire

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ASHA North Staffordshire for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire 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 ASHA North Staffordshire 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since ASHA North Staffordshire 's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of CIMA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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



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Daryl Denson ACMA
CIMA

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25/06/24
Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	100,026	150,615	250,641
Investment income	3	279	-	279
Total income		<u>100,305</u>	<u>150,615</u>	<u>250,920</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		<u>(28,225)</u>	<u>(290,479)</u>	<u>(318,704)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(28,225)</u>	<u>(290,479)</u>	<u>(318,704)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		72,080	(139,864)	(67,784)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>49,610</u>	<u>(49,610)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		121,690	(189,474)	(67,784)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>100,522</u>	<u>203,693</u>	<u>304,215</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>222,212</u></u>	<u><u>14,219</u></u>	<u><u>236,431</u></u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	39,755	231,482	271,237
Investment income	3	37	-	37
Total income		<u>39,792</u>	<u>231,482</u>	<u>271,274</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		<u>(49,056)</u>	<u>(189,053)</u>	<u>(238,109)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(49,056)</u>	<u>(189,053)</u>	<u>(238,109)</u>
Net movement in funds		(9,264)	42,429	33,165
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>109,786</u>	<u>161,264</u>	<u>271,050</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>100,522</u></u>	<u><u>203,693</u></u>	<u><u>304,215</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 12.

ASHA North Staffordshire
(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,500	8,963
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>235,725</u>	<u>296,906</u>
		237,225	305,869
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(794)</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>
Net assets		<u>236,431</u>	<u>304,215</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	14,219	203,693
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>222,212</u>	<u>100,522</u>
Total funds	12	<u>236,431</u>	<u>304,215</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~24 June 2023~~ and signed on their behalf by:

Kevin Sauntry
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Kevin Sauntry
Chair

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	18,811	-	18,811
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	90,485	90,485
Grants from other charities	81,215	60,130	141,345
	100,026	150,615	250,641
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	34,763	-	34,763
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	4,992	122,848	127,840
Grants from other charities	-	108,634	108,634
	39,755	231,482	271,237

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	279	279
	279	279

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	37	37
	37	37
	37	37

4 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	794	794
	794	794
	794	794

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	756	756
	756	756
	756	756

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5 Government grants

The National Lottery Reaching Communities gave £62,892 (2022:£122,848) for work with asylum seekers. Stoke on Trent City Council gave £11,943 (2022: £4,992) towards running costs. National Lottery Know your Neighbourhood gave £11,250 (2022:nil) for working with asylum seekers. DWP Winter Food and Essentials Fund gave £4,400 (2022:nil) for working with asylum seekers. The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £90,485 (2022 - £127,840). There are no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	154,001	140,104
Social security costs	7,105	6,318
Pension costs	5,196	4,883
	<u>166,302</u>	<u>151,305</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Support Worker	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

In addition to this payments of £12,018 (2022: £17,254) were made to sub contractors.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	<u>1,500</u>	<u>8,963</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	175	310
Cash at bank	<u>235,550</u>	<u>296,596</u>
	<u>235,725</u>	<u>296,906</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	-	898
Accruals	<u>794</u>	<u>756</u>
	<u>794</u>	<u>1,654</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General	100,522	100,305	(28,225)	49,610	222,212
Restricted funds					
BBC Children in Need	46,504	14,976	(61,480)	-	-
Tudor Trust	1,090	-	(1,090)	-	-
Reaching Communities	136,612	62,892	(149,466)	(49,610)	428
Lloyds Bank Foundation	8,818	-	(8,818)	-	-
AB Charitable Trust	3,019	-	(3,019)	-	-
Refugee Action	7,650	18,076	(23,486)	-	2,240
DWP Winter Food	-	4,400	(4,400)	-	-
Nat Lottery Know your neighbourhood	-	11,250	(11,250)	-	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Community Foundation	-	3,181	(1,591)	-	1,590
SOT City Council	-	11,943	(1,982)	-	9,961
Comic Relief Asylum Guide	-	8,897	(8,897)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>203,693</u>	<u>150,615</u>	<u>(290,479)</u>	<u>(49,610)</u>	<u>14,219</u>
Total funds	<u><u>304,215</u></u>	<u><u>250,920</u></u>	<u><u>(318,704)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>236,431</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	109,786	39,792	(49,056)	100,522
Restricted				
BBC Children in Need	19,936	42,665	(16,097)	46,504
Tudor Trust	2,805	-	(1,715)	1,090
Reaching Communities	108,557	122,848	(94,793)	136,612
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	25,000	(16,182)	8,818
AB Charitable Trust	2,735	20,000	(19,716)	3,019
Refugee Action	1,172	20,969	(14,491)	7,650
BBC Children in Need	11,368	-	(11,368)	-
Response and Adapt	14,691	-	(14,691)	-
Total restricted funds	161,264	231,482	(189,053)	203,693
Total funds	271,050	271,274	(238,109)	304,215

