

REFUGEE AID FROM TAUNTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1180367

Details

Other names RAFT

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-10-18

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

Contact

Address Unit 4
Enterprise Park
Priorswood Road
Taunton
Somerset
TA2 8DU

Phone 07545895768

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE AND ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF WAR, CONFLICT OR NATURAL DISASTER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF CLOTHING, SANITARY WEAR, VOLUNTEERS, FUNDS, FOOD, MEDICAL AID, ACCOMMODATION, ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.2) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY PROVIDING PERSONS IN NEED WITH GRANTS OR MONEY OR BY PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR SERVICES, ITEMS OR FACILITIES.3) THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROMOTION OF RECYCLING AND SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT;4) TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE CHARITABLE UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE

Activities: We carry out our objects by receiving donations from members of the public and distributing these to refugees, both in the local community and across the world. Any items unsuitable for distribution are sold at a reduced rate to the local community. We aim to be zero waste wherever possible, using all donated items in some form, donating to other charities where no other options are available.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Burma
- Cameroon
- France
- Ghana
- Greece
- India
- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- Malawi
- Romania
- Serbia
- Syria
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,971	£53,005	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,568	£59,662	-	-
2023-03-31	£50,441	£39,228	-	-
2022-03-31	£35,089	£10,745	-	-
2021-03-31	£17,826	£10,625	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FEDERICA SMITH-ROBERTS	Chair	2018-10-18
FAREDA FAKHRAI		2018-10-18
JESSICA WINTRIP		2018-10-18
KEITH DEW		2018-10-18
LYNETTE CLARK		2018-10-18
MARK CURTIS		2018-10-18
Michelle Clare Ferris		2018-10-18
Natasha Anne Tidman		2025-03-08
PAUL ROYLANCE		2018-10-18

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			Period end date			
01	April	2024	31	March	2025	
From			To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Refugee Aid from Taunton
Other names charity is known by	RAFT
Registered charity number (if any)	1180367
Charity's principal address	Unit 4, Enterprise Park
	Priorswood Road
	Taunton, Somerset
	Postcode TA2 8DU

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	Elaine Dew		Resigned 28 September 2024	
2	Fareda Fakhrai			
3	Federica Smith-Roberts	Chair		
4	Jessica Wintrip			
5	Keith Dew	Treasurer		
6	Lynette Clark			
7	Mark Curtis			
8	Michelle Ferris			
9	Paul Roylance			
10	Tushie Tidman		Appointed 8 March 2025	
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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 dated 18 October 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the current board, based on their expertise and experience of the charity.

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>New trustees receive a copy of the charity's constitution, accounts and major policies on appointment. It is anticipated that any new trustees are likely to already be aware of the charity's operations but full briefing will be given by existing charities if required.</p> <p>The charity is run on a day to day basis by its trustees. All trustees are volunteers and practically the operations are carried out by volunteers, both trustees and others. The charity does not have any paid staff.</p> <p>The trustees consider the major risks to the charity at every meeting and what is being done to manage them.</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>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For the public benefit to relieve and assist the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster throughout the world, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of clothing, sanitary wear, volunteers, funds, food, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation and other humanitarian assistance. 2) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in particular, but not exclusively, by providing persons in need with grants or money or by providing or paying for services, items or facilities.
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- 3) The protection and preservation of the environment, in particular but not exclusively, by the promotion of recycling and sustainable waste management;
- 4) To further such other purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the trustees from time to time determine.

The charity carries out its objects in practice by receiving donations from members of the public (both financial and of goods and clothes) and distributing these to refugees, both in the local community and across the world. Any items unsuitable for distribution are sold at a reduced rate to the local community.

We aim to be zero waste wherever possible, using all donated items in some form, donating to other charities where no other options are available.

Public benefit is achieved throughout all our operations, primarily through the distribution of aid to those in need, and the availability of reduced rate clothing (including school uniform).

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)

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

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

We provide grants to other organisations who share similar charitable objectives. These are assessed by the trustees and full due diligence undertaken to ensure that the organisations that we provide funding to are registered charities.

