

LOUTH CHURCHES FOR REFUGEES

England & Wales - Charity number 1177536

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-03-13

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR:A) THOSE SEEKING REFUGE FROM CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA REGION;B) THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LIVING IN LINCOLNSHIRE AND LOUTH IN PARTICULAR; ANDC) REFUGEE CHILDREN BY THE PROVISION OF HOLIDAYS.

Activities: LCfR's activities are centred around supporting those affected by conflict, and especially those affected by conflict in the Middle East. As well as supporting the work of other charities engaging directly in this work, LCfR is seeking to work with local authorities and others under the government's resettlements schemes.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£6,334	£1,528	-	-
2024-12-31	£4,489	£4,613	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,643	£9,777	-	-
2022-12-31	£18,518	£15,671	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,958	£21,279	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW WEST		2020-12-16
BRYAN ROBERT UTTERIDGE		2024-03-19
Julie Rebecca Markham		2022-09-05
Martyn Furnish		2026-04-21
Maxwell Thomas Wilson		2025-04-29
Rosamond Marjorie Malyon		2021-07-27

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees (Registered Charity No. 1177536) will take place in St James's Church House, Louth, at 2pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026.

Agenda:

1. Trustees' Annual Report
2. Annual Statement of Accounts
3. Appointment of Trustees

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Please note the following information:

- The Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Statement of Accounts are available on the Louth Churches for Refugees website: <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/latest-news> and some printed copies will be available at the meeting.
- We invite anyone wishing to become a member of the charity to complete a membership application form on arrival. There is no charge for membership, and members sign to confirm that they support the aims and objectives of the charity.
- Anyone wishing to be elected trustee should complete a nomination form on arrival which must include the names of a proposer and seconder who are members of the charity. If there are more nominations than places available then each candidate will be given two minutes to explain to those present why they wish to be elected as a trustee.

Overleaf for information:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2025

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees

held in St James's Church House, Louth at 2pm on Tuesday 29 April 2025

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ballantyne. 15 members and supporters of the charity were present, including one person joining the meeting by telephone. Apologies had been received from two members. The meeting was opened in prayer.

1. The meeting received the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended December 2024 (Proposed: B Utteridge; Seconded: R Malyon).
2. The meeting received the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 2024 (Proposed: J Fletcher; Seconded: J Ballantyne).
3. Jane Fletcher was stepping down as a trustee and a presentation was made to Jane, with many thanks for her significant contribution to the work of the charity over the years. Max Wilson was duly nominated for election as a trustee. There being no further nominations, Max was declared elected.

The formal business of the meeting was concluded.

An update was provided on the charity's current position, including plans to submit a third Community Sponsorship application, subject to recruitment of additional volunteers. It was noted that the charity was in a sound financial position. Among matters raised in discussion were the following:

- The range of tasks involved in welcoming a family, to include practical help and administrative matters.
- The need for the charity to identify a 'lead sponsor' for a further sponsorship application.
- That considerable preparatory work had been completed on the community sponsorship application form.
- An important outstanding requirement to secure appropriate housing for another family.
- The need to find someone to coordinate English Language support activities.
- That the existing sponsored families were keen to help support welcoming another family to the area.
- Considerable support and training is available from RESET.
- That, in volunteer recruitment, it is helpful to be able to lay out a particular/specific need/s (eg someone to help with preparation for a driving test).
- Local work with asylum seekers and opportunities for joint working with Louth Area of Sanctuary.
- If it is not possible to draw additional volunteers into our work, we are unlikely to be able to proceed with the plan to welcome a third resettled refugee family to Louth. We will also need to face challenging questions about the future viability of the charity.

The meeting was followed by further conversation over refreshments.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2025- 31 December 2025

