

CORNWALL REFUGEE RESOURCE NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1184187

Details

Other names	CRRN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-07-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1) THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS AND ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION, BY PROMOTING AND/OR CO-ORDINATING SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY 2) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES LIVING OR WORKING IN CORNWALL AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY ACTING AS AN UMBRELLA AND RESOURCE FOR LOCAL REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES, 3) THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES RESIDING BEYOND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY AID (SUCH AS SHELTER, CLOTHING, FOOD AND WATER) EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH LOCAL AGENCIES. 4) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND HUMAN RIGHTS. 5) THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROMOTING ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND PEOPLE SUCH AS ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES WHO ARE SEEKING SANCTUARY.

Activities: We work to support refugees and those working with refugees arriving or settling in Cornwall; to relieve financial hardship among asylum seekers and refugees in Cornwall; to educate the public concerning refugees and asylum seekers and to develop mutual integration between communities locally. We take basic resources to refugees in Calais and Dunkerque, and work with local support groups there.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- France
- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£16,930	£16,340	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,972	£6,297	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,156	£2,098	-	-
2021-12-31	£869	£116	-	-
2020-12-31	£1,254	£1,191	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Eleanor Mary Stacey	Chair	2019-07-01
Alex Vessis		2024-01-11
Olivia Byass-Smithies		2023-11-08
Rachel Preston		2023-11-08

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Trustees Annual Report 2024

About our charity

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Summary of our main activities during 2024

- **Coordinating Voluntary Sector Support for International Health and Care Workers (IHCW)**

Thanks to the Cornwall Community Foundation's Welcome Fund, CRRN launched a small grants fund for IHCW in December 2023. This initiative supported 19 individuals in 2024 with No Recourse to Public Funds to secure permanent accommodation and avoid destitution.

CRRN also convened a series of meetings in collaboration with Cornwall Council's Adult Social Care Workforce Development team (Nov 2023 – Mar 2024). Key outcomes of these meetings included the relaunch of the Cornwall Modern Slavery Network, creation of a Support Guide for IHCW in Cornwall and case studies highlighted best practices and lessons learned.

- **Afghan Small Grants Fund**

Thanks to a legacy donation following the closure of Bude Refugee Support Group as a charity, CRRN was able to support 19 individuals and their families resettled in Cornwall from Afghanistan in 2024. Grant payments supported families with essential housing and home furnishing costs,

education and IT equipment, travel expenses to essential appointments and the cost of living.

- **Continued membership of the Refugee Steering Group**
Providing advice, consultation and signposting to Cornwall Council and other statutory services as part of the Steering Group forum.
- **Support community sponsorship groups**
As part of a collaboration with Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS), our shared Community Development Officer led a project to support and build capacity among local community sponsorship groups and other organisations supporting refugees and migrants, facilitating collective action across Cornwall.
- **Access to Justice for Separated Children fundraising campaign**
Our work to build voluntary sector capacity identified the lack of access to legal and advocacy support for separated asylum-seeking children in Cornwall. Working in partnership with DCRS, our joint fundraising campaign successfully raised nearly £10K to support legal advocacy and advice provision.
- **CRRN Insights – Information sessions**
We ran regular online information sessions focused on raising awareness and encouraging best practice in support of refugees and asylum seekers in Cornwall.
- Continued development of our website and social media presence.

Financial Review:

Total income from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024: £16,930.00

Total expenditure 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024: £16,340.00

Thanks from the Trustees

We would like to pass on thanks on behalf of the Trustees to everyone who works to support refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and diverse communities in Cornwall and beyond.

