

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1179384

Details

Other names Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity (previously DE Solidarity)

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-07-30

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

Contact

Address St. Annes Church Hall
53 Leaper Street
Derby
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Phone 07881615750

Website derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org

Activities

Objects: 1. THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF WAR OR NATURAL DISASTER, TROUBLE, OR CATASTROPHE IN PARTICULAR BY THE SUPPLY OF AID TO SUCH PERSONS THROUGH PROVIDING: GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO CHARITIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES.2. THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE BY PROVIDING ITEMS, SERVICES AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT.3. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM BY PROMOTING AND PROVIDING ACTIVITIES WHICH FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.

Activities: Supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Derbyshire and overseasThe relief and assistance of refugees and those seeking asylum in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of aid to such persons through providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities and organisations with shared aims

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Derby City
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£65,043	£61,319	-	-
2024-08-31	£53,953	£48,067	-	-
2023-08-31	£39,188	£37,783	-	-
2022-08-31	£53,286	£54,804	-	-
2021-08-31	£29,146	£28,989	-	-
2020-08-31	£18,252	£22,927	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aso Gabare		2024-01-23
Charles Robert West Stevens		2020-10-30
Coral Jane MacDonnell		2020-10-30
Steven John Cooke		2020-10-01
Taran Cheema		2024-01-23

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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The main activities are listed below in achievements of DRS through the year.

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How has this objective been achieved?

Aid trips to Refugee camps

Two deliveries of aid to the Hastings delivery hub for onward delivery to Calais C4C

Donations to Refugee support groups

- Donations to other support groups totalled £.2000. This was nearly significantly less than the previous year.
- Beneficiaries include , Herts for Refugees (tents for Calais) Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh., FoRefugees and the DEC Gaza appeal

Moses baskets project

- Moses baskets project has ended but we still distribute donated baskets to TOGS Derby childrens clothing bank

Fundraising

- Grant applications totalled £32690 and was just over double the previous year. This year included grants from |Jeffery Weller trust, Places trust, Blue Thread, Urban Housing, Local Welcome CAD, Teachers union, Debys council for clothes.
- One off donations amounted to £14344 with some large individual donations.
- Rent the Rent is still surpassing the rent and internet cost **and totalled £3744** , ensuring general premises costs are also covered without eating into other donations. This is roughly the same as the previous year.
- During the year 37 individuals made direct debits.
- Clothes sales continued with ad hoc events achieving around £1284. This total includes the Harriet Merry auction sale.
- Gift Aid refund came to £1015

2. The relief and assistance of asylum seekers and refugees and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Derby and Derbyshire by providing items, services and practical support.

How has this objective been achieved?

Activities in Derbyshire

- Regular distribution of clothes to new asylum seekers arriving at DRS each week. One item from each of shoes, coat, hoodie etc to each new person.
- Total spend on 'Items for Refugees' which includes clothes was £28275 which was just under £4k more than previous years
- Suitcases collected and distributed for those moving on from Derby
- Twice weekly community centre activities with increasing numbers attending every week. Table football, pool, english lessons, music, art and gardening at St Annes. Numbers continued to peak at over 120.
- Twice weekly allotment sessions at the the Lottie garden at Rowditch allotments. A significant investment was over £1000 for a new workshop shed.
- Several Shining Cliffs trip thanks again to the amazing Wild Things team for hosting the days with so many wonderful activities.
- Day out to Cromford
- Peak District outing enjoyed by everyone on a full coach to Hartington
- Bikes: Ongoing - supplying refurbished cycles to local refugees along with essential safety equipment. Bike expenses totalled £5381; a drop of £2390 reflecting decision to stop giving bikes to the hotel and hostel asylum seekers
- Around 150 bikes refurbished and delivered to local asylum seekers before the scheme was reduced.
- Continued volunteer work on bike repairs; up to 30 bike repairs every week.
- Regular signposting asylum seekers to other support organisations across Derby, for example the Warm Welcome monthly lunches.
- Music group played at various events during the year raising funds and raising awareness of the asylum process.
- Provision of crockery and cutlery at DRS from public donations
- Second hand laptops provided and waiting list created
- Monthly football sessions at The Willows Sports Centre and the annual Sports Day again proved really popular with adults and children taking part in everything from egg and spoon race to the Tug o' War.
- Small cricket team regular games.
- DRS runs the Derby 10k. 5 free places for asylum seekers and a team of 13 raised over £1000 and everyone finishing..
- DRS annual sports day again a big success with families and single asylum seekers all taking part together.
- Pride Park tours again very popular thanks to Derby County Community Trust
- Radio and TV interviews on Sky, Channel 4, BBC East Midlands and ITV
- DRS closed again during September a.
- National Refugee Week activities
- ParkRun with Refugees.... Thanks to Wirksworth running club, Team Derby Runners and Markeaton Parkrun for continued support and many pairs of trainers.
- Open day with at DRS and stands at the Welcome Derby open day at the Museum of Making
- Music group played regular sessions during the day.
- Regular local litter picking organised by asylum seeker volunteers

3. To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum by promoting and providing activities which foster understanding.

- Visit and presentation by asylum seekers to St Marys school Chesterfield
- National Refugee week activities meeting general public.
- DRS volunteers attend protests in Long Eaton .
- Radio and TV interviews.
- Coop community evening presentation
- political candidates accepted invitations to visit DRS and talk about asylum issues.
- Daily protests at Loughborough Immigration office supporting asylum seekers who may be detained for deportation to Rwanda

4. To empower refugees and asylum seekers in Derby by offering English conversation and/or grammar sessions, thereby increasing confidence, integration and employability between people from diverse backgrounds.

How has this objective been achieved?

- Twice weekly English lessons continue with brand new 52 week English curriculum resources developed by volunteer.
- Increased team of tutors. The numbers vary but 6 – 10 tutors usually available
- Classroom used in church
- Continued Investment in resources and teaching aids, eg mobile whiteboard, mini whiteboards
- Regular games sessions including bingo to support English Learning and mental health
- Fr Giles , priest at St Annes continues to open the church for English and music sessions
- Regular help desk sessions with two volunteers helping with CV writing
- Regular visits from DWP helping with Universal Credit etc
- Help desk support increasing with twice weekly sessions with one to four volunteers

Finally and most importantly a massive THANK YOU to all our volunteers through the year without whom this long list of achievements would not have been possible

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Empty box for reporting achievements and performance.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

DRS policy is to donate surplus cash to other organisations helping refugees in other parts of the world. Eg Care4Calais in France.

Trustees agreed reserves to be around £2k to ensure we can pay main overheads for 1 year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Direct Debit payments by 37 volunteers pays for rent and internet connection for DRS and adjoining church and mission house.

Funds also generated by music events , grant applications, clothes sales etc.

Expenditure always supports key objectives

We don't have financial investments.