Charity name: Louth Churches for Refugees

Charity registration number: 1177536

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the charity are to relieve financial hardship for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) those seeking refuge from conflict in the Middle East, North Africa region; b) those granted refugee status and their dependents living in Lincolnshire and Louth in particular; and c) refugee children by the provision of holidays.
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The charity's main activities during the year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for and submitting an application to support a third resettled refugee family in Louth, within the Community Sponsorship programme. • Continued support for two previously resettled families albeit our formal responsibilities are at an end. • Regular communications to raise awareness of the activities of the charity and the global situation facing refugees; and encouraging prayer and practical support.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>	<p>In all of the charity's work, the trustees have been mindful of the need to fulfil the charity's charitable purposes and to work for the public benefit. They believe that this has been the case, and that the activities represented by the summary above and in the report that follows demonstrate both the ways in which Louth Churches for Refugees has fulfilled its purposes of relieving financial hardship of those groups specified in its governing document and that this has been undertaken in a way that is demonstrably for the public benefit.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Towards the end of 2024, the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees decided to move forward to make an application to welcome a third resettled refugee family as part of the Community Sponsorship programme. Reflecting our previous experience, the application process took a period of months during 2025, including various stages – such as local authority approval – which involve timescales out of the charity's control. We were finally in a position to submit our application to the Home Office in October 2025 and are awaiting feedback.</p> <p>Approaching the end of 2025, our focus is on securing appropriate housing for another resettled family, in the context of a rather challenging local housing market in Louth. At the same time we are continuing with other planning and preparation, ahead of a family's arrival – and we appreciate all offers of support - in prayer and practical assistance.</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting of the charity took place at the end of April 2025, and it was good to welcome members, supporters and friends to reflect on our activities over the last year, and to review our future plans. Jane Fletcher stood down as a trustee at the AGM and a presentation was made to Jane in appreciation of her huge contribution over many years – in practical support and fundraising, alongside her valuable expertise and insights as a trustee. We thank Jane sincerely for her many contributions and pray for God's continued blessing in her life.</p> <p>The AGM appointed Max Wilson as a trustee of the charity and we are pleased to welcome Max, a longstanding supporter of Louth Churches for Refugees, in this new capacity.</p> <p>During the year we have been delighted to receive several new offers of volunteer support for our work into the future. We have also welcomed a number of new regular donors/gift aiders supporting the charity with monthly payments.</p> <p>The World Day of Migrants and Refugees was marked by the Roman Catholic Church in October 2025, with the theme "Migrants - Missionaries of Hope". Through the work of Louth Churches for Refugees – alongside many other groups and charities locally and globally – we have the opportunity to help build a more hopeful future for those who have had to leave their homes, families and belongings because of war, violence or other disasters.</p> <p>We appreciate all offers of help; contact can be made via our website at https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/contact-us. You may also like to follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/louthchurchesforrefugees</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	During 2025 the charity continued to raise funds towards its stated objectives. Income exceeded expenditure during the year, as we focussed on securing the funds required to support a third family.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity does not hold significant reserves, with all monies held being required for its immediate charitable work. This is reviewed periodically by the trustees.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Election by members (up to 6 trustees) Nomination by Churches Together in Louth & District (up to 2 trustees)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Louth Churches for Refugees
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177536
Charity's principal address	Deanery Office The Rectory Peppin Lane Fotherby Louth LN11 0UW


Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jane Fletcher		Until 29.4.25	Elected by members
2	Ros Malyon			Elected by members
3	Julie Markham			Elected by members
4	Bryan Utteridge			Elected by members
5	Max Wilson		From 29.4.25	Elected by members
6	Andrew West			Elected by members

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew West	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	20 January 2026	

The Treasurer
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Louth Churches for Refugees (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter 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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23 March 2026

Louth Churches for Refugees		1177536		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
		-	-	-	-
Donations	5,215	-	-	5,215	-
Other Income	214	-	-	214	-
Gift Aid	905	-	-	905	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,334	-	-	6,334	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,334	-	-	6,334	-
A3 Payments					
Family support	616	-	-	616	-
Other Charitable Expenditure	912	-	-	912	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,528	-	-	1,528	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,528	-	-	1,528	-
t of receipts/(payments)	4,806	-	-	4,806	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year ended	16,724	-	-	16,724	-
Cash funds this year ended	21,530	-	-	21,530	-

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Agenda:

1. Trustees' Annual Report
2. Annual Statement of Accounts
3. Appointment of Trustees
4. Future Plans for the Charity

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Please note the following information:

- The Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Statement of Accounts are available on the Louth Churches for Refugees website: <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/latest-news> and some printed copies will be available at the meeting.
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- Anyone wishing to be elected trustee should complete a nomination form on arrival which must include the names of a proposer and seconder who are members of the charity. If there are more nominations than places available then each candidate will be given two minutes to explain to those present why they wish to be elected as a trustee.

Overleaf for information:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees

held in St James's Church House, Louth at 2pm on Tuesday 19 March 2024

The meeting was chaired by Jane Fletcher. 12 members and supporters of the charity were present and apologies for absence had been received from 8 members. The meeting was opened in prayer.

