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England & Wales · Charity number 1181331

Details

Other names COMMUNITIES AND SANCTUARY-SEEKERS TOGETHER

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-12-21

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY.3. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS PARTICULARLY BY THE PROVISION OF LEGAL AND OTHER ADVICE.4. THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROMOTING ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex
- Southend-on-sea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,240,209	£1,138,246	£84,340	6
2024-03-31	£401,377	£403,455	-	-
2023-03-31	£348,220	£439,424	-	-
2022-03-31	£385,745	£386,805	-	-
2021-03-31	£253,794	£234,197	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
WASHINGTON ALI- NASOLO	Chair	2018-04-03
CHARLES DLIWAYO		2018-04-03
JENNIFER GORA		2018-04-03
TSEBO LETSIE		2018-04-03

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COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER

CAST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY,ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees: **Washington Ali Chair**
 Tsebo Letsie Secretary
 Jennifer Gora Trustee
 Charles Dhliwayo Trustee

CEO: **Stanfod Biti CEO**

Charity registered number: **1181331**

Principal Office Address:
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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CAST is an activist organisation that has continued to grow and advocates for fairer representations of non-status peoples and aims to challenge the structures which stand in the way and the increasing rhetoric on anti-immigration in the United Kingdom.

CAST is organised and run by a non-hierarchical diverse team with lived experiences of the UK draconian immigration system and all of whom share a strong vision of creating strong, welcoming communities.

Activities

CAST undertakes its work through the following six main areas of activities which are also the main classification used in our financial accounts.

- **Destitution Services-** by supporting those who are pushed to the brink of our society and those living in NASS accommodation.
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- **Advocacy and Awareness Raising** - by drawing from experience and evidence from our direct services, working to ensure that refugees have an influential voice in policy discussions that impact their lives and raising our supporters and the public awareness of the issues refugees and asylum seekers face;
- **Therapeutic Services** - through our friendship projects helping those who have suffered torture, trauma, violence or sexual exploitation, victims of modern slavery.
- **Hosting and Housing** - by offering accommodation to asylum seekers who have reached the end of their asylum claim, victims of domestic violence , modern slavery especially those with No Recourse To public funds.
- **Friendship Projects** - bringing people together to address loneliness and Isolation through arts, music, Refugee Rhythms and celebrating refugee contribution to the society.

Our Vision

To end destitution within the draconian UK immigration system. process. Refugees and Sanctuary seekers will be able to access all appropriate support to enable them to integrate and thrive in our communities, without the experience or processes causing any harm. They will have the opportunity to get involved, know where support is available and be valued . members of the local community.

Our Mission

To be a welfare organisation and voice of Refugees and Sanctuary seekers in Southend and surrounding areas through advocacy, promoting community cohesion, delivering housing, education and community services and influencing practice in other community and public services.

Our Values

We place our values at the heart of everything we do - Kindness, integrity, Accountability, Diligence, Perseverance and Discipline.

CAST having reimaged how services are delivered our team is continuing to pull together to provide the vital services with very limited resources.

Our Strategic Goals for 2025- 2028

- Goal 1 . We remain a Registered Charity.
- Goal 2. Gain funding for and run integrated mental health support groups for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Newer migrants and those with No Recourse To Public Funds (NRPF) .
- Goal 3. Lead the introduction of newer migrants in Southend on Sea and surrounding areas.
- Goal 4. Train at least two members of staff to level 2 of OISC to enable advocacy and advice work stream to develop
- Goal 5. CAST becoming the Local Authorities recognised solution to the difficulties experienced by Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Newer Migrants.
- Goal 6. Gain such funding that would enable CAST to plan for 3/5 years projects
- Goal 7. Identify accommodation for CAST offices that are externally funded
- Goal 8. Increase the number of Managed houses for temporary accommodation, some of which is suitable for people with no recourse to public funding.
- Goal 9. Run ESOL classes for all Southend refugees and asylum seekers
- Goal 10. To be the leading Provider of comprehensive Immigration Support Services.

Achievements and Performance

Goal 1 We have maintained our Charitable Status.

Goal 2 We continue to provide services to our target communities. We continue to grow in strength, and our services are fast covering the whole of Essex.

Goal 3. This year has been phenomenal. We saw through the year mostly with earned income. We reached a milestone that the organisation was sustained mostly by earned income. Grant funding has remained a huge challenge.

Goal 4 Our services have continued to be in demand. We remain a force to reckon with and assisted in the refugee crisis. We adapted well and responded to demands of new arrivals coming through the English Channel. Southend also received new Refugees from the Afghan and the Ukrainian schemes which we are now supporting.

Goal 5. We now have two OISC trained immigration advisers and are now at an advanced stage to register with OISC. We have submitted our application to OISC and are awaiting for a response.

Goal 6 - We surpassed our expectations. We continue to be the leading accommodation provider for newly granted refugees in Essex. We now have properties in Basildon, Harlow, Bishop Stortford, Colchester and Maldon. We are well positioned for the reorganisation of Local Authorities through devolution

Goal 7 . We have seen through the year with our income generating projects. We continue to develop earned income streams to sustain our work and provision of accommodation.

Goal 8. Our lease for the accommodation remains in place and will come to an end in the next financial year. We have options either to buy the property or renew the lease. We have the ambition to purchase the property.

Goal 9. We continue to run ESOL classes. We have also embarked on English for beginners' classes after realising that not all people can be rushed to take ESOL classes.

Goal 10. We continue to successfully arrange pro bono solicitors to work with our clients providing comprehensive immigration advice.

a) Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b) Review of activities

The charity CAST undertook the following activities in the year

2024 was a challenging year for CAST. It has been a watershed with the continued and deepening hostile environment. The chaotic roll out of the changes to asylum immigration system and the changes to home office eviction practice coming through the new Illegal Migration Act.

We entered 2023 with hope and ambitious plan to deliver even more to our community than we had managed to do during the COVID. As the only Asylum and Refugee organisation in Southend which kept its doors open during lockdowns, we saw a huge increase in demand of our services. We are humbled by the out pouring support from the community which allowed us to keep our services available with limited staff and resources. In July 2023, the broader impact of the Cost-of-living crisis became more apparent. By December the external environment had become worse, not better this led to restructuring of CAST. We had to adjust and in basic economics reality was that we only eat what we kill. We had to let a number of senior and dedicated staff leave.

We engaged external experts to guide us as we redesigned the organisation. They supported our leadership team and brought best practice knowledge of organisational restructuring and change management.

We continue to make great progress in delivering our strategy to 2025. We operate in a world of both chaos and complexity with our cause, one of the most political of our time. I am very proud of our staff and volunteers who are navigating this terrain with resilience and passion that is truly humbling. For it is our staff, volunteers, supporters and partners who make us who we are, and deserve huge credit in the achievements of the last 12 months.

We Look forward to the new financial year with renewed optimism, determination, a refreshed organisation and a stronger financial platform. This report shares our long term plans and priorities with our donors, inviting them to partner with over a new horizon to provide unprecedented security and stability for our organisation and most importantly the courageous and resilient people are privileged to serve.

Financial review

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds available to continue operations.

