

Leeds Destitute Asylum-Seekers Support
Charity Number 1190001

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025



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Asylum-seekers
Support**

LEDAS (Charity Number: 1190001)

Charity Information

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

* retired 30th September 2024

** appointed 23rd October 2025

Trustees' report for the year ended 30 June 2025

Review of the year

Throughout the year, the charity has provided accommodation and support to 12 destitute asylum seekers in two rented houses in Leeds.

These individuals have no recourse to public funds, are not permitted to work and have no entitlement to claim benefits. They are destitute and street-homeless at the point of referral.

We are able to accommodate 8 individuals at any one time, and have had full occupancy over the year, other than for four nights during changeovers of residents. We aim to effect each changeover in as speedy a way as possible to reduce the risk and duration of street homelessness for successful applicants.

As well as providing the physical building for the individuals to live in (with their own bedroom and shared use of living room, kitchen and bathroom facilities) we have been providing the residents with food, household consumables, mobile-phone top-ups, bus tickets, and a small weekly allowance for food and 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. We accompany residents to healthcare appointments and casework meetings where necessary, to ensure that they are well supported in pursuing improved health and well-being and their asylum claims.

This was the first full year of the owning one of our two houses, following a generous donation that was made for that purposes in the previous year. Excluding one off property costs, the expenses for the year were £38,121, which is approximately £10k less than we have seen in previous years, reflecting the reduction in rent that the charity needs to pay as a result of the property purchase.

The trustees wish also 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 two 4-bedroom properties in Leeds, 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 of £24,500, made up of 3 months' forecast operating costs at £9,500, together with a further £15,000 as a contingency for unexpected emergency costs in relation to the property that the charity owns.

Trustee appointments

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

are appointed for a 2 year term, and may stand for re-appointment.

One trustee, Tony Pickles, retired from his position during the year (noted on page 2). The charity recruited a further trustee, Mohammadreza Madadi after the year end (also noted on page 2).

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 to cover risk assessment at the point of referral of potential new residents have been updated on the basis of experience gained directly or in consultation with other providers. This has enabled trustees to feel more confident in being able to accommodate applicants with more complex cases of physical disability, mental ill-health and more complex asylum claims. All residents sign a document confirming their agreement to abide by the charity's rules and procedures for living in our accommodation.



Dr Gillian Tober
Chair of trustees

12th January 2025

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 2025, 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 T. P. Lawler Date 13/1/26

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 2024 - 30 June 2025**

INCOME	June 2025 Restricted	June 2025 Unrestricted	June 2025 Total	June 2024 Total
<u>Grants and donations from charitable trusts</u>				
Leeds City Council	17,508		23,008	11,448
Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux	5,000		5,000	5,000
Church Homeless Trust	780		780	1,440
Hilden Charitable Fund	5,380		5,380	
The Grail Society	5,000		5,000	
Albert Hunt	7,000		7,000	
Sir George Martin Trust	2,500		2,500	
Leeds Quakers		3,000		
Leeds Christian Community Trust		2,000		
TK Maxx		500		
National Lottery				33,578
B&Q Foundation				10,000
Hilden Charitable Trust				5,380
West Riding Masonic Charity Ltd				1,500
Masonic Charitable Foundation				1,500
Lush				1,000
<u>Donations and fundraising</u>				
Donations eligible for gift aid		3,530	3,530	3,604
Other donations		775	775	157,189
<u>Other income</u>				
Gift aid reclaim		1,040	1040	0
TOTAL	43,168	10,845	54,013	231,639
EXPENDITURE	June 2025 Restricted	June 2025 Unrestricted	June 2025 Total	June 2024 Total
<u>Properties and residents' expenditure</u>				
Rent and Landlords' costs	9,252	1,548	10,800	29,642
Weekly allowances and phone top ups	13,753		13,753	12,808
Bus passes and travel	2,414		2,414	4,369
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water)	6,058		6,058	8,000
Council tax	1,079	1,084	2,163	1,314
TV Licences	346		346	318
Resident fitness and welfare	725		725	720
Broadband	462		462	411
Other general expenses	5	36	41	73
<u>General expenses and one-off purchases</u>				
Property purchase				155,000
Associated property costs including repairs, equipment & appliances	9,308	650	9,958	26,849
Insurance		1,259	1,259	1,190
Organisation membership fees				120
TOTAL	43,400	4,578	47,979	240,814
Net surplus / (deficit)	768	5,268	6,036	(9,175)

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**Balance Sheet
at 30 June 2025**

	June 2025		June 2024	
	£		£	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Fixed assets				
Property	155,000	0	155,000	155,000
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	15,220	29,319	44,539	38,503
		0		
Debtors	0		0	0
Net current assets	15,220	29,319	44,539	38,503
Creditors	0	0	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities	170,220	29,319	199,539	193,503
Net assets	170,220	29,319	199,539	193,503

**Reconciliation of movement of funds
to 30 June 2025**

	£
Opening balance 1 July 2024	38,503
Surplus on financial activities	6,036
Closing balance 30 June 2025	44,539