

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:

Afzehl Fatemah-Razak

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(if any):

MAAT

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

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

Signed By

LYNSEY MACDONALD

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