1. The meeting received the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended December 2023 (Proposed: K Mitchell Seconded: J Ballantyne).
2. The meeting received the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 2023 (Proposed: R Mansfield Seconded: J Ballantyne).
3. David Fidler had stepped down as a trustee earlier in the year and a farewell message from David was read to the meeting. Bryan Utteridge and Ros Malyon had been nominated for election as trustees. There being no further nominations, these nominees were declared elected.

The formal business of the meeting was concluded.

Thanks were expressed to supporters of Louth Churches for Refugees, including members of the charity's ESOL team, for their valuable work during the year. An update was provided on the charity's recent activities, including continued family support. In due course the trustees would return to considering the possibility of a third Community Sponsorship application and it was noted that the charity's formal objectives enabled some flexibility in its work. Members and supporters were invited to pray for God's guidance for the future work of the charity. The meeting discussed opportunities for future fundraising and for renewed engagement with local churches.

The meeting was brought to a close in prayer, including prayers for Rev David Newlove (founding trustee of the charity) following a sudden family bereavement.

The meeting was followed by further conversation over refreshments.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2024- 31 December 2024

Charity name: Louth Churches for Refugees

Charity registration number: 1177536

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the charity are to relieve financial hardship for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) those seeking refuge from conflict in the Middle East, North Africa region; b) those granted refugee status and their dependents living in Lincolnshire and Louth in particular; and c) refugee children by the provision of holidays.
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The charity's main activities during the year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for two resettled refugee families in Louth, albeit our formal sponsorship responsibilities under the Community Sponsorship programme have now concluded. • Giving consideration to making an application to support a third family – and beginning to make preparations. • Ongoing communications to raise awareness of the activities of the charity and the global situation facing refugees; and encouraging prayer.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>	<p>In all of the charity's work, the trustees have been mindful of the need to fulfil the charity's charitable purposes and to work for the public benefit. They believe that this has been the case, and that the activities represented by the summary above and in the report that follows demonstrate both the ways in which Louth Churches for Refugees has fulfilled its purposes of relieving financial hardship of those groups specified in its governing document and that this has been undertaken in a way that is demonstrably for the public benefit.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>2024 marked two years since Louth Churches for Refugees welcomed a second resettled family to Louth – this means our formal “Community Sponsorship” responsibilities concluded in the summer, though we have continued to provide support for the family as they build their independence.</p> <p>Meanwhile the need for migrant and refugee support continues to grow, with the most recent release of United Nations data indicating that, at the start of 2024, an estimated 117 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations and other events - with the total now likely to have exceeded 120 million.</p> <p>Following careful and prayerful consideration, later in 2024, the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees decided to make an application to welcome a third resettled refugee family. Based on our previous experience, the application process will take some months. This means we are now in a phase of planning and preparation, during which we are seeking support in prayer and practical assistance.</p> <p>Ahead of Refugee Week 2024 our group issued a collection of prayer resources for use during the week – both by individuals and in the context of church worship. These resources remain available on our website.</p> <p>Rev David Fidler stood down as a trustee of Louth Churches for Refugees at the start of 2024. David made a significant contribution within the activities of the charity, including a period in the role of Lead Sponsor. Our sincere thanks go to David for his work within our group and we pray for God's continued blessings in his life. Andrew Stratford, one of our trustees, sadly died in June 2024. Andrew was very active in the work of the charity over a number of years – both as a trustee and in particular within the English Language teaching area of our work. We greatly valued Andrew's practical contribution in our activities – and his wise insights as a trustee. We all miss Andrew and we pray for God's blessing on him and on his family – may he rest in peace.</p> <p>At our 2024 Annual General Meeting we were delighted to welcome Bryan Utteridge as a newly-appointed trustee, and to reappoint Ros Malyon who is continuing as a trustee.</p> <p>We appreciate all offers of help; contact can be made via our website at https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/contact-us. You may also like to follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/louthchurchesforrefugees</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	During 2024 the charity continued to raise funds towards its stated objectives. Expenditure slightly exceeded income during the year, as we continued financial support for a second family.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity does not hold significant reserves, with all monies held being required for its immediate charitable work. This is reviewed periodically by the trustees.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Election by members (up to 6 trustees) Nomination by Churches Together in Louth & District (up to 2 trustees)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Louth Churches for Refugees
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177536
Charity's principal address	Church House 6 Upgate Louth LN11 9ET


Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Bryan Utteridge		From 19.3.24	Elected by members
2	David Fidler		Until 9.1.24	Elected by members
3	Jane Fletcher			Elected by members
4	Ros Malyon			Elected by members
5	Julie Markham			Elected by members
6	Andrew Stratford		Until 13.6.24	Elected by members
7	Andrew West			Elected by members