Rachel Preston (Chair)

October 2025



Cornwall Refugee Resource Network

(Registered Charity No. 1184187)

Statement of Financial Activities: Income and Expenditure for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Income	Total
Total	16930.80
Individual donations	1065.00
Income Cornwall Council grant	9000.00
Eventbrite/Crowdfunder	900.80
Bude Refugee Support Group legacy donations x 2	5965.00
Expenditure	
Total	16340.50
Fee to DCRS for community development worker	7500.00
Small grants to individuals/families	7905.00
Public liability insurance	96.00
Event expenses	839.50
Net surplus	590.30

Summary:

	Year end 2024	Year end 2023
Opening balance	1553.57	1553.57
Total Income	16930.80	20972
Total expenditure	16340.50	6297.00
Net deficit/surplus for the year	590.30	14675.00
Balance brought forward	1553.57	1553.57
Balance carried forward	16818.97	16228.57
Balance sheet as at 31.12.2024	16818.97	16228.57
Current assets – cash in bank	16818.97	16228.57
Total assets	16818.97	16228.57
Current liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total net assets	16818.97	16228.57
Funded by brought forward	16228.57	1553.57
surplus for the year	590.30	14675.00
Total funds carried forward	16818.97	16228.57

These financial details have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees on 30th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Rachel Preston

(Chair of trustees)

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Annual Report for the year 2023, presented at the AGM on 24 October 2024 at 1900 (online)

About our charity

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Summary of our main activities during 2023

- **Membership of the Refugee Steering Group**
Providing advice, consultation and signposting to Cornwall Council and other statutory services as part of the Steering Group forum.
- **Appointment of a part-time Development Officer (0.4FTE)**
Leading on building capacity and place-based support, with thanks to grant funding from Cornwall Council and working in partnership with Devon and Cornwall Support (October 2023).
- **Supporting community sponsorship groups**
Contributing funding to events (NRSRG, May 2023) and supporting TCRS in collaboration with CHARIS to resettle a family in Truro.
- **Right to Remain Toolkit Festival**
In September 2023, CRRN collaborated with a national legal education charity to bring the Right to Remain Toolkit Festival to Cornwall. The event, attended by 25

representatives from local organisations, focused on rights-based education for refugees and asylum seekers. A summary of the event is [available on the Right to Remain website](#).

- **Consultation Cap 2023**
Coordinating a local response to the Home Office consultation seeking feedback on refugee resettlement needs and community sponsorship capacity across Cornwall. We advocated for a percentage proportion of the local population (0.02%) commitment to resettlement per year.
- **Voluntary Sector Support for International Health and Care Workers**
In response to challenges faced by international health and care workers on visas, CRRN convened a series of meetings in collaboration with Cornwall Council's Adult Social Care Workforce Development team. These meetings ran from November 2023 to March 2024, focusing on the exploitation and vulnerabilities of individuals with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

In addition, we launched a small grants fund in December 2023 with thanks to the Cornwall Community Foundation's Welcome Fund. This initiative supported **7** individuals with No Recourse to Public Funds in securing permanent accommodation and avoiding financial destitution by the end of 2023.

- **Information sessions**
We ran regular online information sessions focused on building capacity and raising awareness about advocacy and supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Cornwall.
- **Development of our website and social media presence, with thanks to our dedicated volunteer.**

Financial Review:

Total income from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023: £20,927.00

Total expenditure 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023: £6,297.00

Thanks from the Trustees

We would like to pass on thanks on behalf of the Trustees to everyone who works to support refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants in Cornwall and beyond.

Ellie stepped down as Chair in November 2023.

Rae Preston (Chair)

October 2024

Summary:

	year end 2023	year end 2022
opening balance	£1,553.57	£2,494.84
Total Income	£20,972.00	£1,156.24
Total expenditure	£6,297.00	£2,097.51
Net deficit/surplus for the year	£14,675.00	-£941.27
Balance brought forward	£1,553.57	£2,494.84
Balance carried forward	£16,228.57	£1,553.57
Balance sheet as at 31.12.2023	£16,228.57	£1,553.57
Current assets - cash in bank	£16,228.57	£1,553.57
Total assets	£16,228.57	£1,553.57
Current liabilities	£0.00	£0.00
Total net assets	£16,228.57	£1,553.57
Funded by brought forward	£1,553.57	£2,494.84
surplus for year	£14,675.00	-£941.27
Total funds carried forward	£16,228.57	£1,553.57