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)

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Full name(s)

Steve Cooke

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair, Treasurer

Date 06/05/2026

DRS CASH FLOW

01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

		9 2024	10 2024	11 2024	12 2024	1 2025	2 2025	3 2025	4 2025	5 2025	6 2025	7 2025	8 2025	TOTAL
		Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	2024/25
RECEIPTS	One off donation	£250	£6,325	£2,181	£1,522	£1,495	£1,239	£1,501	£3,812	£1,172	£2,382	£1,723	£534	£24,133
RECEIPTS	Dent the rent donation	£343	£338	£318	£348	£346	£338	£338	£343	£353	£353	£353	£336	£4,107
RECEIPTS	Regular donation	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£10	£15	£10	£0	£0	£0	£0	£35
RECEIPTS	Warehouse sales	£0	£0	£70	£0	£0	£0	£62	£0	£0	£0	£307	£46	£485
RECEIPTS	Event sales / donations	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2	£0	£30	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£32
RECEIPTS	Grants	£0	£0	£12,500	£6,500	£0	£1,000	£1,500	£1,000	£2,350	£8,000	£990	£350	£34,190
RECEIPTS	Merchandise sales	£111	£0	£35	£691	£0	£0	£0	£0	£18	£72	£0	£0	£926
RECEIPTS	Weigh in sales	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£60	£0	£0	£0	£0	£60
RECEIPTS	Gift Aid	£60	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,016	£0	£0	£0	£1,076
RECEIPTS	Petty cash banked	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
RECEIPTS	Paypal banked	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
		£763	£6,663	£15,104	£9,060	£1,843	£2,587	£3,446	£5,225	£4,909	£10,806	£3,372	£1,266	£65,043
EXPENSES	Bike scheme	£165	£783	£457	£836	£346	£428	£252	£956	£238	£312	£319	£289	£5,383
EXPENSES	Rent	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£400	£200	£2,600
EXPENSES	Premises expenses	£136	£117	£167	£161	£81	£2,501	£911	£275	£308	£138	£96	£75	£4,965
EXPENSES	Refreshments	£194	£110	£292	£339	£552	£425	£515	£361	£283	£228	£99	£445	£3,843
EXPENSES	Sport / days out volunteers	£720	£52	£394	£0	£628	£932	£445	£557	£0	£1,433	£744	£0	£5,905
EXPENSES	Items for volunteers	£174	£2,535	£3,915	£2,711	£2,157	£3,004	£3,149	£3,223	£8,311	£3,551	£1,645	£1,640	£36,016
EXPENSES	Event expenses	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Advertising	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Bank Charges	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Donations to other charities	£0	£0	£0	£1,502	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£500	£0	£2,002
EXPENSES	Activity supplies	£0	£0	£0	£0	£65	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£65
EXPENSES	Entertainment	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£260	£0	£0	£0	£60	£320
EXPENSES	Merchandise expenses	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£200	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£200
EXPENSES	Travel expenses	£3	£0	£6	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£9
EXPENSES	Misc - to categorise	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Items for donation	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Paypal Charges	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£12
		£1,593	£3,799	£5,432	£5,750	£4,029	£7,491	£5,674	£5,834	£9,341	£5,863	£3,804	£2,710	£61,319
TOTAL CASH IN / OUT		-£830	£2,864	£9,672	£3,311	-£2,186	-£4,904	-£2,227	-£609	-£4,433	£4,943	-£432	-£1,444	£3,724
BANK	Balance b/fwd	£11,890	£11,030	£13,864	£23,506	£26,787	£24,741	£19,805	£17,523	£16,561	£11,615	£16,426	£15,958	
PETTY CASH	Balance b/fwd	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
PAYPAL	Balance b/fwd	£45	£75	£105	£135	£165	£25	£57	£112	£465	£978	£1,110	£1,145	
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TOTAL CASH	Balance b/fwd	£11,935	£11,105	£13,969	£23,641	£26,952	£24,766	£19,862	£17,634	£17,025	£12,592	£17,536	£17,104	£11,935
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

On accounts for the year ended

31 / 08 / 2025

Charity no (if any)

1179384

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

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

Signed:

Holly Swinckels

Date:

18/05/24

Name:

HOLLY SWINCKELS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Masters Degree Business Administration (MBA)

(if any):

Address:

14 FERNLEIGH AVENUE
MAPPERLEY
NOTTINGHAM NG3 6FL

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

[Empty box for disclosure details]

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support.**How has this objective been achieved?****Activities in Derbyshire**

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How has this objective been achieved?

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- Continued Investment in resources and teaching aids, eg mobile whiteboard, mini whiteboards
- Regular games sessions including bingo to support English Learning and mental health
- Fr Giles , priest at St Annes continues to open the church for English and music sessions
- Regular help desk sessions with two volunteers helping with CV writing
- Regular visits from DWP helping with Universal Credit etc

- Help desk support increasing with twice weekly sessions with one to four volunteers

Finally and most importantly a massive THANK YOU to all our volunteers through the year without whom this long list of achievements would not have been possible

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Trustees agreed reserves to be around £2k to ensure we can pay main overheads for 1 year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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We don't have financial investments.

