



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 6	Month 4	Year 2021	To	Day 5	Month 4

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Croeso Llantwit		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1178922		
Charity's principal address	6 Colhugh Street		
	Llantwit Major		
	Vale of Glamorgan		
	Postcode	CF61 1RE	

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	Tina Angove	Treasurer		First Trustee
2	Graham Benfield OBE	Chair		First Trustee
3	Susan Hybart	Secretary		Charity Trustees
4	Drusilla Phillimore			First Trustee
5	Christopher Westoby			Charity Trustees
6	Ellis Williams			Charity Trustees
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

--	--

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

--

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation Constitution Registered 25 June 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees have considered safeguarding issues as a risk and have put in place a Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed annually, and a Safeguarding Officer.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of Croeso Llantwit are:

For the public benefit, the relief of need of those granted refugee status and their families and those seeking asylum in Llantwit Major or the surrounding area in the Vale of Glamorgan, in particular but not exclusively by:

- providing, or assist to provide, short or long term community financed accommodation;
- support the provision of aid to refugees or those seeking asylum;
- advancing their education and training so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community;
- advance the education in general about the issues relating to refugees and to those seeking asylum;
- the relief of sickness and financial hardship;
- the relief of unemployment in particular by the provision of vocational and skills advice and support; and
- working with, and supporting, organisations sharing any or all of the above charitable purposes.

Our key aims and objectives for the 2021-22 financial year were:

- to continue awareness raising and maintaining our network of supporters largely through digital communications;
- to secure appropriate accommodation and finalise preparations for the arrival of a family;
- to secure final approval of our application from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and from the Home Office for resettlement of a refugee family;
- to welcome the family to our community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The purpose of Croeso Llantwit is the support of refugee families in the Vale of Glamorgan through the Community Sponsorship Scheme as identified by the Home Office and the UNHCR under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme.

In November 2021, we welcomed a Syrian family (of mum, dad and four children) to Llantwit Major. Under the Sponsorship Scheme, we carry a responsibility to the Home Office and to the family for first two years of the family's residence in the UK. The 2021-22 financial year marks a new phase in the Charity's journey, moving from fundraising and planning to supporting the family to adjust to life in the UK within a local community. Our activities in this financial year have been made possible through the hard work and commitment of the Charity's volunteers, through their donations and fundraising, and also through grants received from The George Gibson Charitable Trust, The Lord Barnby's Foundation and The Big Lottery.

To achieve the specific objectives set for the year, within the Welsh Government laws and guidance on Covid, our activities contributing to the public benefit have focused on the following Objects of the Charity within the community of Llantwit Major:

Providing, or assist to provide, short or long term community financed accommodation:

In late summer 2021, we identified suitable accommodation in the heart of the Llantwit Major community which we secured on a rental basis. The accommodation was approved by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Home Office and thus we gained final approval to proceed. The house needed some minor adaptations to suit the needs of the family. In addition, a team of volunteers came together to freshen up the décor of the house, to tidy up the garden and to equip and furnish the house.

Support the provision of aid to refugees or those seeking asylum:

In line with the requirements of the Government Community Sponsorship Scheme, we provided funds to the family upon their arrival in the UK to bridge the gap until Government benefits were in place. We ensured the family had sufficient and appropriate clothes to begin their new life in the UK during the winter. We also put a small Family Support Group of volunteers in place to give non-financial aid and assistance to the family in the early weeks and months; this has involved supporting the family in activities such as gaining orientation within the local area, setting up a bank account, attending meetings with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), etc.. For key activities where understanding has been paramount, we have engaged the services of professional translators and interpreters.

Advancing their education and training so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community:

We have supported the family to register their children with the Local Authority and the children are attending local schools where their English is benefiting from immersion in the language. Our project lead supports the parents through liaising closely with the schools to ensure that the children receive the support to which they are entitled. The Charity is also providing additional interpretation services for the children attending the secondary school to provide greater support for their education. We are also supporting the adults in their acquisition of English. We have supported them to enrol on formal ESOL courses at local colleges, and we are fortunate to have ESOL teachers within our Family Support Team who are providing additional ESOL lessons within the family's home. We also provide informal English learning opportunities through encouraging all members of the family to practice their English with us, with their

neighbours and within the community. Through the regular meetings with the DWP, we will be able to support the adults to access Government-funded specific training to support them into employment as their English language skills increase.

Advancing the education in general about the issues relating to refugees and to those seeking asylum:

We have maintained awareness of issues relating to refugees through periodic digital communications to our network of volunteers and supporters. Despite the limitations of the Covid rules and guidance, we have continued to bring in new supporters, bringing issues to the attention of more people who share our commitment to providing assistance to families from the refugee camps and their environs. As soon as we received final approval from the Home Office, we ran refresher courses on cultural awareness and safeguarding for our volunteers. We also ran a session where volunteers were able to learn from the experience of another Syrian family who moved to South Wales; this session was invaluable in helping us to see settling in our community through someone else's eyes.