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Rae Preston

Chair of trustees

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Annual Report for the Year 2022, presented at the AGM on 8 November 2023 at 18:00 (online)

About our charity

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Summary of the CRRN's main activities during 2022

Homes for Ukraine:

With community sponsorship groups well established, Cornwall responded positively to the call for safe homes following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia on 24 February 2022. There was a loud call to action in Cornwall, with groups forming in parts of Cornwall that had not previously engaged in welcoming refugees. CRRN became an active member of the Refugee Steering Group, as Cornwall Council grappled with the challenges of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, providing advice directly and signposting hosts to organisations and people who could help.

We launched a new page on our website with detailed signposting information and resources for hosts, as well as attending, organising and speaking at meetings to share information and offer support for hosts and guests. We were invited to meetings organised in collaboration with faith-based and charitable organisations in Truro; Launceston; Wadebridge and Falmouth, as well as organising an event in collaboration with CN4C in Looe. We continued to host regular drop-in events online to provide a space for hosts to ask questions and seek support.

A group of Ukrainian guests in Looe organised an extracurricular, educational 3-day trip to London for their children, to visit museums, theatres and galleries and to learn

more about British culture and history. CRRN supported a request for donations towards the cost of this trip and Falmouth and Penryn Welcome Refugee Families very kindly donated £500. The Marazion Male Voice Choir agreed that they were also happy for their donation to be used towards this. Rae Preston directly booked the group's accommodation, and the total booking cost was £837.51, which shows on the bank statement/account sheet as paid direct to Rae.

People seeking asylum:

Newquay Refugee Support Group (NRSG) led the response to support around 120 people seeking asylum who were temporarily relocated to the Beresford Hotel during the winter of 22/23. This is the first time that people seeking asylum have been dispersed to Cornwall. CRRN organised online knowledge shares and meetings to try and bring partners together and learn from experiences elsewhere in the county.

The trustees considered individual requests for funding and approved the funding of some translations of key documents to support an asylum claim.

Supporting refugees in Europe and beyond

The Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit have had a severe impact on moving donations and provisions from Cornwall, as it was almost impossible to travel or to get goods through, and Brexit changes compounded difficulties as regulations changed. Trips were organised and primarily funded by One And All Aid. Local groups got involved in taking the opportunity to gather up discarded tents and sleeping bags from local festivals. Cornwall continues to be very generous with donations, but storage and rising transportation costs are challenging. As a result, CRRN donated £800 to One and All Aid towards their transportation costs.

Campaigning and educating

We launched our online 'Insights' series, with online talks on specific subjects, including learning English, interpreting and mental health, in May 2022.

We also wrote a number of statements in response to proposed changes to government policy, e.g. Rwanda, and have published these on our website and shared them with partners.

With the subject of refugees and asylum seekers constantly in the news, please see our media page from the CRRN website for an overview:

<https://www.crrn.org.uk/media-archive.html>.

Truro Community Refugee Support and Charis Steering Group

In 2021, CRRN helped set up and then chaired the steering group to support TCRS as the group worked to raise funds, find a property and to prepare to welcome a refugee family under one of the Home Office resettlement schemes. This is ongoing, but a family is now due to arrive in the autumn of 2023.

Financial Review

Total income from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2022: £1156.24

Total expenditure 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2022: £2097.51

The accounts have been independently checked by an accountant who had no further comments. Most activities that continued in 2022 required no expenditure, due to the restrictions placed on us all by the pandemic.

Thanks from the Trustees

I would like to pass on thanks on behalf of the Trustees to everyone in Cornwall who works to support refugees, people seeking asylum and other vulnerable migrants in Cornwall and beyond.