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) **Steve Cooke**

Full name(s) **Steve Cooke**

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) **Chair, Treasurer**

Date

17/4/2025

DRS CASH FLOW

01/09/2023 - 31/08/2024

		9 2023	10 2023	11 2023	12 2023	1 2024	2 2024	3 2024	4 2024	5 2024	6 2024	7 2024	8 2024 4	TOTAL
		Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	2023/24
RECEIPTS	One off donation	£3,942	£1,625	£1,058	£1,764	£1,417	£1,165	£6,831	£2,013	£6,825	£469	£1,869	£771	£29,749
RECEIPTS	Dent the rent donation	£303	£284	£353	£333	£363	£353	£323	£363	£343	£323	£343	£303	£3,987
RECEIPTS	Regular donation	£5	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	-£200	£0	£0	£0	£0	-£195
RECEIPTS	Warehouse sales	£250	£0	£0	£0	£36	£0	£233	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£519
RECEIPTS	Event sales / donations	£0	£0	£0	£0	£17	£0	£0	£58	£0	£239	£72	£60	£445
RECEIPTS	Grants	£0	£3,040	£7,850	£1,000	£0	£0	£3,300	£400	£0	£0	£0	£250	£15,840
RECEIPTS	Merchandise sales	£0	£0	£142	£0	£31	£146	£0	£0	£75	£0	£0	£95	£489
RECEIPTS	Weigh in sales	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
RECEIPTS	Gift Aid	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£3,118	£0	£0	£0	£0	£3,118
RECEIPTS	Petty cash banked	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0 Should = nil
RECEIPTS	Paypal banked	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0 Should = nil
		£4,500	£4,949	£9,403	£3,097	£1,864	£1,664	£7,387	£8,652	£7,642	£1,031	£2,284	£1,479	£53,953
EXPENSES	Bike scheme	£0	£1,106	£581	£583	£622	£663	£727	£533	£264	£418	£999	£838	£7,331
EXPENSES	Rent	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£0	-£10	£200	£200	£200	£1,990
EXPENSES	Premises expenses	£254	£164	£54	£129	£157	£78	£55	£298	£323	£345	£272	£224	£2,352
EXPENSES	Refreshments	£0	£166	£46	£77	£7	£187	£73	£0	£139	£121	£275	£81	£1,172
EXPENSES	Sport / days out volunteers	£31	£100	£0	£0	£699	£0	£123	£0	£72	£930	£168	£0	£2,123
EXPENSES	Items for volunteers	£0	£5,417	£1,112	£2,724	£1,465	£1,376	£605	£1,245	£3,512	£3,052	£1,180	£2,768	£24,457
EXPENSES	Event expenses	£380	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£420	£0	£0	£30	£830
EXPENSES	Advertising	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£214	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£214
EXPENSES	Bank Charges	£3	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£3
EXPENSES	Donations to other charities	£0	£0	£0	£2,650	-£10	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£2,102	£500	£0	£6,242
EXPENSES	Activity supplies	£0	£109	£175	£0	£0	£8	£0	£0	£0	£20	£0	£22	£335
EXPENSES	Entertainment	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£200	£0	£200
EXPENSES	Merchandise expenses	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Travel expenses	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5	£5
EXPENSES	Misc - to categorise	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0 Should = nil
EXPENSES	Items for donation	£65	£318	£0	£341	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£77	£801
EXPENSES	Paypal Charges	£1	£1	£2	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£1	£13
		£934	£7,581	£2,170	£6,705	£3,141	£2,512	£1,997	£2,077	£5,721	£7,189	£3,794	£4,246	£48,067
TOTAL CASH IN / OUT		£3,566	-£2,632	£7,234	-£3,607	-£1,277	-£849	£5,390	£6,575	£1,922	-£6,158	-£1,510	-£2,767	£5,886
BANK	Balance b/fwd	£5,985	£9,522	£6,914	£14,089	£10,545	£9,268	£8,389	£13,711	£19,328	£21,218	£14,834	£13,278	£13,278
PETTY CASH	Balance b/fwd	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
PAYPAL	Balance b/fwd	£24	£53	£29	£87	£24	£24	£54	£122	£1,080	£1,112	£1,338	£1,384	£1,384
		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
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TOTAL CASH	Balance b/fwd	£6,009	£9,575	£6,943	£14,177	£10,569	£9,292	£8,444	£13,833	£20,408	£22,330	£16,172	£14,662	£6,009
TOTAL CASH	Balance c/fwd	£9,575	£6,943	£14,177	£10,569	£9,292	£8,444	£13,833	£20,408	£22,330	£16,172	£14,662	£11,895	£11,895 OK



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1179384

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/24 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

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

Signed: See PDF 3

Date: 30/05/25

Name: William Webster

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

30-5-25

Name:

WILLIAM WEBSTER

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1179384

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
01	09	2022	21	08	2023
From			To		

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1179384
Charity's principal address	53 Leaper Street
	Derby
Postcode	DE1 3NB

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	Charlie Stevens	Fundraising lead		
2	Steve Cooke	Chair, Treasuer		
3	Coral McDonnell	Safeguarding Lead		
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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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees and management team after inviting applications

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Trustees have the Charity Commission guidelines on Trustee responsibilities.</p> <p>Everyone attending DRS sessions is a volunteer. Volunteers lead on specialist roles. Eg Music, gardening, English lessons, Bike maintenance, Kitchen duties, Cleaning , Sewing repairs, Help Desk</p> <p>Julie James , volunteer coordinator and Steve Cooke Premises manager are day to day managers and keyholders.</p> <p>Part of Derby City of Sanctuary network.</p> <p>Major risks discussed in safeguarding team meetings Coral McDonnell , Julie James and Steve Cooke.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p><i>1. The relief and assistance of refugees and those seeking asylum in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of aid to such persons through providing: grants, items and services to charities and other organisations with similar objectives.</i></p> <p><i>2. The relief and assistance of asylum seekers and refugees and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Derby and Derbyshire by providing items, services and practical support.</i></p>
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4. To empower refugees and asylum seekers in Derby by offering English conversation and/or grammar sessions, thereby increasing confidence, integration and employability between people from diverse backgrounds.

Trustees have been made aware of , and have regard to the CC guidance on public benefit.

The main activities are listed below in achievements of DRS through the year.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

No financial investments for gain.

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

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

Section D Achievements and performance

1. The relief and assistance of refugees and those seeking asylum in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of aid to such persons through providing: grants, items and services to charities and other organisations with similar objectives.

How has this objective been achieved?

Aid trips to Refugee camps

Two deliveries of aid to the Hastings delivery hub for onward delivery to Calais C4C

Donations to Refugee support groups

- Donations to other support groups totalled £3754. This was about £3400 less than the previous year and reflects more difficult environment for fundraising but still a significant amount.
- Beneficiaries include , Care4Calais Legal fees for Rwanda campaign, DEC appeal, Free Shop Lebanon, Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, Byriani and Bananas Greece campaign and the Seawatch Mediterranean rescue boats.

Moses baskets project

- Moses baskets project has ended but we still distribute donated baskets to TOGS Derby childrens clothing bank

Fundraising

- Notable grant successes and dnations were as follows. Active Partners £3000; Arc Mecahnical £300; Freemasons £500;Kirk Ireton Gardens £500;Upbeat communities £500; MSDay £500;St Clements church congregation £330; Repton School £180. We had a legacy donation from Della Hammersley for £8000; Individuals donated a further £5480
- Dent the Rent is still surpassing the rent and internet cost by 143%, ensuring general premises costs are also covered without eating into other donations.
- During the year 35 individuals contributed to this cause.
- Belper clothes sales continued with ad hoc events achieving around £150 each event
- Weigh-in sales stopped during 2023 when the Savannah Rags depot was permanently closed
- Car boot sales again raised substantial amounts

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How has this objective been achieved?