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

BBC Children in Need-To provide asylum seeker children and their families with regular support through homework clubs, group activities, day trips and school enrolment.

Tudor Trust- To develop a volunteer programme accessible to asylum seekers within their local communities.

AB Charitable Trust.-To provide outreach support for new arrival single parent asylum seekers and to manage a befriending scheme.

Refugee Action :The Asylum Guides National Programme aims to support organisations to embed and deliver their own unique Asylum Guides programmes and become part of a national network.

BBC Children in Need: Providing additional funding to support our organisation through the Covid 19 pandemic.

Respond and Adapt. Providing targeted support to help respond and adapt to the needs of people in the immigration system during COVID-19 and work together to build a foundation for long term recovery.

National Lottery Know your Neighbourhood, To improve wellbeing through volunteering and community initiatives.

Julia and Hans Rausing Trust. Funding to purchase foodbank items and to cover the increase in staffing, rent and utilities due to the cost of living crisis.

Community Foundation. Funding for the volunteering programme.

Stoke on Trent CC. Funding towards the cost of the Mayor's Community Weekend.

Comic Relief Asylum Guide. Funding to pilot the Asylum Guide programme.

£49,610 has been transferred from restricted funds to unrestricted funds. This is in respect of a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund which was originally allocated as a restricted fund but was actually an unrestricted fund to be used in response to Covid 19.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued)

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2023 £
Current assets	173,396	63,829	237,225
Current liabilities	(794)	-	(794)
Total net assets	172,602	63,829	236,431
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2022 £
Current assets	102,176	203,693	305,869
Current liabilities	(1,654)	-	(1,654)
Total net assets	100,522	203,693	304,215

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.









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ASHA NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1176934

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ASHA North Staffordshire

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

ASHA North Staffordshire

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ASHA North Staffordshire

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kevin Sauntry Jenny Dennis Michelle Holland Sally Aldridge Nelam Nosheen Ahmed
Charity Registration Number	1176934
Principal Office	Unit 7 Hanley Business Park Copper Street Hanley Stoke -on-Trent Staffs ST1 4DW
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD
Company Registration Number	CE013097

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kevin Sauntry
	Jenny Dennis
	Catherine Ralph (resigned 23 November 2022)
	Angela Glendenning (resigned 21 December 2021)
	Michelle Holland
	Sally Aldridge
	Nelam Nosheen Ahmed (appointed 21 November 2022)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

Public benefit

Outreach Service

Provide a holistic pathway service at the centre that supports asylum seekers from arrival right through to decision and beyond.

A Welcome Pack for new asylum seekers and refugees, and Asylum Guides Programme

English Classes for non-English speaking newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees

Women's Club and Men's Club

Emotional and General Wellbeing Support

Social inclusion activities and training asylum seekers to become volunteers and peer champions in their local community

Asylum seeker children's club and unaccompanied minors

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

2.1 Social Impact

The gradual lifting of Covid restrictions during the period meant that our services had to adapt and were not able to operate fully until the summer of 2022. However despite the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on our services and users we continue to monitor our performance and focus in terms of social impact and we are proud of the differences we have made.

2.2 Formal and Informal Partnerships

B-Art's, Care homes (volunteering scheme), Citizens Advice Bureau, Family Support Services, Food Banks, Good Things Foundation, Hanley Park Charity, Hospitals (volunteering scheme), Joining Communities Together, Keele University TESOL programme, Keele University - Medical school for community placements, Local asylum seekers community groups, Local Social Services, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Lichfield, Peak District Mosaic, Refugee Action, Refugee health project - NHS, SERCO (Housing provider for asylum seekers) to name a few

2.3 Charities and grant giving organisations who have supported service delivery:

BBC Children in Need, The Big Lottery Reaching Communities, Lloyds; Peak District Mosaic; AB Charitable Trust.