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew West	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	4 February 2025	

The Treasurer
Louth Churches for Refugees
Louth Methodist Church
Nichol Hill
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Louth Churches for Refugees (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter 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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26 February 2025

Louth Churches for Refugees		1177536		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
		-	-	-	-
Donations	4,489	-	-	4,489	-
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,489	-	-	4,489	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,489	-	-	4,489	-
A3 Payments					
Family support	4,532	-	-	4,532	-
Other Charitable Expenditure	80	-	-	80	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,613	-	-	4,613	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases,					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,613	-	-	4,613	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 123	-	-	- 123	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year ended	16,847	-	-	16,847	-
Cash funds this year ended	16,724	-	-	16,724	-

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Accounts



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Agenda:

1. Trustees' Annual Report
2. Annual Statement of Accounts
3. Appointment of Trustees

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Please note the following information:

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- Anyone wishing to be elected trustee should complete a nomination form on arrival which must include the names of a proposer and seconder who are members of the charity. If there are more nominations than places available then each candidate will be given two minutes to explain to those present why they wish to be elected as a trustee.

Overleaf for information:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees

held in Louth Methodist Church at 7pm on Monday 17 July 2023

The meeting was chaired by Jane Fletcher. 16 members and supporters of the charity were present and apologies for absence had been received from 5 members.

1. The meeting received the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended December 2022 (Proposed: J. Ballantyne Seconded: A West).
2. The meeting received the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 2022 (Proposed: R Mansfield Seconded: J Ballantyne).
3. Jane Fletcher, Julie Markham, Andrew Stratford and Andrew West had been nominated for election as trustees. There being no further nominations, these nominees were declared elected.

The formal business of the meeting was concluded. The meeting continued with a presentation from Kate Mitchell and Mo Oliver (East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary) followed by discussion. The following were among the points made and issues raised:

- The origins of the movement in Sheffield 'City of Sanctuary' in 2005.
- Pre-pandemic activity, including support for a group now separately established as North Lincolnshire Sanctuary Group.
- Re-focussing the group's activities, following the invasion of Ukraine, including coordinating hosts/guests in the area and launching a very successful 'welcome club' in Louth.
- Future plans for the group, including a likely re-brand and possible charity incorporation.

Thanks were expressed to supporters of Louth Churches for Refugees, including members of the charity's ESOL team, for their valuable work during the year. Mark Sherman had stepped down as treasurer and was thanked warmly for his contributions. An update was provided on the charity's recent activities, including continued expenditure on family support. It was noted that the trustees had begun considering the possibility of a third Community Sponsorship application. Members and supporters were invited to provide any feedback on this thinking – and were invited to continue to pray for God's guidance into the future.

The meeting was followed by further conversation over refreshments, including Syrian desserts very kindly provided by the two resettled families.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2023- 31 December 2023

Charity name: Louth Churches for Refugees

Charity registration number: 1177536

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the charity are to relieve financial hardship for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) those seeking refuge from conflict in the Middle East, North Africa region; b) those granted refugee status and their dependents living in Lincolnshire and Louth in particular; and c) refugee children by the provision of holidays.
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The charity's main activities during the year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for two resettled refugee families in Louth – in the case of the first family our agreed sponsorship responsibilities under the Community Sponsorship programme have now concluded. • Ongoing communications to raise awareness of the activities of the charity and the global situation facing refugees; and encouraging prayer.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>	<p>In all of the charity's work, the trustees have been mindful of the need to fulfil the charity's charitable purposes and to work for the public benefit. They believe that this has been the case, and that the activities represented by the summary above and in the report that follows demonstrate both the ways in which Louth Churches for Refugees has fulfilled its purposes of relieving financial hardship of those groups specified in its governing document and that this has been undertaken in a way that is demonstrably for the public benefit.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Louth Churches for Refugees welcomed a second resettled Syrian family to Louth in mid-2022, as part of the UK Government's "Community Sponsorship" programme.</p> <p>It was good to see the family getting settled in the early months following their arrival. During 2023 the charity has continued our support for members of the family, including English language tuition; education support and various other practical matters.</p> <p>While our agreed sponsorship responsibilities under Community Sponsorship have now concluded in respect of the first family, who we welcomed to Louth in 2020, we continue to keep in close touch and to provide assistance as needs be.</p> <p>We were delighted that the eldest son in the first family secured a university place to study engineering from Autumn 2023. Having arrived in the UK with minimal English in 2020, this is a fantastic personal accomplishment and a great story about the positive impact of Community Sponsorship.</p> <p>Mark Sherman stood down as treasurer of Louth Churches for Refugees at the start of 2023 in anticipation of his retirement and moving away from the area. We send our warm wishes to Mark - and our grateful thanks for his contributions to the work of the charity over recent years.</p> <p>Julie Markham, one of our trustees, has taken on the role of Treasurer and we thank Julie for her ongoing support.</p> <p>At the end of 2023, Louth Churches for Refugees participated in a national evaluation of the Community Sponsorship scheme, run by the Home Office. This was a good opportunity to reflect on recent developments and achievements. Having been involved in Community Sponsorship for more than six years, the charity trustees have begun thinking about our future plans, including the potential for welcoming another family to the area.</p> <p>The United Nations estimates there is now a total of 36.4 million refugees around the world. In the face of such a huge global emergency, Louth Churches for Refugees represents a practical local response, as we continue to respond to Jesus' call to follow the path of the Good Samaritan in caring for our neighbours. We are very grateful to our members, friends and supporters for their practical help, financial support and ongoing prayers.</p> <p>We appreciate all offers of help; contact can be made via our website at https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/contact-us. You may also like to follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/louthchurchesforrefugees</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	During 2023 the charity continued to raise funds towards its stated objectives. Expenditure exceeded income during the first full year supporting a second family - following on from fundraising during previous years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity does not hold significant reserves, with all monies held being required for its immediate charitable work. This is reviewed periodically by the trustees.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Election by members (up to 6 trustees) Nomination by Churches Together in Louth & District (up to 2 trustees)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Louth Churches for Refugees
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177536
Charity's principal address	Church House 6 Upgate Louth LN11 9ET


Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Fidler			Elected by members
2	Jane Fletcher			Elected by members
3	Ros Malyon			Elected by members
4	Julie Markham			Elected by members
5	Andrew Stratford			Elected by members
6	Andrew West			Elected by members

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew West	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee & Lead Sponsor	
Date	31 January 2024	

The Treasurer
Louth Churches for Refugees
Louth Methodist Church
Nichol Hill
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LN11 9NQ

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Louth Churches for Refugees (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter 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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31 January 2024

Louth Churches for Refugees		1177536		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
		-	-	-	-
Donations	4,442	-	-	4,442	-
Other Income	1,880	-	-	1,880	-
Gift Aid	321	-	-	321	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,643	-	-	6,643	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,643	-	-	6,643	-
A3 Payments					
Family support	9,311	-	-	9,311	-
Other Charitable Expenditure	466	-	-	466	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,777	-	-	9,777	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,777	-	-	9,777	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,134	-	-	- 3,134	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year ended	20,146	-	-	20,146	-
Cash funds this year ended	17,012	-	-	17,012	-

LOUTH CHURCHES FOR REFUGEES

England & Wales - Charity number 1177536

Accounts



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees (Registered Charity No. 1177536) will take place in Louth Methodist Church at 7pm on Monday 17 July 2023.

Agenda:

1. Trustees' Annual Report
2. Annual Statement of Accounts
3. Appointment of Trustees

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation and discussion with East Lindsey Area of Sanctuary.

Please note the following information:

- The Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Statement of Accounts are available on the Louth Churches for Refugees website: <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/latest-news> and some printed copies will be available at the meeting.
- We invite anyone wishing to become a member of the charity to complete a membership application form on arrival. There is no charge for membership, and members sign to confirm that they support the aims and objectives of the charity.
- Anyone wishing to be elected trustee should complete a nomination form on arrival which must include the names of a proposer and seconder who are members of the charity. If there are more nominations than places available then each candidate will be given two minutes to explain to those present why they wish to be elected as a trustee.

Overleaf for information:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees

held in Louth Methodist Church at 7pm on Tuesday 3 May 2022

The meeting was chaired by Derek Gibson. 31 members and supporters of the charity were present and apologies for absence had been received from 3 members.

Attendees observed a time of silence in memory of John Troughton, inaugural chair of the charity, who had died on 9 April 2022.

1. The meeting received the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended December 2021 (Proposed: J. Ballantyne Seconded: A Stratford).
2. The meeting received the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 2021 (Proposed: M Sherman Seconded: J Ballantyne).
3. Members of the charity approved a proposal to change trustee appointment arrangements, as set out in the paper which had been attached to the agenda. Members voted as follows in respect of the proposal:
For 20
Against 0
Abstain 0.

The change would be registered with the Charity Commission.

4. David Fidler had been nominated for election as a trustee. There being no further nominations, David was declared elected.