Structure, governance and management

a) Constitution

The charity is constituted under the trust deed dated **26/04/2016** and is a registered number: **1181331**

b) Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

c) Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The charity has Trustees and an administration committee

d) policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees. The trust takes legal guidance including providing trustees with information from the Charities Commission. The Trustees attend external trustees training days.

e) **Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

The charity intends to expand community support and services which are currently being offered.

Cashflow Statement exemption.

As permitted under the charities SORP 2015, the Trustees have not prepared a Cashflow Statement as the charity is not a large charity.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements. in accordance with the law applicable and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of state of

affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- *Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- *Observe the methods and principles of the charities SORP(FRS102);
- *Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent. *State whether UK Accounting Standards (FRS102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- *Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Washington Ali - Nasolo

Trustee

Date: 31 October 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees Of
COMMUNITIES AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1181331**

Independent examiners report to the trustees of CAST

I report to the charity trustees on my own examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 MARCH 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").


Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income is £401 000 I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
2. or the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the statement of recommended practice for accounting and report by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

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 reached



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Date. 30/11/2025


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 GBP	Total Funds 2025 GBP	Unrestricted funds 2024 GBP	Total Funds 2024 GBP
Income from:					
National Lottery Grant		0	0	0	0
Other grants		36,394.00	36,394.00	36,394.00	36,394.00
Loans		5,305.25	5,305.25	29,120.00	29,120.00
Donations					
Other	3	1,198,509.42	1,198,509.42	335,863.36	335,863.36
Total Income		<u>1,240,208.67</u>	<u>1,240,208.67</u>	<u>401,377.36</u>	<u>401,377.36</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	4				
Charitable Activities	5	1,138,245.84	1,138,245.84	403,454.98	403,454.98
Total Expenditure		<u>1,138,245.84</u>	<u>1,138,245.84</u>	<u>403,454.98</u>	<u>403,454.98</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>101,962.83</u>	<u>101,962.83</u>	<u>- 2,077.62</u>	<u>- 2,077.62</u>
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>23,422.00</u>	<u>23,422.00</u>	<u>23,422.00</u>	<u>23,422.00</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>78,540.83</u>	<u>78,540.83</u>	<u>- 25,499.62</u>	<u>- 25,499.62</u>

	Notes	2025 GBP	2024 GBP
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			
Leasehold Improvements	9	18,188.79	12,166.79
Computer Equipment	9	8,422.08	4,454.08
Furniture and Fittings	9	19,497.07	15,294.07
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and on hand		55,230.00	466.00
Other Debtors Loans	10	2,829.97	29,120.00
Deposits	10	30,050.53	33,912.00
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	11	-23,827.84	
Creditors amounts falling due in more one year	12	-26,050.00	-58,157.00
Net Current Assets		<u>38,232.66</u>	<u>5,341.00</u>
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>84,340.60</u>	<u>37,255.94</u>
Charity Funds			
Restricted Funds	12		-
Unrestricted Funds	12	<u>84,340.60</u>	<u>37,255.94</u>
		<u>84,340.60</u>	<u>37,255.94</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Washington Ali
Date: 30 /10/2025

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

Community and Sanctuary Seekers Together charity is constituted under a declaration of trust dated: ___ 26/04/2016 and is a registered charity whose charity number is: 1181331

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charities SORP(FRS102)- Accounting and Reporting by Charities:Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland(FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland(FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities(Accounts and Reports)Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS102) published on 16July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income,it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party ,it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably .

Expenditure is classified by activity.The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs,including support costs involved in undertakinf each activity.

Direct costs attributable to a single entity are allocated directly to that activity.

Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single entity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives,as well as any associated support costs.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

2. Accounting policies continued

2.3 Expenditure continued

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are recognised at cost plus all costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition.

All tangible fixed assets are depreciated using the straight line method

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	€	33.30%
Computer Equipment		33.30%
Furniture and Fittings		33.30%

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

2.6 Cash at bank and on hand

Cash represents cash which is held in the bank.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at balance sheet date as a result of a past event.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payment for goods and services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of amounts required to settle the obligation.

2.8 Financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that only qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

2.Accounting policies continued

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 Other income

Interest receivable	0
Rents Receivable	1,177,514.00

4.Expenditure on fund raising

Cost of raising voluntary income

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
	2025	Total funds 2025	2024	Total funds 2024
	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
Direct costs	<u>925,894.20</u>	<u>925,894.20</u>	<u>439,424.00</u>	<u>439,424.00</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

Activities undertaken directly			Activities undertaken directly		
Support costs	Total funds		Support costs	Total funds	
2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
<u>925,894.20</u>	<u>206,024.39</u>	<u>1,131,918.59</u>	<u>278,573.30</u>	<u>132,881.68</u>	<u>403,545.98</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities continued

Analysis of support costs

	Direct costs 2025 GBP	Total funds 2025 GBP
Employment	<u>164,120.20</u>	<u>164,120.20</u>

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

2025 GBP
<u>1,200.00</u>

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
Cost or Valuation				
At 1 April 2024	32,406.79	4,266.08	12,541.07	49,213.94
Additions				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>32,406.79</u>	<u>4,266.08</u>	<u>12,541.07</u>	<u>49,213.94</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	6,022.00	2,433.00	4,367.00	12822
charge for the year	3,240.68	426.61	1,254.11	4921.394
As at 31 March 2025	9262.679	2859.608	5621.107	17743.394
Net Book Value 31 March 2025	<u>23144.111</u>	<u>1406.472</u>	<u>6919.963</u>	<u>31470.546</u>

10. Debtors

2025
GBP

Due within one year

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

				2025
				GBP
11. Creditors amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry Creditors				
Loans				- 26,050.00
Accrued expenses				- 23,829.84
12. Statement of Funds				
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	GBP			GBP
Statement of Funds -current year	01-Apr-23			31-Mar-24
Unrestricted funds	23,422.00	348,220.00	439,424.00	- 67,782.00

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds- current year	Unrestricted	Total
	Funds	Funds
	GBP	GBP
Tangible fixed assets	44,090.53	44,090.53
Current assets	-	-
Creditors due within one year	-	-
	<u>44,090.53</u>	<u>44,090.53</u>

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UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Friendship projects , bringing people together to address loneliness and Isolation through arts, music, Refugee Rhythms , and celebrating refugee contribution to the society.

Our Vision

To end destitution in the asylum -seeking process. Refugees and Sanctuary seekers will be able to access all appropriate support to enable them to integrate and thrive in our communities, without the experience or processes causing any harm. They will have the opportunity to get involved, know where support is available and be valued members of the local community.

Our Mission

To be a welfare organisation and voice of Refugees and Sanctuary seekers in Southend and surrounding areas through advocacy, promoting community cohesion, delivering housing, education and community services and influencing practice in other community and public services.

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We place our values at the heart of everything we do - Kindness, integrity, Accountability, Diligence, Perseverance and Discipline.

CAST having reimaged how services are delivered our team is continuing to pull together to provide the vital services with very limited resources.