2.4 Churches and other faith-based groups who have supported service delivery:

Trinity Church Leek, Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit, Cheadle and Boundary Methodist Church, St Wulstan's Newcastle, St Dominic's Convent Stone, Tunstall Methodist, Holy Trinity Church Newcastle-under-Lyme, St Filomena's Caverswall, Our Lady of All Angels and St Peter in Chains Stoke-on-Trent, Stoke, Stone and Crewe Friends Meeting, Unitarians Newcastle, City Centre Mosque.

Financial review

During 2021-2022 the charity has continued to achieve a positive financial outcome with a net increase in funds of £33,165. Funding from grants has accounted for 78% of income during this period, the most significant being the highly valued contribution from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

Policy on reserves

Asha holds a Reserves Policy to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to three months should a shortfall in income occur, and to take account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The current level of free reserves available to the charity is £100,522 (2021:£109, 786) which is sufficient to meet the costs of staff and volunteers, property costs (rent, council tax and utilities) and running costs (phones, mobiles, insurance etc.)

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

The Charity is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives and states the framework for directing the organisation. ASHA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation regulated therefore dually by both the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

There are currently vacant places on the Board and the Trustees are currently developing a process that identifies skills and expertise gaps, develops a brief for new Trustees and engages in an open recruitment process with support from VAST (Stoke on Trent CVS).

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 26/6/2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

ASHA North Staffordshire

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ASHA North Staffordshire for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire 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 ASHA North Staffordshire's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since ASHA North Staffordshire 's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of CIMA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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



Daryl Denson ACMA
CIMA

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The Dudson Centre
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

Date: 27/06/2023

ASHA North Staffordshire

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	39,755	231,482	271,237
Investment income	3	37		37
Total income		<u>39,792</u>	<u>231,482</u>	<u>271,274</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(49,056)	(189,053)	(238,109)
Total expenditure		<u>(49,056)</u>	<u>(189,053)</u>	<u>(238,109)</u>
Net movement in funds		(9,264)	42,429	33,165
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>109,786</u>	<u>161,264</u>	<u>271,050</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>100,522</u>	<u>203,693</u>	<u>304,215</u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	45,967	228,345	274,312
Investment income	3	4		4
Total income		<u>45,971</u>	<u>228,345</u>	<u>274,316</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(18,800)	(230,510)	(249,310)
Total expenditure		<u>(18,800)</u>	<u>(230,510)</u>	<u>(249,310)</u>
Net movement in funds		27,171	(2,165)	25,006
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>82,615</u>	<u>163,429</u>	<u>246,044</u>
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>109,786</u>	<u>161,264</u>	<u>271,050</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 13.

ASHA North Staffordshire
(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	8,963	9,580
Cash at bank and in hand	11	296,906	262,991
		<u>305,869</u>	<u>272,571</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(1,654)</u>	<u>(1,521)</u>
Net assets		<u>304,215</u>	<u>271,050</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	13	203,693	161,264
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>100,522</u>	<u>109,786</u>
Total funds	13	<u>304,215</u>	<u>271,050</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on .26/6/2023..... and signed on their behalf by:



Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	34,763		34,763
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	4,992	122,848	127,840
Grants from other charities		108,634	108,634
	39,755	231,482	271,237
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	43,467		43,467
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	2,500	113,773	116,273
Grants from other charities		114,572	114,572
	45,967	228,345	274,312

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	37	37
	37	37

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Activity undertaken directly	49,056	189,053	238,109
	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Activity undertaken directly	18,800	230,510	249,310
		Activity undertaken directly	2022
		£	£
Staff Costs		168,560	168,560
Staff'volunteer expenses		9,155	9,155
Travel Expenses		560	560
Other		187	187
Professional and Legal		8,954	8,954
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs		28,248	28,248
Maintenance		2,270	2,270
Equipment		77	77
Activities, Trips and Groups		9,898	9,898
Workshop, Social events & Refreshments		3,333	3,333
Bus passes and Emergency Food		6,111	6,111
Independent Examination		756	756
		238,109	238,109

