

Leeds Destitute Asylum-Seekers Support
Charity Number 1190001

Annual Report and financial statements

for the period 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023



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Asylum-seekers
Support**

Dignity in Destitution

LEDAS (Charity Number: 1190001)

Charity Information

DIRECTORS:	G Tober (Chair) S Brown J Willison (Secretary) T Pickles M Thornfield (Treasurer) P Lewis (appointed 22 Feb 2023)
REGISTERED OFFICE:	20 Moss Gardens Leeds LS17 7BH
REGISTERED NUMBER:	1190001 (England and Wales)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	T P Lawler

Trustees' report for the year ended 30 June 2023

Review of the year

Throughout the year, the charity has provided accommodation and support to 11 destitute asylum seekers in two rented houses in Leeds.

These individuals have no recourse to public funds, and so are not permitted to work and have no entitlement to claim benefits. They are therefore at risk of becoming destitute / street-homeless.

We are able to accommodate 8 individuals at any one time, and have had full occupancy over the year, other than for an occasional night when two of our residents left the properties, and we were able to offer use of the vacant room to another destitute asylum seeker. Of the two residents who left, one was granted the right to remain and work in the UK.

As well as providing the physical building for the individuals to live in (with their own bedroom and shared use of kitchen and bathroom facilities) we have been providing the residents with food, household consumables, mobile phone top ups, a weekly delivery of a fruit and vegetable box, a monthly bus pass and a small weekly allowance for their personal needs. We are exceptionally grateful for the various funders who have made it possible to provide these. They have had a big impact on the quality of life of our residents and allow them to live with a sense of dignity, which is one of the key aims of the charity.

The charity has received further funding from various organisations (detailed below) and donations from a number of individuals over the year.

Although the net position for the year is a deficit, this is primarily due to the charity having been successful in achieving multi-year grants during the previous financial year. We therefore leave the year in a comfortable financial position, with the focus of applying for further grant funding during the coming year to start from early 2024.

At the end of the last financial year we had expected to be able to take on a further property, increasing our provision to 12 concurrent residents. Unfortunately these plans did not come to fruition, mainly due to unfavorable market conditions (the economy and the housing market) adversely impacting the potential benevolent landlords we were in discussion with. These plans are now on hold, although we hope that they may be revived at a future date.

The trustees wish to express their thanks to all those who have supported the charity over the year, whether financially, with donations of food, clothing or other items, or with offers of practical help and support.

Summary of current operations and activities

We have rented two 4-bedroom properties in Leeds throughout the year, providing accommodation and services to 8 individual asylum seekers who would otherwise be street homeless.

We meet the residents every week and offer practical assistance and support.

The other main activity undertaken by the trustees over the year was fundraising, to cover the costs of running the charity

Reserves Policy

The trustees have decided that the charity should hold reserves equivalent to 3 months' forecast operating costs (£10,500).

Trustee appointments

The charity is run by the trustees with a small team of volunteers. It does not employ any staff.

The current trustees are those who founded the charity, with one additional trustee appointed during the year. Trustees are appointed for a 2 year term, and may stand for re-appointment.

Risk Management

To manage the risks faced by the charity, the trustees have put in place a number of policies covering topics including safeguarding, health and safety and data privacy. Procedures have been established to cover how asylum seekers may be referred to the charity and subsequently assessed for the suitability of living in the charity's accommodation. All residents agree to abide by the charity's rules and procedures for living in our accommodation. These include rules relating to living in a Covid-safe environment.

Summary of grants received

The following amounts were received during the year:

Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux - £11,000 for accommodation and living costs

The Brelms Trust CIO - £5,000 for accommodation and living costs

Garfield Weston - £5,000 for accommodation and living costs

Church Homeless Trust - £960 for mobile phone top-ups

Allen Lane - £3,000 for accommodation



Dr Gillian Tober
Chair of trustees

19th December 2023

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEDAS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2023, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Responsibilities and basis of the 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give 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 the account 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.

SIGNED  _____

Date 28th December 2023

Name: T. P. Lawler BA (Hons) FCA

Address: 20 Park Wood Close, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1QW

Qualification or body: Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (retired member)

LEDAS (Charity Number: 1190001)**Statement of Financial Activities (prepared on a cash basis)
for the Year Period 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023**

INCOME	June 2023 Restricted	June 2023 Unrestricted	June 2023 Total	June 2022 Total
<u>Grants and donations from charitable trusts</u>				
Allen Lane	3,000		3,000	3,000
Brelms	5,000		5,000	5,000
Church Homeless Trust	960		960	3,650
Garfield Weston	5,000		5,000	5,000
Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux	11,000		11,000	25,200
Other				36,148
<u>Donations and fundraising</u>				
Donations eligible for gift aid		1,690	1,690	2,350
Other donations		485	485	1,023
<u>Other income</u>				
Gift aid reclaim		543	543	1,101
TOTAL	24,960	2,718	27,678	82,472
EXPENDITURE	June 2023 Restricted	June 2023 Unrestricted	June 2023 Total	June 2022 Total
<u>Properties and residents' expenditure</u>				
Rent and Landlords' costs	21,534		21,534	21,543
Weekly allowances and phone top ups	11,859		11,859	11,460
Bus passes and travel	4,150		4,150	2,454
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water)	6,934		6,934	4,273
Council tax	906		906	458
TV Licences	317		317	319
Resident health and welfare	673		673	574
Broadband	179		179	
Other general expenses	188		188	216
<u>General expenses and one-off purchases</u>				
Equipment and appliances		125	125	50
Insurance	740		740	722
Organisation membership fees		60	60	60
TOTAL	47,480	185	47,665	42,120
Net surplus / (loss)	(22,520)	2,533	(19,987)	40,352

**Balance Sheet
at 30 June 2023**

	June 2023 £		June 2022 £	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
Fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	29,851	17,828	47,679	67,666
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Net current assets	29,851	17,828	47,679	67,666
Creditors	0	0	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities	29,851	17,828	47,679	67,666
Net assets	29,851	17,828	47,679	67,666

**Reconciliation of movement of funds
to 30 June 2023**

	£
Opening balance 1 July 2022	67,666
Loss on financial activities	(19,987)
Closing balance 30 June 2023	47,679