The formal business of the meeting was concluded. The meeting continued with a presentation from Tomasz Muszynski (Reset), given over Zoom, followed by questions and discussion. The following were among the points made and issues raised:

- The origins and purpose of Community Sponsorship and the work of Reset.
- The scale and impact of the scheme – expressed in terms of changing lives for the better.
- The role of Reset in respect of the government's scheme for housing refugees from Ukraine.

Thanks were expressed to members of the charity's ESOL team, for their valuable work during the year. An update was provided on progress with the charity's application to sponsor a second family. A member of the family already resettled in Louth spoke of his experience of Community Sponsorship and expressed thanks to members of Louth Churches for Refugees for their support.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2022- 31 December 2022

Charity name: Louth Churches for Refugees

Charity registration number: 1177536

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the charity are to relieve financial hardship for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) those seeking refuge from conflict in the Middle East, North Africa region; b) those granted refugee status and their dependents living in Lincolnshire and Louth in particular; and c) refugee children by the provision of holidays.
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The charity's main activities during the year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for a resettled refugee family in Louth - with a transition in support during the year in line with the expectations of the Community Sponsorship programme. • Preparations for - and welcome of - a second refugee family to Louth, including associated fundraising. • Continuing regular communications to raise awareness of the activities of the charity and the global situation facing refugees; and encouraging prayer.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>	<p>In all of the charity's work, the trustees have been mindful of the need to fulfil the charity's charitable purposes and to work for the public benefit. They believe that this has been the case, and that the activities represented by the summary above and in the report that follows demonstrate both the ways in which Louth Churches for Refugees has fulfilled its purposes of relieving financial hardship of those groups specified in its governing document and that this has been undertaken in a way that is demonstrably for the public benefit.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Louth Churches for Refugees welcomed a first resettled Syrian family to Louth in early 2020, as part of the UK Government's "Community Sponsorship" programme. Our agreed sponsorship responsibilities under the programme drew to a close during 2022 and we have worked through a support transition plan with the family over the course of the year.</p> <p>Following a decision by the charity trustees to make a new application to participate in Community Sponsorship and to welcome another family to the area, we have been focussed during 2022 on preparation for the arrival of a second family. Work has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sourcing suitable housing;• putting a Community Sponsorship Application together and getting the necessary support from local agencies and authorities;• making arrangements to provide practical help for the family - for example support with settling into the community; English tuition; education support and other matters;• raising the necessary funds. <p>The family arrived in July 2022 and it has been very good to see them settling in over recent months.</p> <p>Derek Gibson stood down as a trustee of Louth Churches for Refugees in Autumn 2022. We send our warm wishes to Derek as he moves to Yorkshire; and our huge thanks for his significant contributions to the work of the charity as trustee - and chair - over recent years.</p> <p>We are very pleased to have welcomed new trustees Julie Markham and Andrew Stratford this year.</p> <p>Continued thanks go to our treasurer Rev Mark Sherman.</p> <p>According to the United Nations, the number of people forced to flee conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution has now crossed the staggering milestone of 100 million for the first time on record. Louth Churches for Refugees continues to respond to Jesus' call to us as we seek to follow the path of the Good Samaritan in caring for our neighbours. We are very grateful to our members, friends and supporters for their practical help, financial support and ongoing prayers.</p> <p>We appreciate all offers of help; contact can be made via our website at https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/contact-us. You may also like to follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/louthchurchesforrefugees</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	In the year, the charity continued to raise funds towards its stated objectives. Income exceeded expenditure during the year as we worked through a support transition plan with the first family and began supporting a second family.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity does not hold significant reserves, with all monies held being required for its immediate charitable work. This is reviewed periodically by the trustees.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Election by members (up to 6 trustees) Nomination by Churches Together in Louth & District (up to 2 trustees)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Louth Churches for Refugees
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177536
Charity's principal address	Louth Methodist Church Nichol Hill Louth LN11 9NQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Fidler			Elected by members
2	Derek Gibson	Chair	To 27.10.22	Churches Together in Louth and District
3	Jane Fletcher			Churches Together in Louth and District
4	Ros Malyon			Elected by members
5	Julie Markham		From 5.9.22	Appointed by trustees
6	Andrew Stratford		From 9.12.22	Appointed by trustees
7	Andrew West			Elected by members

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Andrew West	
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	7 June 2023	