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	Activity undertaken directly	2021
	£	£
Staff Costs	137,446	137,446
Staff/volunteer expenses	600	600
Travel Expenses	761	761
Training and Development	703	703
Other	18	18
Professional and Legal	25,196	25,196
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	46,620	46,620
Maintenance	615	615
Equipment	18,501	18,501
Activities, Trips and Groups	3,240	3,240
Bus passes and Emergency Food	14,890	14,890
Independent Examination	720	720
	249,310	249,310
	249,310	249,310

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2022
	£	£
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	756	756
	756	756
	756	756
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	720	720
	720	720
	720	720

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

6 Government grants

Stoke on Trent City Council and The Community Foundation gave £nil (2021: £2,500) towards running costs. The National Lottery Reaching Communities gave £122,848 (2021:£113,733) for work with asylum seekers. Stoke on Trent City Council gave £4,992 (2021: £nil) towards running costs. The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £127,840 (2021 - £116,273). There are no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	140,104	120,360
Social security costs	6,318	5,142
Pension costs	4,883	3,441
	<u>151,305</u>	<u>128,943</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No	No
Support Worker	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

In addition to this payments of £17,254 (2020: £8,503) were made to sub contractors.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

10 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	8,963	9,580

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash on hand	310	283
Cash at bank	296,596	262,708
	<u>296,906</u>	<u>262,991</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	898	801
Accruals	756	720
	<u>1,654</u>	<u>1,521</u>

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	109,786	39,792	(49,056)	100,522
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	19,936	42,665	(16,097)	46,504
Tudor Trust	2,805		(1,715)	1,090
Reaching Communities	108,557	122,848	(94,793)	136,612
Lloyds Bank Foundation		25,000	(16,182)	8,818
AB Charitable Trust	2,735	20,000	(19,716)	3,019
Refugee Action	1,172	20,969	(14,491)	7,650
BBC Children in Need Response and Adapt	11,368		(11,368)	
	14,691		(14,691)	
Total restricted funds	<u>161,264</u>	<u>231,482</u>	<u>(189,053)</u>	<u>203,693</u>
Total funds	<u>271,050</u>	<u>271,274</u>	<u>(238,109)</u>	<u>304,215</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	82,615	45,971	(18,800)	109,786
Restricted				
BBC Children in Need	7,332	29,204	(16,600)	19,936
The Allen Lane Foundation	816		(816)	
Tudor Trust	18,017	2,000	(17,212)	2,805
Eddie Byers Fund	1,446		(1,446)	
Reaching Communities	77,408	113,773	(82,624)	108,557
Garfield Weston	2,731		(2,731)	
Swan Mountain	333		(333)	
AB Charitable Trust	5,736		(3,001)	2,735
National Lottery Community Fund	49,610		(49,610)	
Refugee Action		4,648	(3,476)	1,172
BBC Children in Need Response and Adapt		48,720	(37,352)	11,368
		30,000	(15,309)	14,691
Total restricted funds	163,429	228,345	(230,510)	161,264
Total funds	246,044	274,316	(249,310)	271,050

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

BBC Children in Need-To provide asylum seeker children and their families with regular support through homework clubs, group activities, day trips and school enrolment.

The Allen Lane Foundation-Supporting new arrivals and integrating into the community by volunteering.

Tudor Trust- To develop a volunteer programme accessible to asylum seekers within their local communities.

Eddie Byers Fund-Providing support for English tuition.

Garfield Weston-Tackling loneliness project (befriending).

Swan Mountain-Supporting children's work.

AB Charitable Trust-To provide outreach support for new arrival single parent asylum seekers and to manage a befriending scheme.

National Lottery Community Fund.-To provide emergency support during Covid 19 to vulnerable families/individuals.

Refugee Action :The Asylum Guides National Programme aims to support organisations to embed and deliver their own unique Asylum Guides programmes and become part of a national network.

BBC Children in Need: Providing additional funding to support our organisation through the Covid 19 pandemic.

Respond and Adapt. Providing targeted support to help respond and adapt to the needs of people in the immigration system during COVID-19 and work together to build a foundation for long term recovery.