Ellie Stacey

November 2023



Cornwall Refugee Resource Network (CRRN)

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Statement of Financial Activities: Income and Expenditure for the period from

1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Income	year to 31/12/22	year to
31/12/21	£	£
Donations - Truro Quakers	0	619.34
Xmas catalogue	0	250.00
Donation Falmouth and Penryn	500	0
collection at concert	656.24	0
funds held for Penwith Welcomes	0	27087.61
TOTAL INCOME	1156.24	27956.95
Expenditure		
Translation for asylum seeker	460	115.85
Funds returned to Penwith Welcome 27087.61	0	
payment for London trip	837.51	0
Donation One and All Aid	800	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2097.51	27203,46
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	(941.27)	753.49
Balance Brought Forward	2494.84	1741.35
Balance Carried Forward	1553.57	2494.84
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	1553.57	2494.84

Total Assets	1553.57	2494.84
Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Net Assets	1553.57	2494.84
Funded by Brought forward	2494.84	1741.35
(Deficit)/ Surplus for year (941.27)		753.49
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1553.57	2494.84

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees

on _____

and signed on their behalf by:-

Trustee (signature)

Name in capitals

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Annual Report for the year 2021, presented at the AGM on 21 September 2022 at 1800

Our history

- Cornwall Refugee Resource Network is a network of organisations and people who work together to ensure that Cornwall provides refuge and sanctuary to those most in need.
- We celebrate good news stories of how the resettlement of refugees shapes Cornwall for the better. Our desire is that Cornwall leads the way as an example of how the resettlement of refugees can be mutually beneficial for all.
- We campaign for positive change in policy, for example, that the government sets a regular annual target for the resettlement of refugees and that the system for those seeking asylum is more efficient so that cases are decided more quickly and that those waiting for the decision are treated respectfully.
- Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network was established at All Saints Highertown Church, Truro, in 2016 in direct response to the acute crisis caused by the war in Syria and the number of people fleeing from danger. In 2018 CRRN renamed itself Cornwall Refugee Resource Network. On 1st July 2019 CRRN became a registered charity.

Summary of the network's main activities during 2021

Supporting refugees in Cornwall: With the pandemic still making an impact, the network continued to meet regularly online throughout 2021. At these meetings there was a sharing of information and resources between the organisations supporting refugees in Cornwall, in particular the families settled under VPRS through Cornwall Council and the community sponsorship groups in Cornwall in Bude and Falmouth. Through regular updates we have heard about the successes in resettlement and where our network can help if there is a difficulty. We have focused on practice and strived to maintain the confidentiality of those resettled. We welcomed representatives from new community sponsorship groups forming all around Cornwall.



Cornwall Refugee Resource Network (CRRN)

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Statement of Financial Activities: Income and Expenditure for the period from

1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Income	year to 31/12/21	year to 31/12/20
	£	£
Donations – Truro Quakers	619.34	699.85
Xmas catalogue	250.00	310
TOTAL INCOME	869.34	1009.85
Expenditure		
Translation for asylum seeker	115.85	181.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	115.85	181.50
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	753.49	828.35
Balance Brought Forward	1741.35	913
Balance Carried Forward	2494.84	1741.35
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	2494.84	1741.35
Total Assets	2494.84	1741.35
Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Net Assets	2494.84	1741.35
Funded by		
Brought forward	1741.35	913
(Deficit)/ Surplus for year	753.49	828.35
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2494.84	1741.35

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees

on 31. 8. 2022

and signed on their behalf by:-

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Trustee (signature)

ELLIE STACEY

Name in capitals

G. Watson

Trustee (signature)

GEOFFREY WATSON

Name in capitals

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Trustees Report for the First Period - 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020

The Objects of CRRN are:

1. The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among people who are refugees and asylum seekers and are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by promoting and/or coordinating services and facilities to assist them to adapt within a new community.
2. the relief of financial hardship among asylum seekers and refugees living or working in Cornwall and surrounding areas by acting as an umbrella and resource for local refugee support services,
3. the relief and assistance of asylum seekers and refugees residing beyond the United Kingdom in such countries as the trustees shall determine by providing emergency aid (such as shelter, clothing, food and water) either directly or through local agencies.
4. the advancement of the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum and human rights.
5. the promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding and good relations between the general public and people such as asylum seekers and refugees who are seeking sanctuary.