The Treasurer
Louth Churches for Refugees
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Louth Churches for Refugees (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter 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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12 June 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
		-	-	-	-
Donations	13,972	-	-	13,972	-
Other Income	4,546	-	-	4,546	-
Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,518	-	-	18,518	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,518	-	-	18,518	-
A3 Payments					
Family support	15,211	-	-	15,211	-
Other Charitable Expenditure	460	-	-	460	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,671	-	-	15,671	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,671	-	-	15,671	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,847	-	-	2,847	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,368	-	-	17,368	-
Cash funds this year end	20,215	-	-	20,215	-

LOUTH CHURCHES FOR REFUGEES

England & Wales - Charity number 1177536

Accounts

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees (Registered Charity No. 1177536) will take place in Louth Methodist Church at 7pm on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

Agenda:

1. Trustees' Annual Report
2. Annual Statement of Accounts
3. Proposed changes to Trustee appointment arrangements
4. Appointment of Trustees

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation and discussion with perspectives on the global refugee crisis.

Please note the following information:

- The Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Statement of Accounts are available on the Louth Churches for Refugees website: <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/latest-news> and some printed copies will be available at the meeting.
- We invite anyone wishing to become a member of the charity to complete a Membership Application Form on arrival. There is no charge for membership, and members sign to confirm that they support the aims and objectives of the charity.
- Anyone wishing to be elected Trustee should complete a Nomination Form on arrival which must include the name of a proposer and seconder who are members of the charity. If there are more nominations than places available then each candidate will be given two minutes to explain to those present why they wish to be elected as a trustee.

Overleaf for information:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 27 July 2021.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Louth Churches for Refugees

held in Louth Methodist Church at 7pm on Tuesday 27 July 2021

The meeting was chaired by Derek Gibson. 20 members and supporters of the charity were present and apologies for absence had been received from 5 members.

1. The meeting received the Trustees' Annual Report and the Annual Statement of accounts for the year ended December 2020 (Proposed: D. Fidler Seconded: A Stratford).
2. The accounts had been examined by Capella Bookkeeping and the meeting noted a proposal to employ Capella again for the next set of accounts.
3. Thanks were expressed to Elaine Chafour who had stepped down as a trustee. Three nominations had been received for elected trustee positions and the following were declared elected:
 - David Fidler
 - Ros Malyon
 - Andrew West.

The formal business of the meeting was concluded. The meeting continued with a presentation and discussion on future opportunities for the charity, including the trustees' proposal to begin the application process for a second family resettlement. The following were among issues raised in discussion:

- Total costs likely to be involved in sponsoring a second family.
- The potential use of a house on Little Lane owned by the Diocese of Lincoln.
- An invitation from trustees to all those who may be in a position to help with the work of the charity (eg administration, fundraising, educational and social activities, donation of furnishings, help with transport, prayer support, etc).
- Challenges encountered by the family already resettled in Louth, including issues relating to the pandemic.
- The extent to which support had been forthcoming from our local MP.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2021- 31 December 2021

Charity name: Louth Churches for Refugees

Charity registration number: 1177536

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objects of the CIO are to relieve financial hardship for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) those seeking refuge from conflict in the Middle East, North Africa region; b) those granted refugee status and their dependents living in Lincolnshire and Louth in particular; and c) refugee children by the provision of holidays.
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The charity's main activities during the year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for a resettled refugee family in Louth. • Making adjustments to support arrangements when required as a result of Covid pandemic restrictions. • Starting the process of reviewing how support for the family will evolve into the future in line with the expectations of the Community Sponsorship programme. • Beginning preparations for welcoming a second refugee family to Louth. • Continuing regular communications to raise awareness of the activities of the charity and the global situation facing refugees; and encouraging prayer.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>	<p>In all of the charity's work, the trustees have been mindful of the need to fulfil the charity's charitable purposes and to work for the public benefit. They believe that this has been the case, and that the activities represented by the summary above and in the report that follows demonstrate both the ways in which Louth Churches for Refugees has fulfilled its purposes of relieving financial hardship of those groups specified in its governing document and that this has been undertaken in a way that is demonstrably for the public benefit.</p>

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

It is now nearly two years since Louth Churches for Refugees welcomed a resettled Syrian family to Louth as part of the UK Government's "Community Sponsorship" programme. We have an on-going responsibility for the family as we undertook to care for them until they are fully settled-in. Some of our agreed sponsorship responsibilities (eg financial) will draw to a close over the coming months and this made it timely during 2021 to consider our future plans and opportunities as a charity.

After a pause during the Covid emergency period, the Home Office Community Sponsorship programme re-opened for applications during 2021. The needs of refugees from the areas ravaged by war in Syria/Iraq are continuing - and have escalated as a result of the pandemic. Jesus' call to us as we seek to follow the path of the Good Samaritan in caring for our neighbours remains insistent: "Go and do likewise".