The relief of sickness and financial hardship:

We have supported the family in registering with the local GP and in receiving Covid vaccinations. We have also supported the family in receiving dental appointments. In line with the Government's commitment to the Resettlement Scheme, the family is entitled to Benefits and we have supported their application for Universal Credit, Housing Benefit and Child Benefit. We continue to support the adults in their meetings with the DWP while they request our support.

The relief of unemployment in particular by the provision of vocational and skills advice and support:

With the agreement of the DWP, the emphasis for the adults in the early months of their residence in the UK is on learning English that will enable them to gain future employment and training. In the meantime, volunteers are exploring local employment opportunities and engaging with owners of local small businesses.

Working with, and supporting, organisations sharing any or all of the above charitable purposes:

We have continued to maintain our links with national and local government authorities involved in the Resettlement Scheme. We have also continued to liaise with other Welsh communities that are taking part in the Government's Resettlement Scheme, continuing our learning from each other that will be of benefit families settling in our communities. We have maintained contact with a number of Syrian families in the South Wales area, building our understanding of what we may need to do to support the family settling in Llantwit Major and supporting these other local families to feel increasingly at home in South Wales. These cross-cultural friendships are also now including the Syrian family in Llantwit Major.

Statutory declaration on regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit:

At the time of registering Croeso Llantwit as a charity with the Charity Commission, the first trustees gave explicit consideration to the benefit aspect and public aspect of the public benefit guidance. Core to the purpose of Croeso Llantwit is the relief of need, including financial need, of a refugee family being resettled in the UK. It was also agreed that Croeso Llantwit should work in such a way as to bring benefit to the wider community through advancing awareness and education on issues facing

refugees thereby building a more tolerant and understanding community. Furthermore, fund-raising events would be community-based helping to increase the sense of community within the town. All current trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The support and participation of our network of volunteers has been essential to us remaining committed and able to welcome a family to our community. We have retained volunteers to work in a number of key areas, including:

- Cultural awareness training for volunteers;
- Health and Safeguarding;
- Fundraising;
- Communications and social media;
- Housing;
- Education;
- Preparation of basic information for the family on arrival;
- Language and Interpretation;
- Family Support Team.

In the spring of 2022, we held two coffee mornings for the family to meet the wider group of volunteers who had worked to make this happen.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As a result of our activities during the year:

- A Syrian family seeking refuge has arrived in our community under the Government's Resettlement Scheme and is building a new life in safety.
- We have maintained our network of supporters within the community - we have over 100 local residents who wish to be kept informed of progress and events; and we have over 50 active volunteers.
- We have engaged the Town Council and other local organisations in welcoming the family to the community.
- We have continued to raise awareness within the community of the purpose of the charity and of issues facing refugees.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have an explicit reserves policy at present as we have plans for the expenditure of funds which are now being implemented to support the family settle in our community.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

--

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During financial year 2021-22, our principal sources of new funding have been donations from individual members of the public.

Expenditure during 2021-22 has focused on:

- preparing and making necessary adaptations to the accommodation;
- translation and interpretation;
- the required initial direct financial support for the family upon their arrival;
- time-limited financial support for those essential but high cost services and items that enable a family to become established within our community.

Section F

Other optional information

--



Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
---	---

Full name(s) Susan Hybart

Graham Benfield

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)


Secretary

Chair

Date

19/10/22

19/10/22

	<div>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</div>	<div>Charity Name CROESO LLANTWIT</div>	<div>No (if any) 1178922</div>		
<div>Receipts and payments accounts</div>				CC16a	
	<div>For the period from</div>	<div>Period start date 01.04.2021</div>	<div>To</div>	<div>Period end date 31.03.2022</div>	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	<div>Unrestricted funds to the nearest £</div>	<div>Restricted funds to the nearest £</div>	<div>Endowment funds to the nearest £</div>	<div>Total funds to the nearest £</div>	<div>Last year to the nearest £</div>
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,850	-	-	3,850	2,209
UK Home Office for ESOL	-	1,700	-	1,700	-
UK Home Office void housing costs	-	964	-	964	-
Local Authority housing benefit	-	600	-	600	-
UK home Office for covid testing	-	544	-	544	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	3,000
HMRC Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	638
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	3,850	3,808	-	7,658	5,847
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,850	3,808	-	7,658	5,847
A3 Payments					
Administration		806	-	806	161
House refurbishment	-	2,151	-	2,151	-
ESOL	-	85	-	85	-
House rental & running costs	4,820	1,564	-	6,384	-
Additional family support	2,424	-	-	2,424	-
Sundries	2,701	544	-	3,245	-
Training		69	-	69	-
Volunteer expenses		411	-	411	-
Translation/interpretation		2,575	-	2,575	-
Sub total	9,945	8,205	-	18,150	161
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,945	8,205	-	18,150	161
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,095	- 4,397	-	- 10,492	5,686
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,492	11,350	-	34,842	34,842
Cash funds this year end	17,397	6,953	-	24,350	
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	Current Account	17,397	6,953	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	17,397	6,953	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
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)	
			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Print Name		Date of approval	
<div><div>Tina Angove.</div><div>W Benfield</div></div>		Tina Angove (Treasurer)		19.10.2022	
		Graham Benfield (Chair)		19.10.2022	