Our Strategic goals for 2023- 2027

- Goal 1. Achieve Charitable Status
- Goal 2. Gain funding for and run integrated mental health support groups for R&AS
- Goal 3. Lead the introduction of Syrian Refugees into Southend on Sea
- Goal 4. Train at least two members of staff to level 2 of OISC to enable advocacy and advice work stream to develop
- Goal 5. CAST becoming the Local Authorities recognised solution to the difficulties experienced by R&AS in Southend
- Goal 6. Gain such funding that would enable CAST to plan for 3/5 years projects
- Goal 6. Identify accommodation for CAST offices that are externally funded
- Goal 7. Managed 5 houses for temporary accommodation, some of which is suitable for people with no recourse to public funding.
- Goal 8. Run ESOL classes for all Southend refugees and asylum seekers
- Goal 9. Provide comprehensive Immigration Services

Achievements and Performance

Goal 1 achieved our charitable status. We continue to provide services to our target communities.

Goal 2- We continue to strive on long term funding. This year alone funding has been a great challenge. We continue to provide services through pro bono service providers.

Goal 3 We lead the Syrian vulnerable Persons Project. This has been successful and Southend has received new refugees from the Afghan, Ukrainian schemes which we are now supporting. We are currently supporting 60 families from these schemes

Goal 4 We now have two OISC trained immigration advisers and are now at advance to register with OISC

Goal 5-We surpassed our expectations. We are now the leading accommodation provider for newly granted refugees, not only in Southend but covering the whole of Essex. We have further developed partnerships with Colchester City Council which will have influence on our work and how engage with local authorities.

Goal 6 We continue to pursue funding that will allow us to be sustainable for the long term. We are also developing earned income streams to sustain our work.

Goal 7 We now have office space which we are currently using as our headquarters. We also have the housing team which are operating from a different office.

Goal 8 . We continue to run ESOL classes. We have also embarked on English for beginners classes after realising that not all people can be rushed to take ESOL classes.

Goal 9 We have managed to arrange pro bono solicitors to work with our clients providing comprehensive immigration advice.

We have achieved so much without external funding. We have reduced our number of staff to match the resources available without affecting provision of services.

a) Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future .For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b) Review of activities

The charity CAST undertook the following activities in the year

2023 was a challenging year for CAST. It has been a watershed with the continued and deepening hostile environment. The chaotic roll out of the changes to asylum immigration system and the changes to home office eviction practice coming through the new Illegal Migration Act.

We entered 2023 with hope and ambitious plan to deliver even more to our community than we had managed to do during the COVID. As the only Asylum and Refugee organisation in Southend which kept its doors open during lockdowns, we saw a huge increase in demand of our services. We humbled by the out pouring support from the community which allowed us to keep our services available with limited staff and resources. In July 2023, the broader impact of the Cost of living crisis became more apparent. By December the external environment had become worse, not better this led to restructuring of CAST. We had to adjust and in basic economics reality was that we only eat what we kill. We had to let a number of senior and dedicated staff leave.

We engaged external experts to guide us as we redesigned the organisation. They supported our leadership team and brought best practice knowledge of organisational restructuring and change management.

We continue to make great progress in delivering our strategy to 2025. We operate in a world of both chaos and complexity with our cause, one of the most political of our time. I am very proud of our staff and volunteers who are navigating this terrain with resilience and passion that is truly humbling. For it is our staff, volunteers, supporters and partners who make us who we are, and deserve huge credit in the achievements of the last 12 months.

We Look forward to the new financial year with renewed optimism, determination, a refreshed organisation and a stronger financial platform. This report shares our long term plans and priorities with our donors, inviting them to partner with over a new horizon to provide unprecedented security and stability for our organisation and most importantly the courageous and resilient people are privileged to serve.

Financial review

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds available to continue operations.

Structure, governance and management

a) Constitution

The charity is constituted under the trust deed dated 26/04/2016 and is a registered number: **1181331**

b) Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

c) Organisational structure and decision making policies

The charity has Trustees and an administration committee

d) policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees. The trust takes legal guidance including providing trustees with information from the Charities Commission. The Trustees attend external trustees training days.

e) Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

The charity intends to expand community support and services which are currently being offered.

Cashflow Statement exemption.

As permitted under the charities SORP 2015, the Trustees have not prepared a Cashflow

Statement as the charity is not a large charity.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements. in accordance with the law applicable and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees' are required to:

- *Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- *Observe the methods and principles of the charities SORP(FRS102);
- *Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- *State whether UK Accounting Standards (FRS102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- *Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient.

to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial

statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Washington Ali - Nasolo

Trustee

Date:

**Independent Examiner's Report to The Trustees Of
COMMUNITIES AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1181331**

Independent examiners report to the trustees of CAST SANCTUARY

I report to the charity trustees on my own examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 MARCH 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

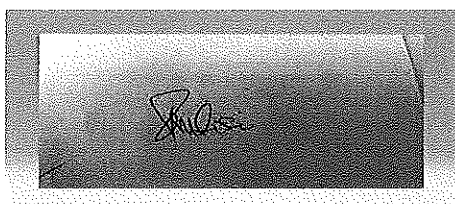
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income is more than £400 000 I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of CIMA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
2. or the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the statement of recommended practice for accounting and report by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

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 reached



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Date. 27/08/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted	Total	Unrestricted	Total
	Notes	funds	Funds	funds	Funds
		2024	2024	2023	2023
		GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
Income from:					
National Lottery Grant		0	0	0	0
Other grants		36,394.00	36,394.00	58,500.00	58,500.00
Loans		29,120.00	29,120.00		
Donations				999.00	999.00
Other	3	<u>335,863.36</u>	<u>335,863.36</u>	<u>288,721.00</u>	<u>288,721.00</u>
Total Income		<u>401,377.36</u>	<u>401,377.36</u>	<u>348,220.00</u>	<u>348,220.00</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	4			3,000.00	3,000.00
Charitable Activities	5	403,454.98	403,454.98	436,424.00	436,424.00

Total Expenditure		403,454.98		<u>439,424.00</u>	<u>439,424.00</u>
Net Movement in Funds -	2,077.62 -	2,077.62	Reconciliation of Funds	=	=
Total funds brought forward		23,422.00	23,422.00	<u>91,204.00</u>	<u>91,204.00</u>
Total funds carried forward	-	25,499.62 -	25,499.62	23,422.00	23,422.00
		-	<u>67,782.00</u>	-	<u>67,782.00</u>

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	GBP	GBP
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Leasehold Improvements	9 12,166.79	6,022.00
Computer Equipment	9 4,454.08	3,968.00
Furniture and Fittings	9 15,294.07	4,203.00
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and on hand		466.00
Other Debtors Loans	10	29,120.00
Deposits		33,912.00
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	11	- 58,157.08
Net Current Assets		5,340.92
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>19,533.92</u>
Charity Funds		
Restricted Funds	12	
Unrestricted Funds	12	-
		<u>19,533.92</u>
		<u>19,533.92</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. General Information

Community and Sanctuary Seekers Together charity is constituted under a declaration of trust

dated:26/04/2016 and amended resolution on **18/12/2018** and is a registered charity

whose charity number **1181331** **2.Accounting policies**

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charities SORP(FRS102)Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland(FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland(FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities(Accounts and Reports)Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party ,it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably . Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

Direct costs attributable to a single entity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single entity are apportioned between

those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

2.Accounting policies continued

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 Other income

Interest receivable	0
Rents Receivable	335,863.36

4.Expenditure on fund raising

Cost of raising voluntary income

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

2.Accounting policies continued

2.3 Expenditure continued

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are recognised at cost plus all costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition.

All tangible fixed assets are depreciated using the straight line method

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	3 33.30%
Computer Equipment	33.30%
Furniture and Fittings	33.30%

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

2.6 Cash at bank and on hand

Cash represents cash which is held in the bank.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at balance sheet date as a result of a past event.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payment for goods and services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of amounts required to settle the obligation.

2.8 Financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that only qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank

loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
	Total funds	Total funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
Direct costs		<u>403,454.98</u>	439424	
	<u>403,454.98</u>			<u>439424</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

Activities undertaken	Support funds	Total directly costs	Activities undertaken directly		Support costs	Total funds		
			2023	2023			Total funds	
			GBP	GBP				2023
								GBP
			<u>270,573.30</u>	<u>132,881.68</u>				
			<u>403,454.98</u>			439424		

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities continued

Analysis of direct costs

	Direct	Total	Direct	Total
	costs	funds	costs	funds
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
Salaries	116,950.93	116,950.93	195011	195011
Public Liability Insurance	2,657.51	2,657.51	0	0
Utilities(Gas, electricity & water)	8,187.08	8,187.08	29525	29525
Office Rent	5,480.00	5,480.00	13000	13000
Internet		-	144	144
TV Licences		-	0	0
Property Rents	213,024.63	213,024.63	152352	152352
Council Tax	9,424.55	9,424.55	5392	5392
Legal fees		-	0	0
Postage and Telephones	425.50	425.50	1875	1875
Computing	486.08	486.08	494	494
Refreshments		-	118	118
Office expenses	1,016.60	1,016.60	6805	6805
Communication Mobiles phones	1,837.67	1,837.67	1455	1455
Printing & Stationery	1,277.49	1,277.49	654	654
Travel	1,495.33	1,495.33	661	661
Volunteer expenses	1,600.00	1,600.00	1050	1050
Accountancy & audit fees	5,005.00	5,005.00	7300	7300
Depreciation		-	10444	10444
Bank Charges	300.00	300.00	0	0
Misc		-		
Subscriptions		-	25	25
Membership Fees	500.00	500.00	0	0
Premises	6,144.79	6,144.79	12521	12521
Donations		-	0	0
Homewares cleaning	7,833.01	7,833.01	598	598
Workshops		-		
Training	4,500.00	4,500.00	0	0
Consultancy	<u>11,430.75</u>	11,430.75		
Total Expenditure	<u>399,576.92</u>	399,576.92	<u>439424</u>	<u>439424</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities continued

Analysis of support costs

	DIRECT COSTS 2024 GBP	Direct costs 2023 GBP	Total funds 2024 GBP
Employment	102,878.16	<u>195,011.00</u>	<u>195,011.00</u>
7. Independent examiner's remuneration	2024 GBP		2023 GBP 0

26,262.00	<u>3,780.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>31,492.00</u>
6,144.79	486.08	11,091.07	17,721.94
<u>32,406.79</u>	<u>4,266.08</u>	<u>12,541.07</u>	<u>49,213.94</u>
6,022.00	-	2,433.00 -	4,367.00 - 778.00
2,046.22		161.86	3,693.33 5,901.41
8,068.22	-	2,271.14 -	673.67 5,123.41

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
Cost or Valuation At 1 April 2023				
Additions				
As at 31 March 2024				
Depreciation At 1 April 2023 charge for the year				

As at 31 March 2024

Net Book Value 31 March 2024 24,338.57 6,537.22 13,214.74 44,090.53

10. Debtors

2024
GBP

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

11. Creditors amounts falling due within one year

2024 GBP

Sundry Creditors	28,000.00
Loans Accrued	29,120.00
expenses	30,157.08

12. Statement of Funds

	Balance GBP 01-Apr-24	Income	Expend iture Balanc e GBP 31-Mar-24
Unrestricted funds	23,422.00		

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

348,220.00 439,424.00 - 67,782.00

Analysis of net assets between funds- current year

Tangible fixed assets

Current assets

Creditors due within one year

Unrestricted Total	
Funds	Funds
GBP	GBP
51,321.94	51,321.94
63,498.00	63,498.00
- 58,157.08 -	58,157.08
<u>56,662.86</u>	<u>56,662.86</u>

C.A.S.T.

England & Wales - Charity number 1181331

Accounts

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UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees :

WASHINGTON ALI-NASOLO Chair

TESBO LETSIE Secretary

JENNIFER GORA

TSEBO

CHARLES DHLIWAYO

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the Annual Financial Statements of Community and Sanctuary Seekers Together for the year 1st April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the charities governing document and the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)

Structure governance and management

The charity is unincorporated, governed by its constitution dated 26/04/2016 and amended resolution on 18/12/2018.

The charity and its property is managed and administered by a committee of elected trustees. There is a management team, including a CEO, who monitor the day activities, administration and finances of the charity.

The trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and those who served during the financial period ended 31 March 2023 are listed on the attached schedule of Legal and Administrative information. Each trustee's role on the Board would be reviewed at least every 3 years.

The constitution provides that there must be a minimum of 3 Trustees appointed, including a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Objectives and activities

Objectives

CAST is a grassroots community activist group based in Southend-on-Sea which aims to support the self-determined needs of asylum seekers and refugees.

CAST aims to bring communities together to address isolation and loneliness through hosting and friendship projects which build relationships of trust, inter-dependency, respect, and solidarity within Southend.

We assist asylum-seekers and refugees, offering advice and support and signposting them to appropriate services, and liaise with local community and statutory organisations and are active in night shelters and Southend Homeless Action Network. At the same time, CAST is an activist organisation that advocates for fairer representations of non-status peoples and aims to challenge the structures which stand in the way of this.

CAST is organised by a diverse, non-hierarchical group of volunteers, many of whom were once asylum-seekers, and all of whom share a vision of creating strong, welcoming communities.

Activities

CAST undertakes its work through the following six main areas of activities which are also the main classification used in our financial accounts.

Destitution Services- by supporting those who are pushed to the brink of our society and those living in NASS accommodation.

Integration Services, helping newly recognised refugees to make challenging first steps towards integrating in the UK

Advocacy and Awareness Raising by drawing from experience and evidence from our direct services, working to ensure that refugees have an influential voice in policy discussions that impact their lives and raising our supporters and the public awareness of the issues refugees and asylum seekers face.

Therapeutic Services, through our friendship projects helping those who have suffered torture, trauma, violence or sexual exploitation, victims of modern slavery.

Hosting and Housing by offering accommodation to asylum seekers who have reached the end of their asylum claim, victims of domestic violence, modern slavery especially those with No Recourse To public funds.

Friendship projects, bringing people together to address loneliness and Isolation through arts, music, Refugee Rhythms, and celebrating refugee contribution to the society.

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Our Values

We place our values at the heart of everything we do - Kindness, integrity, Accountability, Diligence, Perseverance and Discipline.

2022-2023 saw increasing numbers of Asylum seekers from all over the world crossing the English Chanel and arriving by boats having travelled from Asia Africa and the Middle East. In Southend we saw several hotels being used to receive new arrivals who had been forced to leave their homes because of violence, persecution or war. The continued catastrophic events in Ukraine has seen people fleeing their homes and becoming dependent on humanitarian support for survival.

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Achievements and Performance

a) Growing concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b) Review of activities

The charity C.A.S.T undertook the following activities in the year:

Public support for refugee protection remains high in the UK. We hope this may persuade Ministers to act boldly on asylum reform. CAST has continued to join hands and campaign boldly for a just asylum system rooted in a culture of respect and dignity.

Our credibility and authority as an influential advocate of asylum and refugee reform continued to rest in the wealth of information, insight and experience, generated daily by the transformative services or ‘routes out of destitution’ we provide to people at all stages of their asylum and refugee journey. The current system fails many, we know what must change to put it right. We also know that acting alone, we will struggle to achieve the changes we require.

Throughout 2022/23 CAST invested heavily in collaboration with peer NGOs, civil society partners, our allies in parliament and with NACCOM members and many refugee led organizations that play a unique role in supporting inclusion, participation, and integration in the communities.

We have a huge task at CAST to secure tangible improvements in the lives of people seeking asylum in the UK. To ensure we remain both a high impact service provider and influential advocate of asylum and refugee rights, we need CAST to provide a stable and supportive human and physical infrastructure. Despite funding constraints, it is deeply satisfying to report that CAST achieved that throughout the year. We were able to sustain our investment the section 17 accommodation, premises, and the support we provide to experts by experience.

Though the year was difficult both financially and politically, CAST prospered in every sense by working together as a strong team and remain a force to reckon in mobilizing public compassion, energy, generosity and activism that can make Britain a country that truly welcomes refugees.

Financial review

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds available to continue operations.

Structure, governance, and management

a) Constitution

The charity is constituted under the trust deed dated _____ and registered number: 1181331.

b) Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

c) Organisational structure and decision-making policies. The charity has Trustees and an administration committee.

- d) policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees. The trust takes legal guidance including providing trustees with information from the Charities Commission. The Trustees attend external trustees training days.
- e) Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the Future

The charity intends to expand community support and services which are currently being offered.

Cashflow Statement exemption.

As permitted under the charities SORP 2015, the Trustees have not prepared a Cashflow Statement as the charity is not a large charity.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements. in accordance with the law applicable and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- *Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- *Observe the methods and principles of the charities SORP(FRS102);
- *Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- *State whether UK Accounting Standards (FRS102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- *Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to

presume the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient.

to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial

statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' report(continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali-Nasolo', is written above a horizontal dashed line.

Washington Ali-Nasolo

Trustee

Date: 19/01/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

We report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 5 to 8

Respective responsibilities of directors and reporting accountants

As the Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.


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

Independent Examiner 's statement - matter of concern identified

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 accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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

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Date: 2/4/2024

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER**CAST****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 GBP	Total Funds 2023 GBP	Unrestricted funds 2022 GBP	Total Funds 2022 GBP
Income from:					
National Lottery Grant		-	-	-	-
Other grants		58,500.00	58,500.00	149,700.00	149,700.00
Donations		999.00	999.00	-	-
Other	3	288,721.00	288,721.00	236,068.00	236,068.00
Total Income		348,220.00	348,220.00	385,768.00	385,768.00
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	4	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Charitable Activities	5	436,424.00	436,424.00	388,013.00	388,013.00
Total Expenditure		439,424.00	439,424.00	390,013.00	390,013.00
Net Movement in Funds		- 91,204.00	- 91,204.00	- 4,245.00	- 4,245.00
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		23,422.00	23,422.00	27,667.00	27,667.00
Total funds carried forward		- 67,782.00	- 67,782.00	23,422.00	23,422.00

**COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER
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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

Leasehold Improvements

Computer Equipment

Furniture and Fittings

Current Assets

Cash at bank and on hand

Other Debtors Loans

Creditors amounts falling due within one year

Loans

Net Current Assets

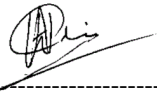
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)

Charity Funds

Restricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Washington Ali-Nasolo

Date: _____

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER CAST

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

2.Accounting policies continued

2.3 Expenditure continued

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are recognised at cost plus all costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition.

All tangible fixed assets are depreciated using the straight line method

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	£	33.30%
Computer Equipment		33.30%
Furniture and Fittings		33.30%

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

2.6 Cash at bank and on hand

Cash represents cash which is held in the bank.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at balance sheet date as a result of a past event.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payment for goods and services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of amounts required to settle the obligation.

2.8 Financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that only qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER CAST

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. General Information

Community and Sanctuary Seekers Together charity is constituted under a declaration of trust and is a registered charity whose
dated: _____ charity number is: **1181331**

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charities SORP(FRS102)- Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015). The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single entity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are

not attributable to a single entity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

2.Accounting policies continued

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3 Other income

Interest receivable	0
Rents Receivable	287,012.00

4.Expenditure on fund raising

Cost of raising voluntary income	2,000.00
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**COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type	Unrestricted		Unrestricted	
	funds	Total funds	funds	Total funds
	2023	2023	2022	2022
	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
Direct costs	<u>439,424.00</u>	<u>439,424.00</u>	<u>390,013.00</u>	<u>390,013.00</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

Activities			Activities		
undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds	undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds
2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
<u>286,276.00</u>	<u>153,148.00</u>	<u>439,424.00</u>	<u>253,513.00</u>	<u>136,500.00</u>	<u>390,013.00</u>

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER CAST

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities continued

Analysis of direct costs

	Direct costs 2023 GBP	Total funds 2023 GBP	Direct costs 2022 GBP	Total funds 2022 GBP
Salaries	195,011.00	195,011.00	134,906.00	134,906.00
Public Liability Insurance	-	-	1,303.00	1,303.00
Utilities(Gas,electricity&water)	29,525.00	29,525.00	14,162.00	14,162.00
Office Rent	13,000.00	13,000.00		
Internet	144.00	144.00		
TV Licences	-	-		
Property Rents	152,352.00	152,352.00	124,927.00	124,927.00
Council Tax	5,392.00	5,392.00	7,157.00	7,157.00
Legal fees	-	-		
Postage and Telephones	1,875.00	1,875.00	2,832.00	2,832.00
Computing	494.00	494.00	249.00	249.00
Refreshments	118.00	118.00		
Office expenses	6,805.00	6,805.00	2,227.00	2,227.00
Communication Mobiles phones	1,455.00	1,455.00		
Printing & Stationery	654.00	654.00	126.00	126.00
Travel	661.00	661.00	2,477.00	2,477.00
Volunteer expenses	1,050.00	1,050.00		
Accountancy & audit fees	7,300.00	7,300.00	1,680.00	1,680.00
Depreciation	10,444.00	10,444.00	9,701.00	9,701.00
Bank Charges	-	-		
Misc			110.00	110.00
Subscriptions	25.00	25.00	390.00	390.00
Membership Fees	-	-	298.00	298.00
Premises	12,521.00	12,521.00	79,657.00	79,657.00
Donations	-	-		
Homewares&cleaning	598.00	598.00	2,348.00	2,348.00
Workshops			144.00	144.00
Training	-	-		
Consultancy			5,319.00	5,319.00
Total Expenditure	439,424.00	439,424.00	390,013.00	390,013.00

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER CAST

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities continued

Analysis of support costs

	Direct costs 2023 GBP	Total funds 2023 GBP
Employment	<u>195,011.00</u>	<u>195,011.00</u>

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

2023 GBP
<u>0</u>

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ,no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Furniture &Fittings	Total
Cost or Valuation				
At 1 April 2022	26,262.00	6,401.00	8,570.00	41,233.00
Additions	-	3,780.00	1,450.00	5,230.00
As at 31 March 2023	<u>26,262.00</u>	<u>10,181.00</u>	<u>10,020.00</u>	<u>46,463.00</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	14,220.00	3,499.00	4,107.00	21,826.00
charge for the year	6,020.00	2,714.00	1,710.00	10,444.00
As at 31 March 2023	<u>20,240.00</u>	<u>6,213.00</u>	<u>5,817.00</u>	<u>32,270.00</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2023	<u>6,022.00</u>	<u>3,968.00</u>	<u>4,203.00</u>	<u>14,193.00</u>

10. Debtors

	2023
	GBP
Due within one year	1000

**COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023
11. Creditors amounts falling due within one year	GBP
Sundry Creditors	
Loans	28,512.00
Accrued expenses	55,609.00

12. Statement of Funds

	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	GBP			GBP
Statement of Funds -current year	01-Apr-22			31-Mar-23
Unrestricted funds	23,422.00	348,220.00	439,424.00	- 67,782.00

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds GBP	Total Funds GBP
Analysis of net assets between funds- current year		
Tangible fixed assets	14,193.00	14,193.00
Current assets	2,146.00	2,146.00
Creditors due within one year	- 84,121.00	- 84,121.00
	<u>- 67,782.00</u>	<u>- 67,782.00</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1181331

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1181331

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

31 MARCH 2022

Charity registration number: 1181331

Principal address: 59 Queens Road
Southend on Sea
Essex SS1 1NL

Trustees:	Washington Ali	Chair
	Tsebo Letsie	Secretary
	Jennifer Gora	
	Charles Diwayo	
	Paul Hill	

CEO Stanford Biti

The charity's professional advisers are as follows:

Independent Examiner:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is unincorporated, governed by its constitution dated 26/04/2016 and amended by resolution on 18/12/2018.

The charity and its property is managed and administered by a committee of elected Trustees. There is a management team, including a CEO, who monitor the day to day activities, administration and finances of the charity.

The trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and those who served during the financial period ended 31 March 2022 are listed on the attached schedule of Legal and Administrative Information. Each trustee's role on the Board would be reviewed at least every 3 years.

The constitution provides that there must be a minimum of 3 Trustees appointed, including a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Objectives and activities

Our Vision

To end destitution in the asylum-seeking process. Refugees and Sanctuary seekers will be able to access all appropriate support to enable them to integrate and thrive in our communities, without the experience or processes causing any harm. They will have the opportunity to get involved, know where support is available and be valued members of the local community.

Our Mission

To be a welfare organisation and voice of Refugees and Sanctuary Seekers in Southend and surrounding areas through advocacy, promoting community cohesion, delivering housing, education and community services and influencing practice in other community and public services.

Our values

We place our values at the heart of everything we do - Kindness, integrity, Accountability, Diligence, Perseverance and Discipline.

CAST

2021-2022 saw catastrophic events in Ukraine, the latest example of how man-made crises kill civilians and force millions to flee their homes, becoming dependent on humanitarian support for survival. We saw worsening humanitarian events and displacements in numerous countries including Afghanistan and an increase in the number of people arriving through the English Channel in boats. In Southend we saw several hotels being used to receive new arrivals who had been forced to leave their homes because of violence, persecution or war. They have been uprooted, leaving their entire lives behind. Like every other human being on this planet, they seek to live a life of dignity, freedom and security.







CAST had to reimagine how we delivered our services to cater for the huge numbers of people arriving at the same time. Our team pulled together to provide the vital services with very limited resources.

Ending Destitution

We want people to have support to end their immediate experience of destitution and have long term pathways out of destitution through policy, campaigning and practice.

What do we mean by destitution?

In our new strategy, we had the opportunity to reflect on the definition of 'Destitution'. It is usually defined as extreme poverty, when people cannot provide for themselves. We strongly agree with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation definition of destitution which says that people are destitute if they, or their children, have lacked two of six essentials over the past month because they cannot afford them.

 Shelter (have slept rough for one or more nights)	 Food (have had fewer than two meals a day for two or more days)
 Heating their home (have been unable to do this for five or more days)	 Lighting their home (have been unable to do this for five or more days)
 Clothing and footwear (appropriate for weather)	 Basic toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Our Strategic Goals for 2021 - 2025

- **Goal 1**

To end destitution within the UK immigration system through hosting and housing.

- **Goal 2**

To increase the number of R&AS who access our transformative routes out of destitution and services to address individual needs.

- **Goal 3**

Educate the public about issues relating to refugees and the needs of the wider community who may be facing poverty and homelessness.

- **Goal 4**

Support those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status or resettled and their dependents with wellbeing, education, employment training and skills of those in need thereof to enable them to adapt and integrate into the community.

- **Goal 5**

Promote equality and diversity by building links between sanctuary-seekers and longer-established communities to nurture integration and community cohesion.

- **Goal 6**

To be an independent, accountable, value-led and sustainable organisation

Data from our services paints a devastating picture of the sheer number of people in the asylum and wider immigration system who are forced to endure destitution because of their immigration status. It presents a robust evidence base on the scale and impact of destitution; we also know that this is just the tip of the iceberg, many people are profoundly impacted by destitution. There is reason for hope, however, in the year when state-funded emergency accommodation has been introduced. The roll out of the Nationality and Borders Act and the transition to a full dispersal model has seen Southend have to house new arrivals in hotels, adding pressure to our already stretched resources. In the latter part of the year, we also started to notice the increasing impact of the cost-of-living crisis at the back of two years of covid-19 combined with a challenging funding landscape. Most of our projects were being sustained by respond and adopt funding available, and we now have a huge financial challenge to sustain them.

Immigration Services

We partnered with local Citizen Advice Bureau on the EUSS (European Union Settlement Scheme) to help EU Nationals apply to continue to live in the United Kingdom after Brexit. We supported by making applications and any relevant support needed by our clients. We worked in partnership with CABS Southend and supported over 600 clients through the scheme. We continued to support other immigrants with their visa applications. We also saw a 90% rise in applications to challenge and change NRPFC Conditions because of Covid and the impact of the cost of living crisis on working conditions. Families were facing new challenges and needed support in order to avoid destitution. We assisted 106 new asylum claims using volunteers and pro bono solicitors. We continue to work towards our OISC accreditation.

Resettlement and Housing

The increased numbers of people settling in the UK meant a rise in those needing support with housing. We continued to offer accommodation to those who needed it while they were in the process of resettlement and we managed to house in total over 30 individuals during Covid. CAST has also supported families with no recourse to public funding being supported under section 17 of the Children's Act. We now have three houses for this purpose and have managed to house 22 people (more than 100% increase in the number of people who used the same project last year).