Our entire organisation is run by volunteers, for which we are hugely indebted. We would not be able to operate without the generosity of our volunteers, some of whom give large amounts of time to assist us. We are unable to recognise this value in our financial statements, however wish to express our thanks to anyone who has volunteered with the charity during the year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year to 31 March 2025, our operations continued to be impacted by issues with supply routes, particularly into unsafe areas such as Gaza, with many supply routes to our usual donation points unable to operate. Due partly to this, and partly to the increased need within our local communities, our focus for donations of aid has continued to be locally, although we have once again increased our financial donations to overseas communities that we are not able to reach with physical aid. Our local community has continued to be home to many refugees, both from Ukraine and the Middle East, as well as housing refugees placed in the community by government.

We are incredibly grateful to both the people who continue to bring us donations, and the volunteers who assist with collating and sorting, which allows us to help so many people locally.

During 2023-24 we were delighted to be able to bring back our local sales to continue our aim to be zero waste and to assist local families and communities with items unsuitable for onward shipping. These have continued throughout the year with great success. Our previous success with online selling (particularly eBay and Vinted), selling items donated to us that are not suitable for onward distribution, or where we can obtain better value for our beneficiaries, has continued. This has allowed us to maintain sufficient reserves to enable us to make monetary donations to organisations working in the overseas areas that we would normally ship to, to allow some aid to still be delivered.

We are also very conscious that the move to a more formal lease arrangement with our premises, whilst providing more security for the charity, puts financial pressure on the charity due to our commitment to pay rent. We are therefore extremely grateful to have been able to generate such significant funds from the sale of items. Going forward, we will need to retain a significant focus on fundraising to allow us to remain financially viable.

As a result of the operational difficulties outlined above, we have succeeded in making 28 shipments during the year, which has been distributed primarily across the Middle East, Ukraine and France, providing 33 tonnes of aid (2024 – 34 shipments, providing 38 tonnes of aid). This is a decrease from 2024 and continues to drop since before Covid. For reference, in 2019-20, we made 96 shipments, delivering 100 tonnes. We respond to need across the world and more recently the need has been more local to us in assisting local refugees.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is aiming to build reserves sufficient to enable an orderly run down of the charity should it ever be required. It is considered that around 6 months of expenditure should enable this, which is approximately £20,000. In addition, we would like to retain sufficient funds to pay our rent for the committed 2 year period without further income (approx. £35,000). We therefore consider that the balance at the year end of £33,462 is both reasonable and appropriate. The deficit incurred in the year of £10,034 was a conscious decision to spend down some of our funds to communities in need.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The income for the charity primarily comes from donations and the sale of goods that are unsuitable for distribution as aid.

Expenditure is spent primarily on carrying out our charitable objectives. Due to our move to rented premises, we are now incurring some more significant overhead costs such as rent, service charge, insurance and some small admin expenses such as printing and postage.

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)	K Dew	F Smith-Roberts
Full name(s)	Keith Dew	Federica Smith-Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	27/01/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Refugee Aid From Taunton

1180367

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,790	-	-	3,790	3,991
Sale of donated items	39,105	-	-	39,105	42,498
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid received	76	-	-	76	79
Grants received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,971	-	-	42,971	46,568
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,971	-	-	42,971	46,568
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations	24,956	-	-	24,956	29,368
Transport	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,950
Insurance	-	-	-	-	96
Warehouse expenses	1,744	-	-	1,744	2,556
Advertising and printing	172	-	-	172	-
Rent and rates	18,011	-	-	18,011	18,574
Postage	6,562	-	-	6,562	7,118
Sub total	53,005	-	-	53,005	59,662
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,005	-	-	53,005	59,662
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,034	-	-	- 10,034	- 13,094
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,496	-	-	43,496	56,590
Cash funds this year end	33,462	-	-	33,462	43,496

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	31,360	-	-
	Paypal account	2,013	-	-
	Cash	89	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,462	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F Smith-Roberts	Federica Smith-Roberts	27/01/2025	
	K Dew	Keith Dew	27/01/2025	

Refugee Aid From Taunton
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with Charity Commission's guidance.
2. Neither the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration during the year (2024: NIL). No expenses were reimbursed to trustees. (2024: £50 to 4 Trustees).
3. The Charity holds no Restricted funds at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).
4. The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Refugee Aid From Taunton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Refugee Aid From Taunton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refugee Aid From Taunton for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

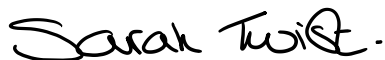
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.