Activities in Derbyshire

- Regular distribution of clothes to various hotels used by HO as Initial dispersal centres has continued through 2022/3
- Regular distribution of clothes to new asylum seekers arriving at DRS each week. One item from each of shoes, coat, hoodie etc to each new person.
- Twice weekly community centre activities with increasing numbers attending every week. Table football, pool , english lessons , music , art and gardening at St Annes. Numbers peaked over 100 with families attending for the first time from one of the Derby Hotels.
- Twice weekly allotment sessions at the the Lottie garden at Rowditch allotments
- Shining Cliffs trip with 21 asylum seekers thanks again to the amazing Wild Things team for hosting the day with so many wonderful activities.
- Day out to Cromford , Balck rocks and the Stone Centre.
- Peak District outing enjoyed by everyone on a full coach to Hartington
- Dans August garden BBQ was again a great success with around 50 people in Dans garden and all his family making food and providing entertainment
- Bikes: Ongoing - supplying refurbished cycles to local refugees along with essential safety equipment.
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- Regular Saturday standing with Iran protest at Derby Council
- Radio and TV interviews
- Two car boot sales at Tansley and Long Eaton with asylum seeker volunteers raising funds and raising awareness.
- The amazing Belper sales team raising funds with sales of vintage clothes in Belper once a month.
- Plans to develop the stage area into a help desk and sewing corner. First new cupboards built and installed by Ian.
- Two huge pallets of cleaning materials donated by Diversey Ltd. Distributed to hostel and shared house asylum seeker volunteers.
- National Refugee Week activities
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- Raised profile of asylum seekers with nomination for bravery award for rescuing man from River Derwent
- political candidates accepted invitations to visit DRS and talk about asylum issues.
- DRS featured in Right to Remain blog
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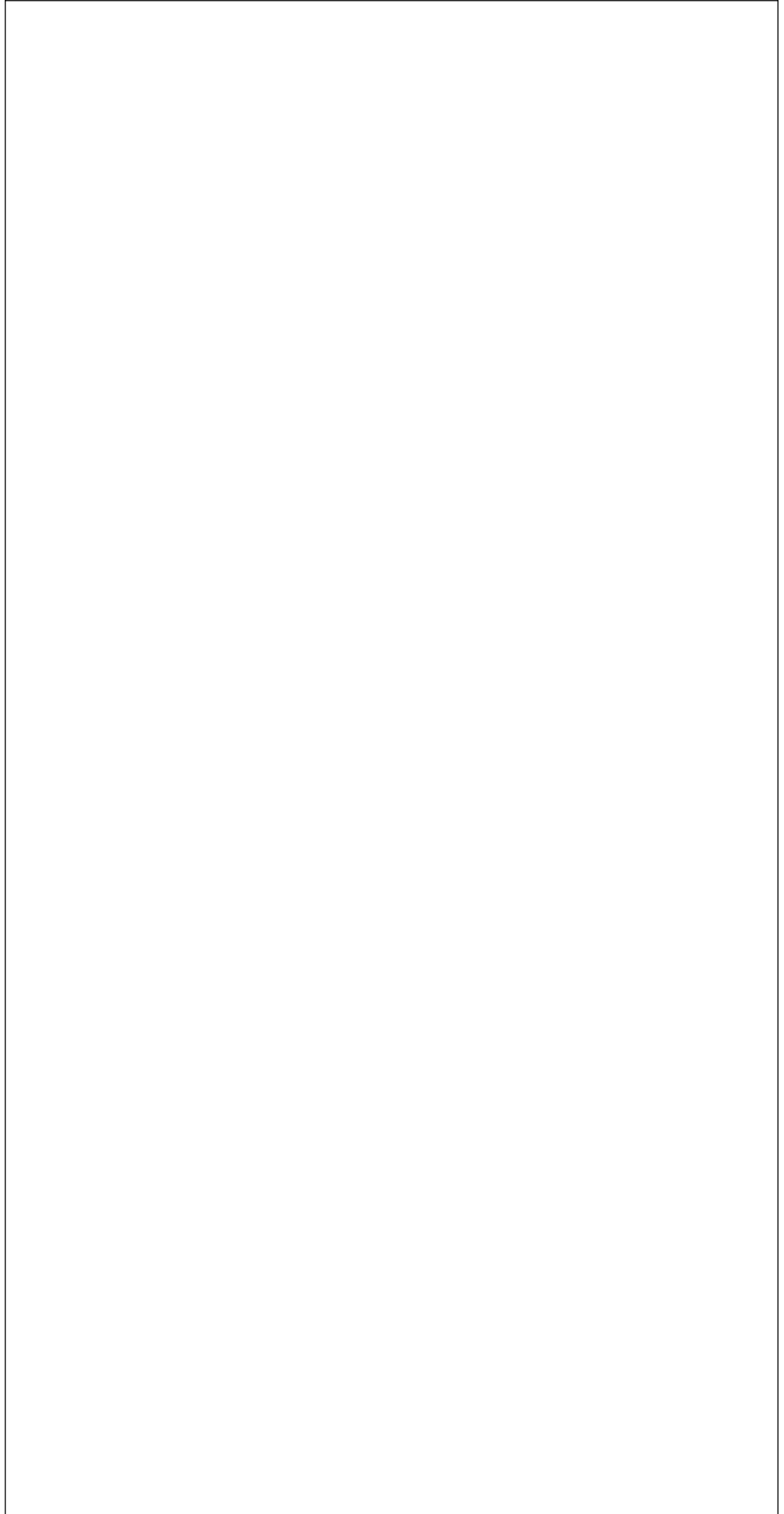
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Steve Cooke	
Full name(s)	Steve Cooke	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair, Treasurer	
Date	09/06/2024	

DRS CASH FLOW

01/09/2022 - 31/08/2023

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RECEIPTS	Merchandise sales	£0	£0	£0
RECEIPTS	Weigh in sales	£15	£0	£21
RECEIPTS	Gift Aid	£441	£0	£0
RECEIPTS	Petty cash banked	£0	£0	£0
RECEIPTS	Paypal banked	£0	£0	£0
		£4,930	£1,500	£2,458
EXPENSES	Bike scheme	£409	£483	£563
EXPENSES	Rent	£200	£200	£200
EXPENSES	Premises expenses	£248	£97	£72
EXPENSES	Refreshments	£22	£88	£3
EXPENSES	Sport / days out volunteers	£215	£937	£551
EXPENSES	Items for volunteers	£402	£62	£324
EXPENSES	Event expenses	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Advertising	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Bank Charges	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Donations to other charities	£0	£502	£300
EXPENSES	Activity supplies	£82	£0	£209
EXPENSES	Entertainment	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Merchandise expenses	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Travel expenses	£0	£0	£180
EXPENSES	Misc - to categorise	£0	£0	£0
EXPENSES	Items for donation	£0	£243	£640
EXPENSES	Paypal Charges	£5	£5	£9
		£1,584	£2,618	£3,049
TOTAL CASH IN / OUT		£3,346	-£1,119	-£591
BANK	Balance b/fwd	£4,241	£7,921	£6,827
PETTY CASH	Balance b/fwd	£0	£0	£0
PAYPAL	Balance b/fwd	£362	£28	£5
		£0	£0	£0
		OK	OK	OK
TOTAL CASH	Balance b/fwd	£4,603	£7,950	£6,831
TOTAL CASH	Balance c/fwd	£7,950	£6,831	£6,240