Our history

Cornwall Refugee Resource Network is a network of organisations and people who work together to ensure that Cornwall provides refuge and sanctuary to those most in need. We celebrate good news stories of how the resettlement of refugees can indeed shape Cornwall for the better. We campaign for positive change in policy. Our desire is to ensure that Cornwall leads the way as an example of how the resettlement of refugees can be mutually beneficial for all.

Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network was established at All Saints (Highertown) Church, Truro in 2016 in direct response to the acute crisis caused by the war in Syria and the number of people fleeing from danger.

From the website of the time:

"We want our website serve as a resource; a way of celebrating what has been done so far; and most important, a way to find the people with the most relevant hands-on experience around specific issues. We also should continue to provide the day-to-day resources needed by refugees already resettled, from conversations to ironing boards."

In 2018 CRRN decided that the new name of a "Resource Network" would be more appropriate, and to apply for charitable status, to enable better representation and dialogue with other agencies. Geoff Watson, and others, developed the constitution and the objects of the charity. On 1st July 2019 CRRN became a registered charity and the first trustees' meeting took place.

Summary of main achievements during 2019 - 20

Supporting refugees in Cornwall:

The network held regular meetings throughout 2019 and then continued with regular online Zoom meetings throughout 2020. At these meetings there was a sharing of information and resources between the organisations supporting refugees in Cornwall, in particular the families settled under VPRS through Cornwall Council and the community sponsorship groups in Cornwall in Bude and Falmouth. Our membership has widened to include people who hope to start their own community sponsorship groups. Through regular updates we have heard about the successes in resettlement and where our network can help if there is a difficulty. We have focused on practice and strived to maintain the confidentiality of those resettled.

Refugee Forum:

A bi-monthly online Forum has been established for those who work directly with refugees and asylum seekers in Cornwall. Each meeting focuses on a topic. So far, the Forum has looked at subjects such as seeking work opportunities and good practice in learning English as an additional language. The group has a WhatsApp group, which keeps members up to date with current events and queries, and with each other.

Supporting refugees in Europe:

In 2019, members of CRRN continued to support refugees in France. Shelley M and James B went to France in July 2019. At the time, volunteers were making 1500 meals a day in the Calais refugee community kitchen, some of which were sent out to other areas such as Dunkirk. SM and JB went to clean the camps of litter, working with Mobile Refugee Support. They worked with volunteers who refabricate lithium batteries for use by refugees and working on recycling plastic.

Rowley S went in October. He found that conditions were worse than ever, numbers having increased over the summer, about 1500 people spread between Calais and Dunkirk. One large shelter had been closed so all were camping outside including over 40 families. There were only 4 taps and no toilets or showers or even organised latrines. Refugees were still being harassed by the military police regularly.

Although visits and support continued in the early part of 2020, the Covid 19 pandemic had an impact on provision almost immediately, and it became impossible to travel there or to get goods through. In addition, local festivals in Cornwall did not take place so the opportunity to gather up discarded tents and sleeping bags did not arise.

Collections

The Network continued to promote and support the activities of Open Hearts Open Borders, One and all Aid and Mobile Refugee Support. Since the onset of the pandemic, Cornwall has continued to be very generous with donations of essential materials, but storage and transportation has been very challenging.

Campaigning

Welcoming unaccompanied young refugees in Cornwall

Representatives from CRRN had a meeting with Cornwall Council regarding Cornwall's response to the needs of refugee children who are unaccompanied minors. In the past there have been concerns around young people not staying in Cornwall or choosing not to come, so very few children have been resettled in the county.

The general election 2019

With a general election called for December, having received guidance from the charity commission on activity in elections and referendums, the group decided to canvass all candidates in the forthcoming election about their views on the refugee situation. The following questions were drafted and sent to candidates in several constituencies.