Sarah Twist FCA DChA
Chartered Accountant
A C Mole LLP
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TAUNTON
TA1 2PX

29 January 2026

REFUGEE AID FROM TAUNTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1180367

Accounts



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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year to 31 March 2024, our major achievement (and indeed our most significant achievement since the founding of the charity) was being awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. We were delighted to have been awarded such an honour for our work not only with refugees worldwide, but with our local communities. Following an invitation for our trustees to attend a royal garden party, we held a wonderful celebration with all our volunteers in May 2024, and were delighted to formally receive the award from Mohammed Saddiq, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset.

Our operations in the year continued to be impacted by issues with supply routes, particularly into unsafe areas such as Gaza, with many supply routes to our usual donation points unable to operate. Due partly to this, and partly to the increased need within our local communities, our focus for donations of aid has continued to be locally, although we have once again increased our financial donations to overseas communities that we are not able to reach with physical aid.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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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)	K Dew	F Smith-Roberts
Full name(s)	Keith Dew	Federica Smith-Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	16/11/24	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	04/01/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,991	-	-	3,991	6,661
Sale of donated items	42,498	-	-	42,498	37,440
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	100
Gift aid received	79	-	-	79	240
Grants received	-	-	-	-	6,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,568	-	-	46,568	50,441
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,568	-	-	46,568	50,441
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations	29,368	-	-	29,368	6,725
Transport	1,950	-	-	1,950	2,010
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Warehouse expenses	2,556	-	-	2,556	2,992
Advertising and printing	-	-	-	-	70
Rent and rates	18,574	-	-	18,574	19,998
Postage	7,118	-	-	7,118	7,337
Sub total	59,662	-	-	59,662	39,228
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59,662	-	-	59,662	39,228
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,094	-	-	- 13,094	11,213
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,590			56,590	45,377
Cash funds this year end	43,496			43,496	56,590

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	42,287	-	-
	Paypal account	1,147	-	-
	Cash	62	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,496	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		F Smith-Roberts	Federica Smith-Roberts	16/11/24
		K Dew	Keith Dew	16/11/24

Refugee Aid From Taunton
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with Charity Commission's guidance.
2. Neither the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration during the year (2023: NIL). Expenses totalling £50 were reimbursed to 4 trustees. (2023: None).
3. The Charity holds no Restricted funds at 31 March 2024 (2023: Nil).
4. The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Refugee Aid From Taunton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Refugee Aid From Taunton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refugee Aid From Taunton for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.



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26 January 2025

REFUGEE AID FROM TAUNTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1180367

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Unit 4, Enterprise Park	
Priorswood Road	
Taunton, Somerset	
Postcode	TA2 8DU

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	Kate Swann		Resigned 25 May 2022	
2	Elaine Dew			
3	Fareda Fakhrai			
4	Federica Smith-Roberts	Chair		
5	Jessica Wintrip			
6	Jill Denton		Resigned 5 November 2023	
7	Keith Dew	Treasurer		
8	Lynette Clark			
9	Mark Curtis			
10	Michelle Ferris			
11	Paul Roylance			
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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 dated 18 October 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the current board, based on their expertise and experience of the charity.

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.

New trustees receive a copy of the charity's constitution, accounts and major policies on appointment. It is anticipated that any new trustees are likely to already be aware of the charity's operations but full briefing will be given by existing charities if required.

The charity is run on a day to day basis by its trustees. All trustees are volunteers and practically the operations are carried out by volunteers, both trustees and others. The charity does not have any paid staff.

The trustees consider the major risks to the charity at every meeting and what is being done to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are:

- 1) For the public benefit to relieve and assist the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster throughout the world, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of clothing, sanitary wear, volunteers, funds, food, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation and other humanitarian assistance.
- 2) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in particular, but not exclusively, by providing persons in need with grants or money or by providing or paying for services, items or facilities.

- 3) The protection and preservation of the environment, in particular but not exclusively, by the promotion of recycling and sustainable waste management;
- 4) To further such other purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the trustees from time to time determine.

The charity carries out its objects in practice by receiving donations from members of the public (both financial and of goods and clothes) and distributing these to refugees, both in the local community and across the world. Any items unsuitable for distribution are sold at a reduced rate to the local community.