12 2022	1 2023	2 2023	3 2023	4 2023	5 2023	6 2023
Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23

£1,578	£1,445	£8,038	£1,722	£825	£212	£3,430
£273	£273	£283	£283	£278	£328	£368
£140	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
£122	£108	£300	£425	£598	£695	£1,471
£39	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£25	£0	£61	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,883	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	-£242	£0	£0	£0
£2,177	£1,830	£8,687	£2,194	£3,589	£1,490	£5,273

£537	£699	£738	£3,866	£606	£1,648	£1,020
£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200
£39	£471	£141	£298	£590	£285	£165
£0	£35	£31	£50	£4	£207	£16
£0	£126	£0	£53	£298	£174	£326
£430	£20	£20	£20	£10	£26	£60
£0	£0	£0	£25	£0	£71	£0
£0	£80	£0	£0	£33	£0	£0
£0	£20	£5	£28	£18	£28	£77
£1,000	£1,957	£1,000	£402	£1	£200	£0
£285	£103	£291	£174	£182	£0	£17
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£207	£0	£0	£160	£92	£10
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£561	£1,069	£540	£575	£0	£300	£606
£29	£2	£1	£1	£1	£1	£2
£3,082	£4,988	£2,968	£5,691	£2,102	£3,232	£2,497

-£906	-£3,158	£5,719	-£3,498	£1,487	-£1,742	£2,776
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£6,023	£5,098	£1,973	£7,658	£4,368	£5,826	£4,142
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£217	£236	£203	£237	£29	£58	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
£6,240	£5,334	£2,176	£7,895	£4,397	£5,884	£4,142
£5,334	£2,176	£7,895	£4,397	£5,884	£4,142	£6,918

7 2023	8 2023	TOTAL
Jul-23	Aug-23	2022/23

£2,467	£1,104	£23,981
£348	£348	£3,581
£5	£5	£195
£28	£301	£5,244
£0	£454	£733
£0	£0	£3,250
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£123
£0	£0	£2,324
£0	£0	£0 Should = nil
£0	£0	-£242 Should = nil
£2,848	£2,213	£39,188

£755	£1,317	£12,640
£200	£200	£2,400
£227	-£106	£2,528
£49	£120	£624
£488	£688	£3,857
£40	£20	£1,434
£0	£176	£272
£0	£0	£113
£18	£37	£229
£0	£0	£5,362
£23	£148	£1,514
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0
£0	£175	£824
£0	£0	£0 Should = nil
£503	£891	£5,928
£1	£1	£59
£2,303	£3,667	£37,783

£545	-£1,454	£1,406
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£6,870	£7,434##	£5,985
£0	£0##	£0
£49	£29##	£29
£0	£0	£0
OK	OK	OK
£6,918	£7,463	£4,603
£7,463	£6,009	£6,014
		OK
		£6,014



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1179384

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

Edring

Date:

16/07/2024

Name:

ELLEN DRING

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

8 LINCOLN STREET, NEWARK ON TRENT, NOTTINGHAM, NG24 1HP

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1179384

Accounts

Trustees Report and audited annual accounts 1st Sept 2021 - 31st August 2022

**Trustees: Charlie Stevens; Hazel Allister; Steve Cooke (chair)
Coral McDonnal, Abdel Aziz asylum seeker volunteer trustee**

Management group; Steve Cooke, Julie James .

Our objectives

1. The relief and assistance of refugees and those seeking asylum in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of aid to such persons through providing: grants, items and services to charities and other organisations with similar objectives.

How has this objective been achieved?

Aid trips to Refugee camps

Two deliveries of aid to the Hastings delivery hub for onward delivery to Calais C4C

Two deliveries direct to Calais C4C

Donations to Refugee support groups

- Donations to other support groups totalled £7010. This was about £2500 less than the previous year and reflects more difficult environment for fundraising but still a significant amount.
- Beneficiaries include Freshwater Project, Legal fees for Rwanda campaign, DEC Earthquake appeal Syria and Turkey, Donate4Refugees, Care4Calais, Medical Aid Palestine, Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Moses baskets project

- Moses baskets still being distributed to TOGS the Derby childrens clothing bank

Fundraising

- Notable grant successes. £14,320 from Derby council to buy 40 bikes with safety equipment and training. £2000 from Coop community fund to buy 20 bikes. Other significant donations from Derby Council £825, Helping Hands £500, DCF £1800, Lush retail £161 and ARC Mechanical £250. Anonymous donations totalled £7280. The Jumblebee auction raised £3336. Gift Aid provided another £1267 Redrow Building £311

- £100 a month from one generous regular donor. Dent the Rent has surpassed the rent cost by 143%, ensuring general premises costs are also covered without eating into other donations.
- During the year 37 individuals contributed to this cause.
- Belper clothes sales
- Weigh-in sales were down on the previous year, netting £1,331 income.

Queens Award for Voluntary Services

- Presented in early 2022 by the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire. This will increase our credibility as a charity and enhance our fundraising capability

2. The relief and assistance of asylum seekers and refugees and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Derby and Derbyshire by providing items, services and practical support.

How has this objective been achieved?

Activities in Derbyshire

- Regular distribution of clothes to various hotels used by HO as Initial dispersal centres.
- Regular distribution of clothes to new asylum seekers arriving at DRS each week
- Twice weekly community centre activities with increasing numbers attending every week. Table football, pool , english lessons , music , art and gardening at St Annes
- Twice weekly allotment sessions at the the Lottie garden at Rowditch allotments
- Shining Cliffs trip with 15 volunteers
- Carsington reservoir outing
- Calke Abbey outing
- Peak District outing
- Matlock Illuminations
- Markeaton Circus
- Dans BBQ

- Bikes: Ongoing - supplying refurbished cycles to local refugees along with essential safety equipment. was spent this year after receiving in donations towards this particular cause.
- Continued funding from Lifecycle UK for bike kitchen at DRS every Thursday and Saturday. 20 bike repairs every week.
- City and Guilds level 1 training provided for two asylum seeker volunteers who gained their certificate and have now moved to other cities after helping with bike maintenance at DRS.
- Regular signposting asylum seekers to other support organisations across Derby, for example the Warm Welcome monthly lunches.
- Provision of crockery and cutlery at DRS from public donations
- Two internment places funded by Derby University. Two successful applicants worked for several months as assistants to management team.
- monthly football sessions at The Willows Sports Centre and the annual Sports Day
- Regular Saturday standing with Iran protest at Derby Council
- Radio and TV interviews
- Palestine protest
- Kitemaking for Afghanistan
- National Refugee Week activities
- ParkRun with Refugees
- Open day with sales , raffle , tombola etc

3. To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum by promoting and providing activities which foster understanding.