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2022 £
Current assets	102,176	203,693	305,869
Current liabilities	(1,654)	(1,654)	(1,654)
Total net assets	100,522	203,693	304,215
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2021 £
Current assets	111,307	161,264	272,571
Current liabilities	(1,521)	(1,521)	(1,521)
Total net assets	109,786	161,264	271,050

ASHA NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

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Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD
Company Registration Number	CE013097

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kevin Sauntry
	Jenny Dennis
	Catherine Ralph
	Angela Glendenning (resigned 21 December 2021)
	John Walsh (resigned 7 July 2021)
	Michelle Holland (appointed 15 January 2021) Sally
	Aldridge (appointed March 2021)

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 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

Public benefit

Outreach Service

Provide a holistic pathway service at the centre that supports asylum seekers from arrival right through to decision and beyond.

A Welcome Pack for new asylum seekers and refugees, and Asylum Guides Programme

English Classes for non-English speaking newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees

Women's Club and Men's Club

Emotional and General Wellbeing Support

Social inclusion activities and training asylum seekers to become volunteers and peer champions in their local community

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

Despite the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on our services and services users during the reporting period, we continue to monitor our performance and focus in terms of social impact and these are some differences we have made in the period:

To increase the capacity of the charity to provide early interventions and reach 95% of newly arrived in the area and other vulnerable AS/R without support.

In last 12 months we reached 1442 including 353 newly arrived through the year. 1198 adults and 244 children and young people, which represent over 98% of asylum seekers and refugees living in North Staffordshire. All asylum seekers with social health or immigration issues were referred within 3 days of first contact and newly arrived asylum seeker children in the area were helped to get a place a school within our target of 3 weeks (Admission process started within 3 days of first contact).

To refer 100 asylum seekers to Refugee Action and British Red cross for destitution and crisis support.

This year 84 service users have been referred to British Red Cross and Refugee Action for destitution support and professional immigration advice. 87 were referred to other services such as GPs and the Mental Health Service

That 90% of Newly arrived ASR would feel less isolated by attending support groups at our centre (Women's club, Men's club, sport activities); and 50 most vulnerable and socially isolated will benefit from a mutual befriending scheme with Local community members:

This year was impossible to organise face to face or Women's club activities, we provided online women social club during the lockdown, where women will first meet for social activities online and then in the last 15 minutes, they will participate physical activities such as yoga online. All ASR women who attended the women's club online and other support activities over 3 months reported feeling less isolated, have made friends and connections with other ASR online.

The men's club resumed after the lifting the lockdown in July 2021 by playing football every Saturday at YMCA football. All men and ASR young unaccompanied minors reported feeling less isolated. In addition, all young unaccompanied asylum seeker males reported feeling much less stressed after playing football and having made friends

It was difficult to organise befriending scheme as we used to do because of the COVID-19 restrictions however we linked ASR to other ASR to become friends and support each other during lockdown.

Overall ASR men, women and young people questioned reported increased confidence in managing their issues, improved general wellbeing, and felt able to cope with trauma after 3 months involved with our early intervention project.

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To support 1000 Asylum seekers through every aspect of their journey through the process.

Beside the lockdown, this year we supported 1442 ASR by providing early information and support in different aspects of their journey e.g :

English classes,

Destitution support (4119 Food distributed at the centre and home delivered), clothes (42 people received clothes), 97 bicycles donated.

19 ASR received cash relief fund

129 supported to understand the asylum process,

84 referred to special immigration advice,

ASR provided 272 hours of volunteering at the centre,

170 ASR were supported in digital

280 case work were provided including immigration support and others (mainly by telephone)

464 emotional support were provided through telephone, home visit, walking group, etc.

244 children and young unaccompanied minors were supported through the year (school admission, children club activities online, in parks, youth active pilot project was delivered in partnership with sporting communities (28 young people involved in the project)

To reduce the delay in accessing support / treatment to newly arrived asylum seekers who have suffered past trauma by accessing to accessing to specialist services within 2 weeks

All users who reported having past trauma were assessed by our team within 3 days of first notice and referred to special mental health services straight after their assessment to access to our counselling services and emotional support within a week.

To support 90 newly arrived ASR through early access to English classes, resulting in less isolation and improved English speaking and writing, and 90% progress to next level of English after 12 education sessions.

We were unable to provide English classes as we used to. The English classes were provided remotely with support from our digital support worker.

28 were involved in very challenging online English classes, some use their mobile phone, tablets with slow internet, etc.,...