Following a period of prayerful consideration during the early part of the year, the Trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees came to the view that the charity should make a new application to participate in Community Sponsorship and to welcome a second family to the area. Now is the time we need input and assistance from our existing members and supporters, and to extend our network of support. There are various actions ahead for which preparations are now in hand:

- We need to find another house which will be suitable for the next family.
- We need help in putting a Community Sponsorship Application together and getting the necessary support from local agencies and authorities.
- We need help to deepen our connections with local church communities and to extend support, engagement and participation in our charity's work. We also plan to review our constitutional association with Churches Together in Louth and District, given its currently dormant status.
- We need more volunteers to provide practical help for another family - for example more people to help with English tuition, education support and help settling into the local community – we need to widen our charity's connections with local communities, to encompass support from more organisations and individuals.
- We need help to secure the necessary funds.
- We will need people to pray for us and for God's blessing on our plans and efforts.

The trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees are enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead of us to support another family. We appreciate any offers of help; contact can be made via our website at <https://louthchurchesforrefugees.org/about-us/contact-us>. You may also like to follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/louthchurchesforrefugees>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	In the year, the charity continued to raise funds towards its stated objectives. Income exceeded expenditure during the year as we sought to build up funds to support a second family.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity does not hold significant reserves, with all monies held being required for its immediate charitable work. This is reviewed periodically by the trustees.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Election by members (2 or 3 trustees) Nomination by Louth & District Churches Together (3 to 5 trustees)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Louth Churches for Refugees
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177536
Charity's principal address	Louth Methodist Church Nichol Hill Louth LN11 9NQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Fidler			Elected by members
2	Derek Gibson	Chair		Churches Together in Louth and District
3	Jane Fletcher			Churches Together in Louth and District
4	Ros Malyon		From 27.7.21	Elected by members
5	Andrew West			Elected by members

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Derek Gibson	
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	17 March 2022	

The Treasurer
Louth Churches for Refugees
Louth Methodist Church
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Louth Churches for Refugees (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter 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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3 March 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Giving		-	-	-	-
Event Donations	629	-	-	629	-
Specified Giving	20,141	-	-	20,141	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Family's Benefits	7,188	-	-	7,188	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,958	-	-	27,958	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,958	-	-	27,958	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable Expenditure - Rent	7,800	-	-	7,800	-
Charitable Expenditure - Utilities	516	-	-	516	-
Charitable Expenditure Computers	1,219	-	-	1,219	-
Charitable Expenditure Education	8,918	-	-	8,918	-
Charitable Expenditure - Loan	1,428	-	-	1,428	-
Charitable Expenditure Holiday	404	-	-	404	-
Charitable Expenditure Other	994	-	-	994	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21,279	-	-	21,279	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,279	-	-	21,279	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,679	-	-	6,679	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	1	-	-	20/03/2022

Cash funds this year end | **6,679** | **-** | **-** | **6,679** | **-**

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agreed balances with receipts and payments)</small>	-	-	-
		Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest	Restricted funds to nearest	Endowment funds to nearest
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	20/03/2022

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		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Louth Churches for Refugees

Proposed Changes to Trustee Appointment Arrangements

1. The constitution of Louth Churches for Refugees requires a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 trustees to oversee the work of the charity.
2. Trustee appointments are made through a combination of direct election and nomination from Churches Together in Louth and District.
3. As currently drafted, the constitution allows for up to 3 elected trustees and up to 5 nominated trustees.
4. The balance in favour of nominations by Churches Together in Louth and District was appropriate at the foundation of Louth Churches for Refugees and as the charity settled into its operation
5. Since Louth Churches for Refugees is now an established and active charity, and bearing in mind the relative inactivity within Churches Together in Louth and District over recent years, we would like to re-balance the trustee appointment arrangements to allow for up to 6 elected trustees and up to 2 nominated trustees, retaining the nominations link with Churches Together in Louth and District.
6. If this proposal is agreed, the relevant section of the constitution 12 (3) would be amended as shown below:
 - ~~*Not less than 2 nor more than 3 elected trustees*~~
 - ~~*Not less than 3 nor more than 5 nominated trustees*~~
 - No more than 6 elected trustees*
 - No more than 2 nominated trustees.*
7. No change is proposed to the requirement for a minimum of 4 trustees to oversee the charity.
8. Churches Together in Louth and District have been made aware of this proposal.

Trustees of Louth Churches for Refugees
March 2022