- Inner wheel presentations
- Mothers Union presentations
- Chesterfield school visitors to DRS
- Visit to St Marys school
- Muggington school visit to DRS

- Open day and National Refugee week activities meeting general public
- Radio and TV interviews.
- Coop community evening presentation
- Stop Rwanda protests
- Iran protests

4. To empower refugees and asylum seekers in Derby by offering English conversation and/or grammar sessions, thereby increasing confidence, integration and employability between people from diverse backgrounds.

How has this objective been achieved?

- Twice weekly English lessons continue
- Increased team of tutors. The numbers vary but 6 – 10 tutors usually available
- Classroom still used in in garden
- Classroom used in church
- Continued Investment in resources and teaching aids, eg mobile whiteboard, mini whiteboards
- Portfolios to store work, certificates etc and to promote pride in achievements
- Regular games sessions including bingo to support English Learning and mental health
- To support local refugees with their education, DRS invested the £7k lottery grant on IT and English
- Fr Giles , priest at St Annes now opens church for English and music sessions
equipment, a total of £8,210 spent. This equipment will be used for years to come and will enhance the lives of many that visit DRS.

Finally and most importantly a massive THANK YOU to all our volunteers through the year without whom this long list of achievements would not have been possible



DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY FINANCIALS

Financial Year 1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022

INCOME

Grants: £17,645 was secured in grants during the financial year. £14k from Derby City Council towards bikes along with £825 Neighbourhood Wards fund towards football activities. Helping Hands granted £500 for refugee clothing items and £2,000 was granted from Community Dividend

Donations: Its clear to see how DRS has a place in many hearts when you look at the amount of one-off donations made throughout the year - a total of £18.4k! One couple donated their wedding collection and many others have been super generous. Dent the Rent has surpassed the rent cost by 125%, ensuring general premises costs are also covered without eating into other donations. Gift aid of £1.3k from donations was received during the year too.

Warehouse & event sales: £10,807 was taken in warehouse and event sales during the year along with £1,522 weigh in sales.

SPEND

Other charities: DRS gave £9,430 to other charities during the year - Rohingya Refugees, Care4Calais, Muslims in Need, Rwanda Appeal and Freedom from Torture to name a few. £900 was spent on transport costs to deliver aid from the warehouse.

Items for donation: With the Afghanistan crisis, DRS has helped hundreds of refugees that are staying in local hotels by donating clothing, shoes and essential items. £7,196 was spent in total.

Activities: Activity supplies of £3,757 - to give volunteer refugees the opportunity to learn English, play drums and get involved with sports amongst other activities.

Bikes: Another superb initiative is the bike scheme- supplying refurbished cycles to local refugees along with essential safety equipment. £26,290 was spent this year after receiving £18,070 in donations towards this particular cause.

DRS CASH FLOW

01/09/2021 - 31/08/2022

		TOTAL 2021/22
RECEIPTS	One off donation	£18,443
RECEIPTS	Dent the rent donation	£3,020
RECEIPTS	Regular donation	£570
RECEIPTS	Warehouse sales	£6,107
RECEIPTS	Event sales / donations	£4,701
RECEIPTS	Grants	£17,645
RECEIPTS	Merchandise sales	£11
RECEIPTS	Weigh in sales	£1,522
RECEIPTS	Gift Aid	£1,268
RECEIPTS	Petty cash banked	£0
RECEIPTS	Paypal banked	£0
		£53,286
EXPENSES	Bike scheme	£26,290
EXPENSES	Rent	£2,400
EXPENSES	Premises expenses	£3,756
EXPENSES	Event expenses	£375
EXPENSES	Advertising	£0
EXPENSES	Bank Charges	£0
EXPENSES	Donations to other charities	£9,430
EXPENSES	Activity supplies	£3,757
EXPENSES	Entertainment	£229
EXPENSES	Merchandise expenses	£276
EXPENSES	Travel expenses	£1,024
EXPENSES	Misc - to categorise	£0
EXPENSES	Items for donation	£7,196
EXPENSES	Paypal Charges	£70
		£54,804
TOTAL CASH IN / OUT		-£1,518



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1179384

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

20/06/2023

Name:

Afzahl Fatemah-Razak

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MAAT

Address:

30 Leopold Street

Derby

DE1 2HF

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

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

Signed By

LYNSEY MACDONALD

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Name of signatory	Lynsey Macdonald

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1179384

Accounts

Trustees Report and audited annual accounts 1st Sept 2020 - 31st August 2021

Trustees Retiring : Zak Mohamad

**Trustees : Charlie Stevens; Hazel Allister; Steve Cooke (chair)
Coral McDonnal**

Management group; Steve Cooke, Julie James .

Our objectives

1. The relief and assistance of refugees and those seeking asylum in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of aid to such persons through providing: grants, items and services to charities and other organisations with similar objectives.

How has this objective been achieved?

Aid trips to Refugee camps

3 trips to Calais either to Collective Aid or C4C

Donations to Refugee support groups

- DRS gave £9,374 to other charities during the year including Care4Calais, Muslims in Need, Medical Aid, Sea Watch Rescue, RNLI, & Pallet Aid

Moses baskets project

- Last few Moses baskets have been distributed to TOGS the Derby childrens clothing bank

Fundraising

- An amazing achievement to receive £29k in a world that was struggling with Covid and lockdowns.
- DRS secured funding from the National Lottery of £7,000 that was spent on new IT and English resources for DRS attendees.
- A further £1,250 in Covid grants and £404 from cycling UK.
Donations: £2,400 from anonymous donor towards the bikes fund, £656 from Just Giving plus 35 more of varying values, totalling £7k for the year.

- £100 a month from one generous regular donor. Dent the Rent has surpassed the rent cost by 143%, ensuring general premises costs are also covered without eating into other donations.
- In August, 37 individuals contributed to this cause. Gift aid of £1k from donations was also included this year.
- Warehouse sales: £5,391 was taken in warehouse and event sales – impressive to say the least given most of the year was spent in lockdown.
- Weigh-in sales were also on a par with the previous year, netting £2,254 income.

2. The relief and assistance of asylum seekers and refugees and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Derby and Derbyshire by providing items, services and practical support.

How has this objective been achieved?

Activities in Derbyshire

- Massive collection clothes for Afghan refugees
- Regular distribution of clothes to various hotels used by HO as Initial dispersal centres
- Shining Cliffs trip with 15 volunteers
- Bikes: Another superb initiative is the bike scheme- supplying refurbished cycles to local refugees along with essential safety equipment. £4,534 was spent this year after receiving £3,804 in donations towards this particular cause.

National Refugee Week activities

- Virtual Run with Refugees
- Open day with sales , raffle , tombola etc
- 10 miles sponsored run
- You tube film Sue Allanson and music by Ray

4. To empower refugees and asylum seekers in Derby by offering English conversation and/or grammar sessions, thereby increasing confidence, integration and employability.

How has this objective been achieved?