We aim to be zero waste wherever possible, using all donated items in some form, donating to other charities where no other options are available.

Public benefit is achieved throughout all our operations, primarily through the distribution of aid to those in need, and the availability of reduced rate clothing (including school uniform).

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)

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

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

We provide grants to other organisations who share similar charitable objectives. These are assessed by the trustees and full due diligence undertaken to ensure that the organisations that we provide funding to are registered charities.

Our entire organisation is run by volunteers, for which we are hugely indebted. We would not be able to operate without the generosity of our volunteers, some of whom give large amounts of time to assist us. We are unable to recognise this value in our financial statements, however wish to express our thanks to anyone who has volunteered with the charity during the year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year to 31 March 2023, our major achievement was moving the location of our operations. Following 6 years based at the warehouse that was our previous centre of operations, we were notified in Autumn 2021 that the warehouse was due to be knocked down as part of a larger development.

Following a lot of investigation work, we identified a potential new unit for operation and are pleased to have moved over the prior year end, from end March – start April 2022.

We would particularly like to thank Somerset Community Foundation, for providing a grant to assist us with the costs of moving and settling into our new home.

Our operations in the year continued to be impacted by Covid, with many supply routes to our usual donation points unable to operate. Due partly to this, and partly to the increased need within our local communities, our focus for donations of aid has been more local than in previous years. Our local community has become home to many refugees during the year, both from Ukraine and across Europe, as well as housing refugees placed in the community by government.

We are incredibly grateful to both the people who continue to bring us donations, and the volunteers who assist with collating and sorting, which allows us to help so many people locally.

We have also not been able to run any fundraising activities such as local sales in our new location, but are fortunate to still receive some donations, and have continued to sell items online. Our previous success with online selling (particularly eBay and Vinted), selling items donated to us that are not suitable for onward distribution, has continued. This has allowed us to maintain sufficient reserves to enable us to make monetary donations to organisations working in the overseas areas that we would normally ship to, to allow some aid to still be delivered.

We are also very conscious that the move to a more formal lease arrangement with our premises, whilst providing more security for the charity, it puts financial pressure on the charity due to our commitment to pay rent. We are therefore extremely grateful to have been able to generate such significant funds from sale of items unable to be distributed. Going forward, we will need to retain a significant focus on fundraising to allow us to remain financially viable.

As a result of the operational difficulties outlined above, we have succeeded in making 44 shipments during the year, which has been distributed primarily across the Middle East, Ukraine and France, providing 48 tonnes of aid (2022 – 33 shipments, providing 35 tonnes of aid). Whilst this is an increase from the prior year, for reference, in 2019-20, we made 96 shipments, delivering 100 tonnes. We respond to need across the world and more recently the need has been more local to us in assisting local refugees.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is aiming to build reserves sufficient to enable an orderly run down of the charity should it ever be required. It is considered that around 6 months of expenditure should enable this, which is approximately £20,000. In addition, we would like to retain sufficient funds to pay our rent for the committed 2 year period without further income (approx. £30,000). We therefore consider that the balance at the year end of £56,590 is both reasonable and appropriate. We will be seeking to increase our donations in future years once the stability of the charity is confirmed.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The income for the charity primarily comes from donations and the sale of goods that are unsuitable for distribution as aid.

Expenditure is spent primarily on carrying out our charitable objectives. Due to our move to rented premises, we are now incurring some more significant overhead costs such as rent, service charge, insurance and some small admin expenses such as printing and postage.

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)	K Dew	F Smith- Roberts
Full name(s)	Keith Dew	Federica Smith-Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	24 January 2024	

Refugee Aid From Taunton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Refugee Aid From Taunton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refugee Aid From Taunton for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.