All ASR reported improved English speaking as result online English classes during lockdown, also reported felt less isolated as they were able to be online with teachers and digital support worker.

Among others some teachers reported that:

Teacher1: I have been running weekly class for the Asha students over summer and have mainly been working with Z and H (these two are around intermediate level and have made great progress)

Teacher 2: I've been working with D, A, E, J,A students.

They are gaining confidence and their English is improving - but it's hard for me to assess progress with any accuracy. Zoom is ok but they are accessing the classes on their phones so it's not easy.

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To provide counselling to newly arrived ASR equivalent to 294 hours (in 12 months), to improve their mental health and general wellbeing.

Because of the language barrier, it was impossible to organise face to face counselling, so instead we provided it online, by telephone and sometimes wellbeing walks. Over the year we provided 464 emotional support interventions and all women and men supported reported feeling better, less stressed, happier, and confident to manage their emotional needs.

To reach 90 children and young people.

In the last 12 months we have worked with 244 children:

81% have made significant progress in engagement with school and developed self-esteem and confidence.

5% in progress in engagement with school,

Only 14 % have not yet made any progress because they have just arrived in the area, or have other additional social health issues, as a result more additional support is being provided.

Was difficult to assess social isolation of children during lockdown as the lockdown affected more asylum seeker children as they did not have friends, the charity club was closed, their families do not have internet, TV or computer. To combat this, we managed to distribute tablets and internet and provide online children clubs. The children involved reported being happy, feel less isolated as they could see other children online club. However, this was temporary improvement as after the online club, they did not have any contacts with others and were feeling isolated.

When the lockdown was lifted the young unaccompanied minor asylum seekers who got involved in football reported feel less isolated and as they could meet other on Saturday in football sessions.

To recruit 25 AS/R to connect with local community through volunteering work and peer support at the charity base. And contribute 7800 hours volunteering work in the community in 12 months.

As result for COVID-19 lockdown we were unable to recruit the total number of asylum seekers to do volunteering and complete 7800 hours over 12 months. However, we recruited 9 volunteers and peer supporters and were able to complete 278 hours for 1 day a week were open in outside, and since the lockdown was lifted the number of asylum volunteers is constantly increasing and hopefully if there are no more restrictions, we will be able to complete the 7800 hours by year three.

To train 10 members of Asha staff and volunteers.

All staff and some volunteers have been trained to improve skills and knowledge to support asylum seekers and refugees.

OISC (Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner) Level 1 Asylum and Protection training was also provided to understand the asylum seeking process and human right protection so that staff and volunteers can effectively support and advise asylum seekers, especially the newly arrived.

To design and distribute a local asylum seekers Welcome Pack

The welcome was designed and distributed from year 1, this year we should have updated it, especially the new local services for asylum, however we did not update it as the lockdown services provisions were not predictable to provide accurate information, so we regularly provided ad hoc COVID-19 information and local services provision changes.

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Formal and Informal Partnerships

B-Art's, Canal and River Trust, Citizens Advice, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, various faith groups, Lichfield, Newcastle, Stoke, Cheadle and Leek food banks, Barnardo's, South West Peak Mosaic, Keele University Medical School, Hanley Heritage Park, Period Poverty, NorScarf, Keele Medical School, local voluntary services, and community groups, TUC You Learn, and NHS Breast Cancer Screening nurses, to name a few

Charities and grant giving organisations who have supported service delivery:

BBC Children in Need, The Souter Trust, The Henry Smith Charity, , Evans Cornish Foundation,, The Big Lottery Awards for All and Reaching Communities, Good Things Foundation, Wave Makers

Churches and other faith based groups who have supported service delivery:

Trinity Church Leek, Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit, Cheadle and Boundary Methodist Church, St Wulstan's Newcastle, St Dominic's Convent Stone, Tunstall Methodist, Holy Trinity Church Newcastle-under-Lyme, St Filomena's Caverswall, Our Lady of All Angels

Financial review

The financial results are shown on pages 10 to 23 of this report.

During 2020-21 the charity has continued to achieve a positive financial outcome with a net increase in funds of just over £25,000. Funding from grants has accounted for 84% of income during this period, the most significant being the highly valued contribution from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

Policy on reserves

Asha holds a Reserves Policy to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to three months should a shortfall in income occur, and to take account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The current level of reserves available to the charity is £109,786 (2020:£82,615) which is sufficient to meet the costs of staff and volunteers, property costs (rent, council tax and utilities) and running costs (phones, mobiles, insurance etc.)