- Twice weekly English lessons continue

- Increased team of tutors. The numbers vary but 6 - 10 tutors usually available
- Classroom still used in in garden
- Continued Investment in resources and teaching aids, eg mobile whiteboard, mini whiteboards
- Portfolios to store work, certificates etc and to promote pride in achievements
- Regular games sessions including bingo to support English Learning and mental health
- To support local refugees with their education, DRS invested the £7k lottery grant on IT and English equipment, a total of £8,210 spent. This equipment will be used for years to come and will enhance the lives of many that visit DRS.

Finally and most importantly a massive THANK YOU to all our volunteers through the year without whom this long list of achievements would not have been possible



DRS CASH FLOW

01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021

9 2020
09/20

RECEIPTS	One off donation	£437
RECEIPTS	Dent the rent donation	£262
RECEIPTS	Regular donation	£100
RECEIPTS	Warehouse sales	£342
RECEIPTS	Event sales / donations	£0
RECEIPTS	Grants	£0
RECEIPTS	Merchandise sales	£0
RECEIPTS	Weigh in sales	£0
RECEIPTS	Gift Aid	£0
RECEIPTS	Petty cash banked	£0
RECEIPTS	Paypal banked	£0
		£1,141
EXPENSES	Bike scheme	£250
EXPENSES	Rent	£0
EXPENSES	Premises expenses	£206
EXPENSES	Event expenses	£0
EXPENSES	Advertising	£0
EXPENSES	Bank Charges	£2
EXPENSES	Donations to other charities	£0
EXPENSES	Activity supplies	£114
EXPENSES	Entertainment	£0
EXPENSES	Merchandise expenses	£0
EXPENSES	Travel expenses	£49
EXPENSES	Misc - to categorise	£0
EXPENSES	Items for donation	£0
EXPENSES	Paypal Charges	£15
		£637
TOTAL CASH IN / OUT		£504

10 2020	11 2020	12 2020	1 2021	2 2021	3 2021	4 2021	5 2021
10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21

£98	£1,391	£900	£30	£612	£255	£270	£197
£270	£277	£262	£267	£237	£297	£227	£277
£100	£200	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100
£326	£205	£549	£91	£0	£127	£437	£408
£64	£118	£0	£89	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£7,000	£0	£0	£1,250	£0	£404
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£73	£237	£368	£162	£218	£276	£0	£329
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£930	£2,428	£9,179	£739	£1,167	£2,305	£1,034	£1,714

£225	£235	£482	£10	£0	£510	£200	£292
£0	£600	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200
£53	£0	£8	£25	£12	£223	£819	£91
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£1,400	£1,710	£2,000	£0	£202	£800	£0
£277	£223	£3,337	£1,118	£522	£235	£696	£875
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£247	£150	£0	£420	£0	£0	£0	£200
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£10	£35	£6	£7	£7	£6	£6	£6
£812	£2,643	£5,743	£3,780	£741	£1,376	£2,721	£1,664

£119	-£215	£3,436	-£3,041	£426	£929	-£1,687	£50
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6 2021 7 2021 8 2021
06/21 07/21 08/21

TOTAL
2020/21

£124	£3,131	£233
£267	£267	£279
£100	£100	£100
£440	£706	£524
£71	£455	£0
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0
£0	£273	£319
£1,121	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0
£2,123	£4,932	£1,454

£7,676
£3,189
£1,300
£4,154
£797
£8,654
£0
£2,254
£1,121
£0
£0
£29,146

£558	£421	£1,350
£200	£200	£200
£519	£65	£653
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£6
£0	£1,000	£2,263
£36	£338	£440
£0	£8	£14
£0	£0	£0
£40	£220	£58
£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£261
£6	£6	£9
£1,359	£2,258	£5,254

£4,534
£2,400
£2,676
£0
£0
£8
£9,374
£8,210
£22
£0
£1,383
£0
£261
£120
£28,989

£764 £2,674 -£3,801

£157



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2021 Charity no (if any) 1179384

Set out on pages

ONE (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 04/04/22

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

DERBYSHIRE REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1179384

Accounts

Trustees Report and audited annual accounts 1st Sept 2019 - 31st August 2020

Trustees Retiring: Bob Davies , Chrissie Pope, Lucy Kay

New Trustees appointed: Steve Cooke (chair and treasurer) Coral McDonnell, Hazel Allister , Charlie Stevens , Zak Mohamed

New Management group; Steve Cooke, Julie James, Charlie and Sue Stevens

Our objectives

1. The relief and assistance of refugees and those seeking asylum in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of aid to such persons through providing: grants, items and services to charities and other organisations with similar objectives.

How has this objective been achieved?

Aid trips to Refugee camps

Ranald and Pete to L'Auberge

Mike Hawkins to France

Chris Bristow to France

Mairtin to France

Sal and Jen car load of aid August

Planned September trip with Mairtin

Reverse Advent Calendar project:, 156 food/hygiene packs

Sal Chaffey two trips with DRS donations

Issa to Kent hub of C4C with full van

Donations to Refugee support groups

Total donations Sept 2019 to August 2020 **£10,400**

Beneficiaries : Care4Calais : Donate4Refugees : MARDHI : Help Refugees : Refugee Community Kitchen Calais : Ruhi Aktar Greece : Muslims In Need Yemen / Syria / Rohingya : Heather Young Paris : No Borders shoe appeal.

Moses baskets project

Collection by Mesopotamia 9.1.20

Fundraising

Dent in the Rent now stands at **£257 per month**

Ebay ...massive thanks Yagel and Gareth and children **£459.51**

Beatfeet

Participation in Coronavirus Lockdown Relay

Donations: Freedom Feed' em, Northern Lights Cinema, birthday fundraisers,

Charlie's 15k sponsored run.

Kims' corridor shop... and Kims' front garden shop.

New selling arrangements in warehouse during English lessons only
£664.21

Savanah recycling clothes sales **£2295**

Individual donations from many people.

2. The relief and assistance of asylum seekers and refugees and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Derby and Derbyshire by providing items, services and practical support.

How has this objective been achieved?

Activities in Derbyshire

Matlock illuminations visit

Mohammed Reza concert at DRS Made video for Sue Allanson video

Wild things visit to Shining Cliffs 25.2.20

Theatre Trip 4.1.20

Beatfeet - African dance/drumming event 7.2.20

Trip to Nottingham 23.2.20

Trip to Derwent Valley 20.8.20

St Annes activities include Music , Art, Sewing, Gardening , Woodworking
Yoga ,

Bike maintenance class

Donation of bike repair workshop equipment.

Negotiating Bike workshop kitchen at DRS with Bikeback charity with National Lottery funding. Once a week maintenance and training class with refugee volunteers. Open to all refugees across Derby

Weekly food donations form Fareshare

Twice weekly sorting clothes for aid trips or selling for funds at home and abroad.