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31 January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Refugee Aid From Taunton

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	6,661	-	-	6,661	7,875
Sale of donated items	37,440	-	-	37,440	27,015
Fundraising	100	-	-	100	-
Gift aid received	240	-	-	240	199
Grants received	1,000	5,000	-	6,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,441	5,000	-	50,441	35,089
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,441	5,000	-	50,441	35,089
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations	6,725	-	-	6,725	1,109
Transport	1,410	600	-	2,010	620
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Warehouse expenses	672	2,320	-	2,992	344
Advertising and printing	70	-	-	70	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	1,320
Rent and rates	19,218	780	-	19,998	2,773
DBS checks	-	-	-	-	-
Postage	7,337	-	-	7,337	4,483
Sub total	35,528	3,700	-	39,228	10,745
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,528	3,700	-	39,228	10,745
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,913	1,300	-	11,213	24,344
A5 Transfers between funds	1,300	- 1,300	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,377	-	-	45,377	21,033
Cash funds this year end	56,590	-	-	56,590	45,377

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	54,872	-	-
	Paypal account	1,683	-	-
	Cash	35	-	-
	Total cash funds	56,590	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	F Smith-Roberts	Federica Smith-Roberts	24/01/2024	
	K Dew	Keith Dew	24/01/2024	

Refugee Aid From Taunton
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with Charity Commission's guidance.
2. Neither the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2022: NIL).
3. The Charity holds no Restricted funds at 31 March 2023 (2022: Nil).
4. The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

REFUGEE AID FROM TAUNTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1180367

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2021		31	March	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Unit 4, Enterprise Park
Priorswood Road
Taunton, Somerset
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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	Kate Swann		Resigned 25 May 2022	
2	Elaine Dew			
3	Fareda Fakhrai			
4	Federica Smith-Roberts	Chair		
5	Jessica Wintrip			
6	Jill Denton			
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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 dated 18 October 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the current board, based on their expertise and experience of the charity.

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>New trustees receive a copy of the charity's constitution, accounts and major policies on appointment. It is anticipated that any new trustees are likely to already be aware of the charity's operations but full briefing will be given by existing charities if required.</p> <p>The charity is run on a day to day basis by its trustees. All trustees are volunteers and practically the operations are carried out by volunteers, both trustees and others. The charity does not have any paid staff.</p> <p>The trustees consider the major risks to the charity at every meeting and what is being done to manage them.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For the public benefit to relieve and assist the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster throughout the world, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of clothing, sanitary wear, volunteers, funds, food, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation and other humanitarian assistance. 2) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in particular, but not exclusively, by providing persons in need with grants or money or by providing or paying for services, items or facilities.

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The charity carries out its objects in practice by receiving donations from members of the public (both financial and of goods and clothes) and distributing these to refugees, both in the local community and across the world. Any items unsuitable for distribution are sold at a reduced rate to the local community.

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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)

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

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We provide grants to other organisations who share similar charitable objectives. These are assessed by the trustees and full due diligence undertaken to ensure that the organisations that we provide funding to are registered charities.

Our entire organisation is run by volunteers, for which we are hugely indebted. We would not be able to operate without the generosity of our volunteers, some of whom give large amounts of time to assist us. We are unable to recognise this value in our financial statements, however wish to express our thanks to anyone who has volunteered with the charity during the year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on the charity during the year to 31 March 2022. To protect the public and our volunteers, we have been closed for the majority of donations since the middle of March 2020, only accepting items that have been specifically requested for planned shipments. This remained the case for large parts of the year, as whilst we had gradual reopening from April 2021, in line with government guidance, we then shut to further donations throughout the winter months, which was partly due to Covid and partly to enable us to run down some of our stored donations prior to our move (see below). Due to the disruption in travel and quarantine requirements, many of the individuals and organisations who took shipments for us are no longer able to travel, which has severely disrupted our ability to send items to where they are most needed.

We have also not been able to run any fundraising activities such as our sales since mid-March 2020, but are fortunate to still receive some donations, and have continued to sell items (particularly fabric) online. Of particular success this year has been the use of an eBay account to sell items donated to us that are not suitable for onward distribution. This has allowed us to maintain sufficient reserves to enable us to make monetary donations to organisations working in the areas that we would normally ship to, to allow some aid to still be delivered.

As a result of the operational difficulties outlined above, we have only succeeded in making 33 shipments during the year, the majority of which have gone to France, providing 35 tonnes of aid (2021 – 18 shipments, providing 17 tonnes of aid). Whilst this looks a lot compared to 2020-21, for reference, in 2019-20, we made 96 shipments, delivering 100 tonnes

Throughout the year, one of our major challenges has been the location of our operations. We were notified in Autumn 2021 that the warehouse that we had operated from for the last 6 years was due to be knocked down as part of a larger development. Whilst we had been aware of this since we started in operation, we were required to find new premises at reasonably short notice. We would like to thank Somerset West and Taunton for the provision of the warehouse throughout the last 6 years.