1. Do you support doing more to guarantee safe, swift, legal passage to Britain for some of the most vulnerable refugees in Europe? What steps would you take?
2. As part of the pledge to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK made in 2015, Cornwall pledged to resettle 60. Community sponsors have welcomed three families so far. Do you think this figure is adequate? What figure do you feel is appropriate?
3. UK Local authorities have together already pledged 1,170 places for child refugees if the Government makes a new resettlement commitment. Fewer than 20 unaccompanied young people have been resettled in Cornwall at this time. Could Cornwall do more? How do you feel about this figure?
4. Do you support asylum seekers being able to work legally whilst their application is being processed? Why do you think asylum seekers are not allowed to work here? What would be the pros/cons?

When CRRN reviewed the impact of canvassing the candidates, at our first meeting in 2020, we found that very few had been willing to engage beyond acknowledging receipt of correspondence.

Links with other organisations

Cornwall Equality and Diversity Network (CEDN) and Cornwall Faith Forum

Members of CRRN have attended CEDN meetings and are aiming to participate in the CEDN five year plan of objectives for equality, which was not finalised by the end of 2020. For a short time, CRRN attended meetings of the oversight group, which reported back to the trustees of Cornwall Faith Forum as to how their service agreement with Cornwall Council was working to support families resettled by the council under VPRS, until the contract was discontinued at the end of 2019.

Financial Review:

Total income from 1 July 2019 to 31st December 2020:	£1254.00
Total expenditure from 1 July 2019 to 31st December 2020:	£1191.00

The accounts have been independently examined by an accountant who commented:-

More grant funding/ donations are required to boost bank balance and available expenditure, but your overheads are low apart from the trips to Calais. A good rule of thumb is a ring fenced figure for emergencies of three times normal annual outgoings.

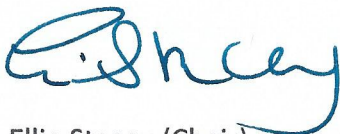
At the start of the period, CRRN funds were being held by All Saints Church, Highertown, but CRRN opened its own bank account in April 2020. The credit from All Saints, Highertown, at that time included the balance brought forward from December 2019 with an additional £700 of donations for refugees collected by the church since CRRN started.

Most activities that were able to continue in 2020 required no expenditure, due to the restrictions placed on us all by the pandemic.

Thanks from the Trustees

I would like to pass on thanks on behalf of the Trustees to everyone who works to support refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants in Cornwall and beyond. Our special thanks to Kirsty and the team at All Saints, Highertown, for their support. As we now look on at the situation in Afghanistan, hopeful of a positive response from Cornwall, there is still so much to be done.

On behalf of the trustees,



Ellie Stacey (Chair)

5th September 2021



Cornwall Refugee Resource Network (CRRN)

Charity number: 1184187

Statement of Financial Activities

Income and Expenditure for the first period from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020

01/07/19 to 31/12/20

Income	£
Donations	943.85
Xmas catalogue	310
TOTAL INCOME	1253.85
Expenditure	
Calais Trips- Travel costs, van hire, fuel, tickets	655
Moving clothes to Saltash	54
Contribution to Open Hearts and Open Borders	300
Translation for asylum seeker	181.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1190.50
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	63.35
Balance Brought Forward	1678
Balance Carried Forward	1741.35
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020	
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank and In Hand	1741.35
Total Assets	1741.35
Current Liabilities	-
Total Net Assets	1741.35
Funded by	
Brought forward	1678
(Deficit)/ Surplus for year	63.35
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1741.35

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees

on 5th September 2021

and signed on their behalf by:-

E. Stacey

Trustee (signature)

ELEANOR STACEY

Name in capitals

G. Watson

Trustee (signature)

GEOFFREY WATSON

Name in capitals



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: CORNWALL REFUGEE RESOURCE NETWORK

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2020 Charity no (if any): 1184187

Set out on pages

1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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.

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

Signed: Lynn Vallis

Date: 24/09/2021

Name: LYNN VALLIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

[Empty box for professional qualification]

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

NOTHING TO DISCLOSE TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION