

Charity Number: 1181331

**COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER**

**CAST**

**UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31MARCH 2023**

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## COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER

## CAST

**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**

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**CHARLES DHLIWAYO**

**Charity registered number:** 1181331

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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## **COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER**

### **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.

## **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.

2022-2023 saw increasing numbers of Asylum seekers from all over the world crossing the English Channel 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.

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. Gain funding for and run integrated mental health support groups for R&AS
- Goal 2. Lead the introduction of Syrian Refugees into Southend on Sea
- Goal 3. Train at least two members of staff to level 2 of OISC to enable advocacy and advice work stream to develop,
- Goal 4. CAST becoming the Local Authorities recognised solution to the difficulties experienced by R&AS in Southend,
- Goal 5. 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**

#### **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.

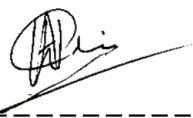
to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial

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:

  
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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.

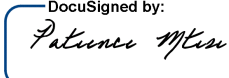
I report in respect of my examination of the Trusts s accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### 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: .....

**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
<b>Income from:</b>					
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
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>348,220.00</b>	<b>348,220.00</b>	<b>385,768.00</b>	<b>385,768.00</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>439,424.00</b>	<b>439,424.00</b>	<b>390,013.00</b>	<b>390,013.00</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>- 91,204.00</b>	<b>- 91,204.00</b>	<b>- 4,245.00</b>	<b>- 4,245.00</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		23,422.00	23,422.00	27,667.00	27,667.00
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>- 67,782.00</b>	<b>- 67,782.00</b>	<b>23,422.00</b>	<b>23,422.00</b>

**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:

  
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**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.

<b>3 Other income</b>	
Interest receivable	<b>0</b>
<b>Rents Receivable</b>	<b>287,012.00</b>

<b>4.Expenditure on fund raising</b>	
Cost of raising voluntary income	<b>2,000.00</b>

**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	Support	Total	undertaken	Support	Total
directly	costs	funds	directly	costs	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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>439,424.00</b>	<b>439,424.00</b>	<b>390,013.00</b>	<b>390,013.00</b>

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## 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	195,011.00	195,011.00

### 7. Independent examiner's remuneration

2023  
GBP  
0

### 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
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>				
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
<b>As at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>26,262.00</b>	<b>10,181.00</b>	<b>10,020.00</b>	<b>46,463.00</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
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
<b>As at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>20,240.00</b>	<b>6,213.00</b>	<b>5,817.00</b>	<b>32,270.00</b>
<b>Net Book Value 31 March 2023</b>	<b>6,022.00</b>	<b>3,968.00</b>	<b>4,203.00</b>	<b>14,193.00</b>

### 10. Debtors

	2023 GBP
Due within one year	1000

# COMMUNITY AND SANCTUARY SEEKERS TOGETHER CAST

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

				<b>2023</b>
				<b>GBP</b>
<b>11.Creditors amounts falling due within one year</b>				
<b>Sundry Creditors</b>				
<b>Loans</b>				<b>28,512.00</b>
<b>Accrued expenses</b>				<b>55,609.00</b>
<b>12.Statement of Funds</b>				
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>GBP</b>			<b>GBP</b>
<b>Statement of Funds -current year</b>	<b>01-Apr-22</b>			<b>31-Mar-23</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>23,422.00</b>	<b>348,220.00</b>	<b>439,424.00</b>	<b>- 67,782.00</b>

### 13. Analysis of net assets between funds

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