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document


The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

The Charity is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives and states the framework for directing the organisation. ASHA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation regulated therefore dually by both the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

There are currently vacant places on the Board and the Trustees are currently developing a process that identifies skills and expertise gaps, develops a brief for new Trustees and engages in an open recruitment process with support from VAST (Stoke on Trent CVS).

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 7 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

ASHA North Staffordshire

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ASHA North Staffordshire for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire 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 ASHA North Staffordshire 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since ASHA North Staffordshire 's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of CIMA, which is one of the listed bodies.

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



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Daryl Denson ACMA
CIMA

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Date: 24/06/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	45,967	228,345	274,312
Investment income	4	4	-	4
Total income		<u>45,971</u>	<u>228,345</u>	<u>274,316</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(18,800)	(230,510)	(249,310)
Total expenditure		<u>(18,800)</u>	<u>(230,510)</u>	<u>(249,310)</u>
Net movement in funds		27,171	(2,165)	25,006
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>82,615</u>	<u>163,429</u>	<u>246,044</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>109,786</u>	<u>161,264</u>	<u>271,050</u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	40,945	252,920	293,865
Charitable activities	3	7,613	-	7,613
Investment income	4	45	-	45
Total income		<u>48,603</u>	<u>252,920</u>	<u>301,523</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(20,874)	(213,456)	(234,330)
Total expenditure		<u>(20,874)</u>	<u>(213,456)</u>	<u>(234,330)</u>
Net movement in funds		27,729	39,464	67,193
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>54,886</u>	<u>123,965</u>	<u>178,851</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>82,615</u>	<u>163,429</u>	<u>246,044</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 14.

ASHA North Staffordshire
(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	9,580	-
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>262,991</u>	<u>246,734</u>
		272,571	246,734
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(1,521)</u>	<u>(690)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>271,050</u></u>	<u><u>246,044</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	161,264	163,429
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>109,786</u>	<u>82,615</u>
Total funds	14	<u><u>271,050</u></u>	<u><u>246,044</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..24/06/2022..... and signed on their behalf by:



Kevin Sauntry
Trustee

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	43,467	-	43,467
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	2,500	113,773	116,273
Grants from other charities	-	114,572	114,572
	<u>45,967</u>	<u>228,345</u>	<u>274,312</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	40,945	-	40,945
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	163,532	163,532
Grants from other charities	-	89,388	89,388
	<u>40,945</u>	<u>252,920</u>	<u>293,865</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Total for 2020	<u>7,613</u>	<u>7,613</u>

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2020 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>
	<u><u>45</u></u>	<u><u>45</u></u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Activity undertaken directly	<u>18,800</u>	<u>230,510</u>	<u>249,310</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Activity undertaken directly	<u>20,874</u>	<u>213,456</u>	<u>234,330</u>
		Activity undertaken directly £	2021 £
Staff Costs		137,446	137,446
Staff/volunteer expenses		600	600
Travel Expenses		761	761
Training and Development		703	703
Other		18	18
Professional and Legal		25,196	25,196
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs		46,620	46,620
Maintenance		615	615
Equipment		18,501	18,501
Activities, Trips and Groups		3,240	3,240
Bus passes and Emergency Food		14,890	14,890
Independent Examination		<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>
		<u>249,310</u>	<u>249,310</u>

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7 Government grants

Stoke on Trent CC and The Community Foundation gave £2,500 (2020: £nil) towards running costs.
The National Lottery Community Fund gave £nil (2020: £ 49,610) to assist in continuing the service during lockdown.

Reaching Communities gave £113,733 (2020:£113,922) for work with asylum seekers.

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £116,273 (2020 - £163,532).

There are no unfulfilled conditions at the year end.

