



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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Section A Reference and administration details

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| 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 |
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| 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) |
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| 1 | Charlie Stevens | Fundraising lead | | |
| 2 | Steve Cooke | Chair, Treasuere | | |
| 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 |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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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)

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.

Trustees have the Charity Commission guidelines on Trustee responsibilities.

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

Julie James, volunteer coordinator and Steve Cooke Premises manager are day to day managers and keyholders.

Part of Derby City of Sanctuary network.

Major risks discussed in safeguarding team meetings Coral McDonnell, Julie James and Steve Cooke.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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.

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

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 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.
 - Monthly escorted bike rides thanks to ride leaders and Cycling UK for training and support.
 - Around 50 bikes refurbished and delivered to local asylum hotels
 - Continued funding from Lifecycle UK for bike kitchen at DRS every Thursday and Saturday. 20 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.
 - Dliwan from the music group finalist in the Derby Eurovision music contest..
 - Provision of crockery and cutlery at DRS from public donations
 - 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.
 - DRS runs the Derby 10k. 5 free places for asylum seekers and a team of 12 raised over £800 and everyone finishing with a personal best time.
 - 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
 - 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 biult 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
- 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

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- Music group played regular sessions during the day.

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
- St Marys school music group joined DRS music team for a concert in St Annes church
- Anthony Gell school visit.
- Riddings Primary school visit
- Open day and National Refugee week activities meeting general public.
- Hange and Rozh speak at the TUC Stand up to Racism meeting in Birmingham.
- DRS volunteers attend protests in Long Eaton and Kegworth.
- DRS stand at Derby Womens Day festival
- Radio and TV interviews.
- Coop community evening presentation
- Stop Rwanda protests
- Iran protests
- 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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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
- New shelving erected in the hall ready for reopening in October.
- 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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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,

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 30+ volunteers pays for rent and internet connection for DRS and adjoining church and mission house.

Funds also generated by music events , grant applications, car boot 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

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| 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

9 2022 10 2022 11 2022
Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22

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| RECEIPTS | One off donation | £661 | £1,142 | £1,357 |
| RECEIPTS | Dent the rent donation | £273 | £273 | £253 |
| RECEIPTS | Regular donation | £5 | £5 | £5 |
| RECEIPTS | Warehouse sales | £294 | £80 | £823 |
| RECEIPTS | Event sales / donations | £240 | £0 | £0 |
| RECEIPTS | Grants | £3,000 | £0 | £0 |
| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| £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 |

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| £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 |

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| -£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 |

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

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| £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 | |

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| £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 | |

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| £545 | -£1,454 | £1,406 |
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| £6,870 | £7,434 | £5,985 |
| £0 | £0 | £0 |
| £49 | £29 | £29 |
| £0 | £0 | £0 |
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| £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:

Date:

16/07/2024

Name:

ELLEN DRING

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

Address:

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