Following a lot of investigation work, we identified a potential new unit for operation and are pleased to have moved over the year end, from end March – start April 2022. This move to a more formal lease arrangement puts financial pressure on the charity due to our commitment to pay rent, and therefore we were extremely grateful to have been able to generate such significant funds from sale of items unable to be distributed. Going forward, we will need to retain a significant focus on fundraising to allow us to remain financially viable.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is aiming to build reserves sufficient to enable an orderly run down of the charity should it ever be required. It is considered that around 6 months of expenditure should enable this, and whilst this was approximately £5,000 for the year to 31 March 2022, we are aware that with our rental commitments, we would like to retain sufficient funds to pay our rent for the committed 2 year period without further income (approx. £30,000). In addition, we have incurred additional professional fees in our move and therefore consider that the bank balance at the year end of £45,377 is both reasonable and appropriate. We will be seeking to increase our donations in future years once the stability of the charity is confirmed.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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The income for the charity primarily comes from donations and the sale of goods that are unsuitable for distribution as aid.

Expenditure is spent primarily on carrying out our charitable objectives. Due to our move to rented premises, we are now incurring some more significant overhead costs such as rent, service charge, insurance and some small admin expenses such as printing and postage.

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)	K Dew	F Smith-Roberts
Full name(s)	Keith Dew	Federica Smith-Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair

Date 05/11/22

Refugee Aid From Taunton

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Refugee Aid From Taunton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refugee Aid From Taunton for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

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11 January 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Refugee Aid From Taunton

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,875	-	-	7,875	4,103
Sale of donated items	27,015	-	-	27,015	13,145
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	458
Gift aid received	199	-	-	199	120
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,089	-	-	35,089	17,826
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,089	-	-	35,089	17,826
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations	1,109	-	-	1,109	4,762
Transport	620	-	-	620	240
Insurance	96	-	-	96	1,434
Warehouse expenses	344	-	-	344	58
Purchase and repair of sewing machines	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	1,320	-	-	1,320	-
Rent and rates	2,773	-	-	2,773	2,611
DBS checks	-	-	-	-	-
Postage	4,483	-	-	4,483	1,520
Sub total	10,745	-	-	10,745	10,625
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,745	-	-	10,745	10,625
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,344	-	-	24,344	7,201
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,033	-	-	21,033	13,832
Cash funds this year end	45,377	-	-	45,377	21,033

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	43,648	-	-
	Paypal account	1,719	-	-
	Cash	10	-	-
	Total cash funds	45,377	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	F Smith-Roberts	Federica Smith-Roberts	05/11/2022	
	K Dew	Keith Dew	05/11/2022	

Refugee Aid From Taunton
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with Charity Commission's guidance.
2. Neither the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2021: NIL).
3. The Charity has no Restricted funds.
4. The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

REFUGEE AID FROM TAUNTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1180367

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

The Auction House
Canal Road
Taunton, Somerset
Postcode <input type="text" value="TA1 1PN"/>

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	Kate Swann			
2	Elaine Dew			
3	Fareda Fakhrai			
4	Federica Smith-Roberts	Chair		
5	Jessica Wintrip			
6	Jill Denton			
7	Keith Dew	Treasurer		
8	Lynette Clark			
9	Mark Curtis			
10	Michelle Ferris			
11	Paul Roylance			
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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 dated 18 October 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the current board, based on their expertise and experience of the charity.

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>New trustees receive a copy of the charity's constitution, accounts and major policies on appointment. It is anticipated that any new trustees are likely to already be aware of the charity's operations but full briefing will be given by existing charities if required.</p> <p>The charity is run on a day to day basis by its trustees. All trustees are volunteers and practically the operations are carried out by volunteers, both trustees and others. The charity does not have any paid staff.</p> <p>The trustees consider the major risks to the charity at every meeting and what is being done to manage them.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>The objects of the CIO are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For the public benefit to relieve and assist the victims of war, conflict or natural disaster throughout the world, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of clothing, sanitary wear, volunteers, funds, food, medical aid, accommodation, access to water and sanitation and other humanitarian assistance. 2) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship in particular, but not exclusively, by providing persons in need with grants or money or by providing or paying for services, items or facilities.