Regular volunteer numbers around 25 – 40. Half from local refugee asylum seeker community. Highest number volunteers in one session 60.

Garden refurbished to include vegetable plot and flower beds and space for outside English lessons

Activities during Lockdown

Fortnightly newsletter

Risk assessment and ongoing safety provision in St Anne's

Two successful bids for PPE funding grants £677 + £250

Buddy groups for English support

Music app group

Link with Crow Wood allotment

Other support apps e.g Upbeat Communities.

Litter picking morning

Provision of aid in Derbyshire

Hardship fund £300 Aldi vouchers donated for distribution from DRAC

Regular donations to refugees in St Anne's Eg Laverstoke court people

23 bikes repaired ,serviced and given out to provide transport opportunities.

Storage of furniture and delivery to refugees with new accommodation

Help with repairs in accommodation.

Support for Laverstoke people during recent racist graffiti attacks

Working with other organisations in Derbyshire and beyond.

Regular updates and liaison with DRAC , Migrant Help , Red Cross , TOGS

Derby University, Nottinghamshire refugee groups, Wild Things, Peak Rangers , Bikeback ,

3. To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum by promoting and providing activities which foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

How has this objective been achieved?

- Hazel to Mansfield Inner wheel
- Bob's Calais induction course
- Visit to St Mary's Church, Plumtree, Nottingham
- Adam Bates's update on Greece
- Research project with Derby University International Relations Dept.
- BBC online coverage of trip to Shining Cliff woods 25.2.20

National Refugee Week activities

- Radio Free Matlock
- BBC Radio Derby interviews
- Liaison with IMIX
- Interview with Daily Mirror online
- Virtual parkrun 'Run with Refugees'
- Charlie's 15k sponsored run
- "From there to here," Photo montage on youtube

4. To empower refugees and asylum seekers in Derby by offering English conversation and/or grammar sessions, thereby increasing confidence, integration and employability.

How has this objective been achieved?

- Twice weekly English lessons
- Increased team of tutors. There are now 10 in the team
- "Classroom" created on the stage, with storage for materials, portfolios games etc
- Classroom created in garden
- Investment in resources and teaching aids, eg mobile whiteboard, mini whiteboards
- Portfolios to store work, certificates etc and to promote pride in achievements
- Sal Chaffey completed online ESOL course
- Invested in white board and new printer.
- English team gradually augmented to 10 strong team
- English certificates awarded for work and Home Office portfolios

Finally and most importantly a massive THANK YOU to all our volunteers through the year without whom this long list of achievements would not have been possible



DRS CASH FLOW

01/09/2019 - 31/08/2020

9 2019

09/19

RECEIPTS	One off donation	£575
RECEIPTS	Dent the rent donation	£60
RECEIPTS	Regular donation	£100
RECEIPTS	Warehouse sales	£90
RECEIPTS	Event sales	£75
RECEIPTS	Grants	£0
RECEIPTS	Merchandise sales	£0
RECEIPTS	Weigh in sales	£179
EXPENSES	Gift Aid	£0
		£1,079
EXPENSES	Bike scheme	£0
EXPENSES	Rent	£200
EXPENSES	Premises expenses	£150
EXPENSES	Event expenses	£0
EXPENSES	Advertising	£0
EXPENSES	Bank Charges	£5
EXPENSES	Donations to other charities	£100
EXPENSES	Activity supplies	£6
EXPENSES	Entertainment	£93
EXPENSES	Merchandise expenses	£0
EXPENSES	Travel expenses	£510
EXPENSES	Misc - to categorise	£0
EXPENSES	Items for donation	£425
EXPENSES	Paypal Charges	£12
		£1,500
TOTAL CASH IN / OUT		-£421
BANK	Balance b/fwd	£9,600
PETTY CASH	Balance b/fwd	£768
PAYPAL	Balance b/fwd	£271
TOTAL CASH	Balance b/fwd	£10,639
TOTAL CASH	Balance c/fwd	£10,218

10 2019	11 2019	12 2019	1 2020	2 2020
10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20

£213	£128	£2,063	£1,247	£655
£70	£70	£81	£136	£242
£100	£100	£0	£0	£0
£100	£54	£262	£364	£90
£0	£472	£982	£66	£233
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£71	£105	£162	£0	£5
£185	£295	£409	£322	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£739	£1,223	£3,959	£2,135	£1,225

£0	£100	£120	£35	£405
£200	£200	£200	£200	£200
£619	£161	£9	£359	£260
£0	£0	£30	£424	£0
£42	£0	£88	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£2	£0
£0	£0	£2,800	£0	£2,106
£76	£0	£0	£0	£48
£149	£96	£0	£30	£231
£195	£0	£0	£0	£0
£350	£0	£83	£335	£217
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£208	£0	£0	£0	£0
£2	£7	£23	£4	£3
£1,842	£564	£3,353	£1,391	£3,469

-£1,103	£660	£606	£744	-£2,244
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£9,384	£8,592	£8,810	£9,070	£9,772
£250	£271	£514	£201	£142
£584	£252	£451	£1,110	£1,212
£10,218	£9,115	£9,775	£10,381	£11,125
£9,115	£9,775	£10,381	£11,125	£8,881

3 2020	4 2020	5 2020	6 2020	7 2020
03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20

£410	£545	£380	£500	£260
£242	£247	£242	£242	£262
£0	£50	£0	£50	£0
£35	£0	£0	£0	£295
£47	£0	£48	£0	£218
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£390	£26
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£734	£842	£670	£1,182	£1,061

£0	£0	£0	£0	£150
£200	£200	£200	£200	£200
£196	£0	£0	£514	£237
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£1,500	£3,040	£0	£1,000	£0
£99	£0	£0	£0	£16
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£50	£0	£0	£0	£0
£153	£0	£0	£72	£40
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
£0	£373	£0	£0	£700
£4	£6	£15	£17	£6
£2,202	£3,619	£215	£1,804	£1,349

-£1,468	-£2,777	£455	-£622	-£288
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£7,487	£6,491	£4,438	£4,543	£3,420
£126	£69	£69	£69	£50
£1,269	£854	£130	£480	£1,000
£8,881	£7,413	£4,637	£5,091	£4,470
£7,413	£4,637	£5,091	£4,470	£4,181

8 2020

TOTAL

08/20

2019/20

£1,569	£8,545
£265	£2,159
£0	£400
£318	£1,608
£0	£2,140
£677	£677
£0	£343
£575	£2,380
£0	£0
£3,404	£18,252

£0	£810
£200	£2,400
£291	£2,797
£4	£458
£0	£130
£0	£7
£1,000	£11,545
£22	£267
£0	£599
£0	£245
£100	£1,860
£0	£0
£0	£1,706
£4	£103
£1,620	£22,927

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£10,639

£5,965

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