We continue to house newly granted asylum seekers who are usually destitute of the 28 day notice to vacate NASS provided accommodation. We saw 12 arrive in our temporary accommodation during this period and we still face a huge challenge to move them on as the local authority is struggling with affordable housing. We continue to host failed asylum seekers through innovation and use of host families.

We partnered with Essex Police Justice in Care to provide safe houses for victims of modern slavery. Throughout the year we housed 36 victims of modern slavery trafficked in the UK whose cases have received positive grounds from the NRM and are now being supported further by sister organisations.

Our housing stock continues to grow. We now have 6 specialist homes including Southend Sanctuary to house those who are destitute within the UK immigration system.

Friendship and Inclusion services

There has been a huge demand for our friendship projects to address isolation and loneliness. The people we support come to us at crisis point and we noticed that our projects are their lifeline.

We had the opportunity to provide culturally appropriate food parcels to our community and used the opportunity to invite individuals to come out of the house. Visiting our services allowed individuals to take a walk and the chance to interact with people again after Covid and get comfortable with engaging with the public again.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Volunteers

Due to Covid we were not able to work with volunteers the same way. Our hosting project relies heavily on volunteer families who were also affected by restrictions and protocols which the government put in place which made it impossible to host someone. We are delighted so many existing volunteers participate in our peer support services and help the new arrivals from the Afghanistan and our befriending projects. They have provided consistent support. We appreciate their lived experiences and value their work and the expertise they have brought to us.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 5 and resulted in a deficit of £1,060 for the year.

Reserves policy

It is the policy that CAST should aim to hold in reserve the equivalent of 6 months general running costs. It is also in our policy to hold an amount aside for likely building works and equipment damage. This policy will be reviewed in twelve months' time. At the year end date the charity was not in a position to meet this aim, holding cash reserves of £10,315 (2021: £3,510).

The trustees carry out an annual review of the risks which the charity may face and set out the procedures to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of the risks materialise.

Public interest

The charity's Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Statement of the Board of Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

No Trustees received any remuneration / expenses during the year.

The Board of Trustees confirms that the financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements and the terms of the Charity's governing document.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Mr Washington Ali (Chair)
Trustee

Date: 16/03/23

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF C.A.S.T

We report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 5 to 8

Respective responsibilities of directors and reporting accountants

As the Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Independent examiner's statement - matter of concern identified

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 accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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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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Adam Hotson FCCA

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Date 16/3/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total	Total
	Designated	General	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Charitable Activities:					
The National Lottery Community Fund grant		-	127,000	127,000	108,535
Other grants		-	45,900	45,900	35,800
Housing - Rent		206,039	-	206,039	106,935
Student fees		3,640	-	3,640	780
Other income		2,552	-	2,552	
Donations:					
Donations		614	-	614	1720
Other:					
Bank interest received		-	-	-	24
Total incoming resources	-	212,845	172,900	385,745	253,794
Resources expended					
Charitable Activities:					
Property rents		119,227	-	119,227	70,020
Council tax		6,994	-	6,994	5,107
Premises costs		-	7,202	7,202	39,640
Security		27,345	50,123	77,468	0
Telephone & internet		2,413	-	2,413	2,235
Light and heat		-	12,755	12,755	10,204
Insurance		-	1,092	1,092	954
Travel		3,316	-	3,316	3,350
Transport hire		-	-	-	561
Gross salaries		-	108,397	108,397	68,831
Employers pension contribution		-	2,305	2,305	1,501
Employers National Insurance		-	5,307	5,307	1,698
Subcontractors		-	7,927	7,927	5,703
Computer/Software/Website		760	-	760	2,673
Subscriptions		336	-	336	559
Repairs and maintenance		-	8,180	8,180	1,944
Events		-	-	-	10
Workshops & training		144	-	144	501
Donations		-	-	-	32
Printing, postage and stationery		364	-	364	430
Refreshments		-	-	-	353
Office expenses		2,227	-	2,227	731
Legal fees		-	-	-	500
Sundry expenses		-	-	-	30
Independent examiner		900	-	900	840
Consultancy		4,632	-	4,632	2000
Depreciation charge		14,860	-	14,860	13,790
Total resources expended	-	183,517	203,288	386,805	234,197
Net movement on funds	-	29,328	(30,388)	(1,060)	19,597
Transfers between funds					
Net incoming resources (resources expended)	-	29,328	(30,388)	(1,060)	19,597
Funds at 01 April 2021	-	1,141	30,388	31,529	11,932
Funds at 31 March 2022	-	30,469	0	30,469	31,529

Unrestricted funds represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.


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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets:			
Tangible fixed assets	4	15,947	29,492
Current assets:			
Other loans - staff	5	9,023	9,965
PAYE debtor		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		10,315	3,510
		<u>19,338</u>	<u>13,475</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year			
PAYE/NEST creditor		(916)	(1,997)
Accruals		(900)	(2,840)
Washington Ali - loan		(3,000)	(5,000)
Rent Deposits		(4,816)	(1,600)
		<u>(4,816)</u>	<u>(11,437)</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>30,469</u>	<u>31,529</u>
Total net assets or liabilities		<u><u>30,469</u></u>	<u><u>31,529</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds - General		30,469	1,141
Restricted funds		0	30,388
Total funds		<u><u>30,469</u></u>	<u><u>31,529</u></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr Washington Ali (Chair)
Trustee

Date 16/2/22

Charity registration number: 1181331

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charities SORP (FRS102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective October 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view.

COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless stated otherwise in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT

1.4 Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

2.1 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are recognised at cost plus all costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition.

All tangible fixed assets are depreciated using the straight line method

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	33.30%
Computer Equipment	33.30%
Furniture and Fittings	33.30%

2.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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Notes continued:

3. Independent examiner's remuneration	2022	2021
	<u>900</u>	<u>840</u>

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture & Fittings	Total
Cost or Valuation				
At 1 April 2021	6152	29627	7503	43282
Additions	249		1067	1316
As at 31 March 2022	<u>6401</u>	<u>29627</u>	<u>8570</u>	<u>44598</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	2049	9865	1876	13790
charge for the year	2132	9875	2854	14861
As at 31 March 2022	<u>4181</u>	<u>19740</u>	<u>4730</u>	<u>28651</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2022	<u>2220</u>	<u>9887</u>	<u>3840</u>	<u>15947</u>

5. Other Loans - staff	2022	2021
Stanford Biti	9023	9023
Rayhan Ozyurt	0	942
	<u>9023</u>	<u>9965</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits in this capacity.

7. Related party transactions

At the year end date a total of £3,000 (2021 £5,000) was owed to Mr Washington Ali, the chair of Trustees, in respect of a loan he made to the charity. This loan is interest free and repayable on demand.

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1181331

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

31 MARCH 2021

Charity registration number: 1181331

Principal address: 59 Queens Road
Southend on Sea
Essex SS1 1NL

Trustees: Washington Ali Chair
Tsebo Letsie Secretary
Jennifer Gora
Charles Dliwayo
Paul Hill

CEO Stanford Biti

The charity's professional advisers are as follows:

Independent Examiner:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is unincorporated, governed by its constitution dated 26/04/2016 and amended by resolution on 18/12/2018.

The charity and its property is managed and administered by a committee of elected Trustees. There is a management team, including a CEO, who monitor the day to day activities, administration and finances of the charity.

The trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and those who served during the financial period ended 31 March 2021 are listed on the attached schedule of Legal and Administrative Information. Each trustee's role on the Board would be reviewed at least every 3 years.

The constitution provides that there must be a minimum of 3 Trustees appointed, including a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Objectives and activities

The charity's main objective during the year included:

- CAST becoming the Local Authorities recognised solution to the difficulties experienced by R&AS in Southend
- To change for the better the way refugees, asylum seekers access services in Essex
- To increase access to our transformative services
- Gain such funding that would enable CAST to plan for 3/5 years projects
- Managed 5 houses for temporary accommodation, some of which is suitable for people with no recourse to public funding.
- Run ESOL classes for all Southend R&AS
- Register for OISC and continue assist in immigration applications.
- To be an independent, accountable, value led and sustainable organisation

The charity's main activities during the year included:

- **Hosting**- housing failed asylum seekers
- **Housing**- housing family with no recourse to public funding in our section 17 accommodation
- **Advocacy and awareness raising**- drawing evidence from our direct services that refugees have voice and influence in policy discussions.
- **Therapeutic services**- Assisting those who have suffered trauma, torture, violence, or sexual exploitation.
- **Integration services**- supporting those marginalised and pushed to the brink of our society

Achievements and performance

- We are now the leading provider of accommodation for Refugees and Asylum seekers, those with No Recourse for Public Funding (NRPF) and victims of modern slavery through our hosting and housing accommodation.
- We opened SOUTHEND Sanctuary (Marine Parade), housing 23 people. During the pandemic we housed 40 homeless people with NRPF providing 14,600 covid nights from 27 April 2020 to end of March 2021.
- We have now opened 5 specialist accommodation units.
- 18 victims of modern slavery were referred to our Modern slavery safe house.
- Over 4,000 people reached through the partnership with Citizens Advice (CAB), Welcome To The UK to deliver the EU Settlement Scheme.
- 20 R&AS achieved ESOL certificates using resources from our partners.
- 40 successful befriending projects.
- 2 community celebrations held virtually.
- Delivered 50 vaccines through outreach sessions to clients the NHS would otherwise not have access to.
- Facilitated 120 immigration applications through pro bono solicitors.
- 4 Partnerships formed :
 - i)Essex Police Justice in care- providing safe houses for victims of Modern slavery
 - ii)EUSS- Citizen advice ,Welcome to the UK partnered to deliver EU settled status program
 - iii)Fresh Beginnings and AFIUK- African Families UK deliver Integration of Unaccompanied Asylum seekers
 - iv)SMAS Partnership Southend against Modern Slavery to fight against all forms of modern slavery in Essex

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 5 and resulted in a surplus of £19,5987 for the year.

Reserves policy

It is the policy that CAST should aim to hold in reserve the equivalent of 6 months general running costs. It is also in our policy to hold an amount of likely building works and equipment damage. This policy will be reviewed in twelve months' time. At the year end date the charity was not in a position to meet this aim, holding cash of £3511.

The trustees carry out an annual review of the risks which the charity may face and set out the procedures to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of the risks materialise.

Public interest

The charity's Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Statement of the Board of Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

No Trustees received any remuneration / Expenses during the year.

The Board of Trustees confirms that the financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements and the terms of the Charity's governing document.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Mr Washington Ali (Chair)
Trustee

Date: 23/12/21

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF C.A.S.T

We report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 5 to 8

Respective responsibilities of directors and reporting accountants

As the Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Independent examiner's statement - matter of concern identified

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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 accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Adam Hotson FCCA

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Date .. 23/12/2021 ..

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	Designated	General		
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Charitable Activities:				
The National Lottery Community Fund grant			108,535	108,535
Essex Community Foundation grant			21,400	21,400
Shared Space grant			4,000	4,000
NACCOM grant			10,000	10,000
Neighbourly Limited grant		400		400
Housing - Rent		106,935		106,935
Student fees		780		780
Donations:				
Donations		1,720		1,720
Other:				
Bank interest received		24		24
Total incoming resources	-	109,859	143,935	253,794
Resources expended				
Charitable Activities:				
Property rents		70,020		70,020
Council tax		5,107		5,107
Premises costs			39,324	39,324
TV licences			316	316
Telephone & internet		2,235		2,235
Light and heat			10,204	10,204
Insurance			954	954
Travel		3,350		3,350
Transport hire		561		561
Gross salaries			68,831	68,831
Employers pension contribution			1,501	1,501
Employers National Insurance			1,698	1,698
Subcontractors			5,703	5,703
Computer/Software/Website		2,673		2,673
Subscriptions		559		559
Repairs and maintenance			1,944	1,944
Events		10		10
Workshops & training		501		501
Donations		32		32
Printing, postage and stationery		430		430
Refreshments		353		353
Legal fees		500		500
Office expenses		731		731
Sundry expenses		30		30
Independent examiner		840		840
Bookkeeping and Payroll		2,000		2,000
Depreciation charge		13,790		13,790
Total resources expended	-	103,722	130,475	234,197
Net movement on funds	-	6,137	13,460	19,597
Transfers between funds				-
Net incoming resources (resources expended)	-	6,137	13,460	19,597
Funds at 01 April 2020	-	(4,996)	16,928	11,932
Funds at 31 March 2021	-	1,141	30,388	31,529

Unrestricted funds represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets:			
Tangible fixed assets	4	29,492	5,000
Current assets:			
Other loans - staff	5	9,965	2,749
PAYE debtor		-	232
Cash at bank and in hand		3,510	10,623
		<u>13,475</u>	<u>13,604</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year			
PAYE/NEST creditor		(1,997)	(72)
Accruals		(2,840)	-
Washington Ali - loan		(5,000)	(5,000)
Rent Deposits		(1,600)	(1,600)
		<u>(11,437)</u>	<u>(6,672)</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>31,529</u>	<u>11,932</u>
Total net assets or liabilities		<u><u>31,529</u></u>	<u><u>11,932</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds - General		1,141	(4,996)
Restricted funds		30,388	16,928
Total funds		<u><u>31,529</u></u>	<u><u>11,932</u></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Washington Ali (Chair)
Trustee

Date

23/12/21

Charity registration number: 1181331

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The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Notes continued:

3. Independent examiner's remuneration	2021	2020
	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or Valuation	Computer Equipment	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture & Fittings	Total
At 1 April 2020		5000		5000
Additions	6152	24627	7503	38282
As at 31 March 2021	<u>6152</u>	<u>29627</u>	<u>7503</u>	<u>43282</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020				
charge for the year	2049	9865	1876	13790
As at 31 March 2021	<u>2049</u>	<u>9865</u>	<u>1876</u>	<u>13790</u>
Net Book Value 31 March 2021	<u>4103</u>	<u>19762</u>	<u>5627</u>	<u>29492</u>

5. Other Loans - staff

	2021	2020
Stanford Biti	9023	1807
Reyhan Ozyurt	942	942
	<u>9965</u>	<u>2749</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ,no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits in this capacity.
No trustees received any expenses during this year of the previous year.

7. Related party transactions

At the year end date a total of £5,000 (2020 £5,000) was owed to Mr Washington Ali, the chair of Trustees, in respect of a loan he made to the charity. This loan is interest free and repayable on demand.