

Taunton Welcomes Refugees

Chair's report to the Annual Meeting 17.4.24

Having rearranged our calendar to align our Annual Meeting with our financial year it is only six months since our last Annual Meeting. The reports presented to that meeting by the officers and portfolio leads remain a valid and up to date account of our activities. This report serves merely as a very brief update on new developments. Full reports will be presented again to our Annual Meeting in April 2025.

The international situation continues to underline the need for organisations offering support to people seeking refuge in this country. There has been no positive news and we now have war and unimaginable suffering in Gaza as well.

We have seen an increase in the number of families from Afghanistan with 4 new referrals to TWR. This has stretched our capacity to offer befriending circles and it has been pleasing to welcome them to Coffee and Conversation as well.

We continue to offer support and language teaching to people seeking asylum including those housed in a local hotel. We have been able to source a significant number of mobile phones from Migrant Help which are always in great demand. We are grateful to Prodigal Bikes who have continued to source and supply bicycles.

We have run two volunteer preparation courses since October welcoming another 6 volunteers to TWR. Our new Volunteer Management Group continues to offer vital support to our current volunteers and we have now completed a complete round of volunteer reviews from which we have gained valuable insights. Our thanks to David Moy for his work on this. We have also held two interesting and enjoyable social/information sharing/learning evenings for volunteers.

Our safeguarding and CP policy has been reviewed and is currently being updated in line with the Wessex Water grant requirements. The DSL and Deputy DSL are fully up to date with their safeguarding training. Future safeguarding training for new volunteers will be delivered either face to face or online by the DSL. At each Board meeting a contextual safeguarding matter is raised for discussion or free training/resources are suggested.

Having been successful in attracting grant aid to improve our administration we have increased our Administrator's hours to two days

per week from last January. Our expectation is that this will enable her to take a more proactive role.

TWR continues to benefit from the hard work and dedication of our Board of Trustees all of whom put in a great deal of time and effort, and of course we couldn't function without our wonderful team of volunteers. Our volunteer reviews have underlined our conviction that the role provides invaluable support for refugees and people seeking asylum and is a positive and life affirming experience for the volunteers themselves.

Eddie East and Simon Forrester

April 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Taunton Welcomes Refugees

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183921

Set out on pages

1 - 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

15/8/24

Name:

Christopher Cherry

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

FCCA

Address:

3 Marco Polo House, Cook Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6BJ

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Taunton Welcomes Refugees

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Apr-23

To

31-Mar-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual Donations	2,334	-	-	2,334	1,927
Institutional Donations	790	-	-	790	8,283
Grants	-	27,303	-	27,303	13,147
Gift Aid Claim	-	-	-	-	-
Cards & Calendars	1,069	-	-	1,069	1,281
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,193	27,303	-	31,496	24,638
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,193	27,303	-	31,496	24,638
A3 Payments					
Items for Clients	368	-	-	368	1,016
Admin	2,795	-	-	2,795	1,283
Support Meetings	1,331	-	-	1,331	167
Translation	108	-	-	108	203
Training	733	-	-	733	193
Convesation Taunton	1,803	2,943	-	4,746	4,229
Conversation Bridgwater	571	-	-	571	1,008
Adminsitrator	5,653	3,082	-	8,735	6,583
Ukraine Support	-	-	-	-	896
English for Ukrainians	2,716	9,475	-	12,191	6,876
Enterprise Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Employment Workshop	-	-	-	-	310
W. Somerset Support	-	-	-	-	-
Asylum Support	-	-	-	-	50
Sub total	16,078	15,500	-	31,578	22,814
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	144
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Total payments	16,078	15,500	-	31,578	22,958
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,885	11,803	-	82	1,680
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,032	3,131	-	18,163	16,483
Cash funds this year end	3,147	14,934	-	18,081	18,163

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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	Projector		152	-
	Dsisplay Boards		144	-
			-	-
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			-	
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		Robin Peeler		



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