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	120,360	52,120
Social security costs	5,142	1,888
Pension costs	3,441	2,075
	<u>128,943</u>	<u>56,083</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Support Worker	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>

In addition to this payments of £8,503 (2020: £82,400) were made to sub contractors.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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11 Debtors

	2021
	£
Prepayments	<u>9,580</u>

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash on hand	283	145
Cash at bank	<u>262,708</u>	<u>246,589</u>
	<u>262,991</u>	<u>246,734</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	801	-
Accruals	<u>720</u>	<u>690</u>
	<u>1,521</u>	<u>690</u>

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	82,615	45,971	(18,800)	109,786
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	7,332	29,204	(16,600)	19,936
The Allen Lane Foundation	816	-	(816)	-
Tudor Trust	18,017	2,000	(17,212)	2,805
Eddie Byers Fund	1,446	-	(1,446)	-
Reaching Communities	77,408	113,773	(82,624)	108,557
Garfield Weston	2,731	-	(2,731)	-
Swan Mountain	333	-	(333)	-
AB Charitable Trust	5,736	-	(3,001)	2,735
National Lottery Community Fund	49,610	-	(49,610)	-
Refugee Action	-	4,648	(3,476)	1,172
BBC Children in Need Response and Adapt	-	48,720	(37,352)	11,368
	-	30,000	(15,309)	14,691
Total restricted funds	163,429	228,345	(230,510)	161,264
Total funds	246,044	274,316	(249,310)	271,050

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	54,886	48,603	(20,874)	82,615
Restricted				
BBC Children in Need	5,590	28,711	(26,969)	7,332
The Allen Lane Foundation	3,686	-	(2,870)	816
The Henry Smith Charity	15,910	-	(15,910)	-
Tudor Trust	8,792	23,000	(13,775)	18,017
Eddie Byers Fund	1,641	-	(195)	1,446
Reaching Communities	59,217	113,922	(95,731)	77,408
Sporting Communities	(1,224)	3,870	(2,646)	-
NHS Digital Inclusion	7,904	-	(7,904)	-
Garfield Weston	4,167	-	(1,436)	2,731
Good Things Foundation	4,657	12,500	(17,157)	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	14,363	-	(14,363)	-
South West Peak	(738)	2,307	(1,569)	-
Swan Mountain	-	4,000	(3,667)	333
AB Charitable Trust	-	15,000	(9,264)	5,736
National Lottery Community Fund	-	49,610	-	49,610
Total restricted funds	123,965	252,920	(213,456)	163,429
Total funds	178,851	301,523	(234,330)	246,044

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

BBC Children in Need-To provide asylum seeker children and their families with regular support through homework clubs, group activities, day trips and school enrolment.

The Allen Lane Foundation-Supporting new arrivals and integrating into the community by volunteering.

The Henry Smith Charity-To provide outreach services and befriending to the most vulnerable male, female and child asylum seekers.

Tudor Trust- To develop a volunteer programme accessible to asylum seekers within their local communities.

Eddie Byers Fund-Providing support for English tuition.

Reaching Communities- To enable early connections are made with new arrival asylum seekers so that we can provide support through outreach, signposting, education and emotional support.

Sporting Communities-Football activities project & employability programme.

NHS Digital Inclusion.- To promote digital inclusion of asylum seekers and enable access to NHS.

Garfield Weston-Tackling loneliness project (befriending).

GoodThings Foundation-To deliver digital inclusion activities to improve the health and wellbeing of socially excluded groups in the community.

Lloyds Bank Foundation.- To provide complementary therapies for women with post traumatic experience with no recourse to public fund.

South West Peak-Nature based integration project for families.

Swan Mountain-Supporting children's work.

AB Charitable Trust.-To provide outreach support for new arrival single parent asylum seekers and to manage a befriending scheme.

National Lottery Community Fund.-To provide emergency support during Covid 19 to vulnerable families/individuals.

Refugee Action :The Asylum Guides National Programme aims to support organisations to embed and deliver their own unique Asylum Guides programmes and become part of a national network.

BBC Children in Need: Providing additional funding to support our organisation through the Covid 19 pandemic.

Respond and Adapt. Providing targeted support to help respond and adapt to the needs of people in the immigration system during COVID-19 and work together to build a foundation for long term recovery.

ASHA North Staffordshire

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2021 £
Current assets	111,307	161,264	272,571
Current liabilities	<u>(1,521)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,521)</u>
Total net assets	<u>109,786</u>	<u>161,264</u>	<u>271,050</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2020 £
Current assets	83,215	163,429	246,644
Current liabilities	<u>(600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Total net assets	<u>82,615</u>	<u>163,429</u>	<u>246,044</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.