- 3) The protection and preservation of the environment, in particular but not exclusively, by the promotion of recycling and sustainable waste management;
- 4) To further such other purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the trustees from time to time determine.

The charity carries out its objects in practice by receiving donations from members of the public (both financial and of goods and clothes) and distributing these to refugees, both in the local community and across the world. Any items unsuitable for distribution are sold at a reduced rate to the local community.

We aim to be zero waste wherever possible, using all donated items in some form, donating to other charities where no other options are available.

Public benefit is achieved throughout all our operations, primarily through the distribution of aid to those in need, and the availability of reduced rate clothing (including school uniform).

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)

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

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

We provide grants to other organisations who share similar charitable objectives. These are assessed by the trustees and full due diligence undertaken to ensure that the organisations that we provide funding to are registered charities.

Our entire organisation is run by volunteers, for which we are hugely indebted. We would not be able to operate without the generosity of our volunteers, some of whom give large amounts of time to assist us. We are unable to recognise this value in our financial statements, however wish to express our thanks to anyone who has volunteered with the charity during the year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a considerable impact on the operations of the charity. To protect the public and our volunteers, we have been closed for the majority of donations since the middle of March 2020, only accepting items that have been specifically requested for planned shipments. This remained the case at the year end, with gradual reopening from 12th April 2021, in line with government guidance. Due to the disruption in travel and quarantine requirements, many of the individuals and organisations who took shipments for us are no longer able to travel, which has severely disrupted our ability to send items to where they are most needed.

We have also not been able to run any fundraising activities such as our sales since mid-March 2020, but are fortunate to still receive some donations, and have continued to sell items (particularly fabric) online. This has allowed us maintained sufficient reserves to enable us to make monetary donations to organisations working in the areas that we would normally ship to, to allow some aid to still be delivered.

As a result of the operational difficulties outlined above, we have only succeeded in making 18 shipments during the year, the majority of which have gone to France, providing 17 tonnes of aid (2020 – 96 shipments, providing 100 tonnes of aid).

We continue to be aware of the risk of the short term nature of the lease for the property that we operate from. We are seeking new premises but finding sufficient space in a good location, with the necessary access, is proving problematic. The situation is likely to force our hands in the near future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is aiming to build reserves sufficient to enable an orderly run down of the charity should it ever be required. It is considered that around 6 months of expenditure should enable this, and therefore approximately £10,000. In addition, we are aware that when we are required to move premises, this is likely to be expensive and we are seeking to keep aside a further £10,000 for this. Our closing balance at the end of the year of £21,033 is slightly above this level, and any funds not required for the premises move will then be put towards our charitable activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The income for the charity primarily comes from donations and the sale of goods that are unsuitable for distribution as aid.

Expenditure is spent primarily on carrying out our charitable objectives. The only overhead costs that we incur are rates on the building (the building is very kindly provided by local council free of charge, although we do pay service charge, insurance etc.), and some small admin expenses such as printing and postage. These are kept to a minimum.

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)	K Dew	F Smith-Roberts
Full name(s)	Keith Dew	Federica Smith-Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	10/07/2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Refugee Aid From Taunton

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	4,103	-	-	4,103	7,848
Sale of donated items	13,145	-	-	13,145	12,176
Fundraising	458	-	-	458	3,627
Gift aid received	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,826	-	-	17,826	23,651
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,826	-	-	17,826	23,651
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations	4,762	-	-	4,762	9,990
Transport	240	-	-	240	4,360
Insurance	1,434	-	-	1,434	258
Warehouse expenses	58	-	-	58	200
Purchase and repair of sewing machines	-	-	-	-	1,755
Advertising and printing	-	-	-	-	128
Rent and rates	2,611	-	-	2,611	2,570
DBS checks	-	-	-	-	10
Postage	1,520	-	-	1,520	-
Sub total	10,625	-	-	10,625	19,271
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,625	-	-	10,625	19,271
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,201	-	-	7,201	4,380
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,832	-	-	13,832	9,452
Cash funds this year end	21,033	-	-	21,033	13,832

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	19,059	-	-
	Paypal account	1,932	-	-
	Cash	42	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,033	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	F Smith-Roberts	Federica Smith-Roberts	10/07/2021	
	K Dew	Keith Dew	10/07/2021	