



Bridport Refugee Support Campaign

Registered Charity No 1192063

Accounts

For the year ended

31 March 2025

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Charity Information

Trustees

Mr Barry Lovejoy	Chair of Trustees	29 October 2020
Mr Richard Jenner	Vice-Chair	29 October 2020
Ms Sarah Ellis		16 September 2025
Ms Julie Frew	Language Lead	29 October 2020
Mr Mark Gage	Data Controller	29 October 2020
Mr Alan Weston	Projects	29 October 2020
Mr Alistair Woodcock	Safeguarding Officer	29 October 2020

Date of Appointment

Registered Office

6 New Zealand Farm Close
Bridport
DT6 3FR

Registered Charity Number

1192063

Bridport Refugee Support Campaign

Accounts Overview

The Treasurer presents her report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025. *

This is the fifth year the charity has been operating. The year has been spent continuing to support a family from Sudan who arrived in the UK through the government's Community Sponsorship Scheme and also a family from El Salvador who have been relocated to Bridport by Luton Council. The charity has also made preparations to receive two Afghan families through the UK government's Communities for Afghans project.

The charity continued to look after funds for two community groups (Portland Global Friendship Group and Jurassic Multi-Cultural Group). The Portland Global Friendship Group has now acquired its own bank account and all its funds have been paid out to this account.

The charity has made a small profit for the year of £1,083. Total funds available to the charity stand at £17,320. This money is held mainly as unrestricted funds (£17,229). There is also £42 remaining from the Home Office grant which was provided to assist with ESOL costs. This will continue to be used to develop the English language skills of the Sudanese family. £49 remains from the donations specified for decorating purposes.

Net income was mostly in the form of donations. In total £3,834 was raised through donations. A successful crowdfunding campaign raised £3,216, of which £2,135 was donated by the Aviva Community Fund. Although the charity received income from property letting activities, this was due to the need to cover the associated property costs.

Expenses for the year totalled £27,456, mainly due to costs associated with the Sudanese family having to move after a tenancy was not renewed, paying rent as part of a sub-letting arrangement for the family's new home and retaining two empty properties to receive Afghan families.

The charity has no paid employees and there have been no remuneration or expenses paid to the trustees other than those incurred directly supporting the charity's activities.

The statement of financial activity is shown on page 3.

* Ann Langridge, BRSC's Treasurer since 2020, resigned as a trustee in December 2024, but continued to undertake the Treasurer role for the remainder of the financial year, including preparation of the 2024/25 annual accounts.

Bridport Refugee Support Campaign
Statement of Financial Activity
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2024-5	2023-4
Income		£	£
Donations	3	3,834	3,987
Charitable activities	4	24,403	-
Investments	5	302	284
Other	6	-	
Total Income		28,539	4,271
Operating Expenses	7	27,456	4,597
NET INCOME		1,083	-326

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2025

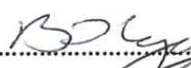
	Notes	2024-5	2023-4
		£	£
Fixed Assets		0	0
Current Assets			
Prepaid expenses	8	46	59
Stock		484	484
Cash at bank	9	17,320	16,221
Creditors	10	0	0
Net assets		17,850	16,764
Funds of the Charity:			
Restricted funds	11	91	83
Unrestricted funds	12	17,759	16,685
Total Funds		17,850	16,768

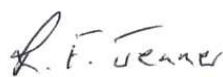
Restricted income funds represent money which can only be used for specified purposes.

Unrestricted income funds are funds available to be spent within the objects of the charity which can legally be spent wholly at the discretion of the trustees.

The financial statements on pages 3 to 8 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 20th January 2026

and signed on their behalf by:


Barry Lovejoy, Chair of Trustees


Richard Jenner, Vice-Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Independent Examination

As the charity has a gross income over £25,000 in this financial year, there is a requirement for these accounts to be independently examined. This examination has been undertaken and no matters of concern have been uncovered. The independent examiner's report is shown on page 9.

3. Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis when the funds have been received.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Donations from individuals	543		543	1,950
Donations from community groups	75		75	654
Crowdfunder donations	3,216		3,216	
Donations at events			-	416
Gift aid			-	-
Amazon Europe Core			-	18
TOTAL	3,834		3,834	3,038

No gift aid was claimed or received from HMRC during the financial year.

4. Income from Charitable Activities

In April 2024, as a result of the Sudanese family's tenancy not being renewed, the charity entered a tenancy agreement for a property which it sub-lets to the family.

Also, pending the arrival of two families under the government's Communities for Afghans project, the charity arranged for two empty properties to be retained for their future occupation. The organisation administering the project reimbursed the charity for the rental costs of these two properties. The families were resettled in Bridport in April and June 2025.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Rent received from sub-let		10,800	10,800	-
Reimbursements for empty property costs (two properties)		13,603	13,603	-
TOTAL		24,403	24,403	-

5. Investments

£302 interest was earned on savings with the Bath Building Society.

6. Income from Fundraising

6.1 Events

No fund-raising events were organised during the financial year.

Event	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Fundraiser November 2023		-	0	949
TOTAL		-	0	949

6.2 Merchandise

No merchandise was put on sale during the financial year.

7. Expenditure

7.1 Fundraising

£8 was spent on fundraising administration.

7.2 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Educational publicity			-	81
Letting agent fees			-	500
Sudanese family moving costs	922		922	
Property expenses	1,479	13,603	15,082	-
Rent paid relating to sub-let		10,800	10,800	
Interpreting costs	41		41	42
ESOL costs		134	134	467
Digital inclusion costs (laptop, mobiles, broadband)			-	255
Ongoing support (medical, dental)			-	771
Grants awarded	200		200	841
Support for Central American family		107	107	1,078
Support for Portland asylum seekers			-	140
Volunteer expenses	3		3	20
TOTAL	2,645	24,644	27,289	4,195

Costs were incurred to move the Sudanese family into their new home, including removals hire and property refurbishment.

The charity also incurred rental costs relating to the property arrangements described in section 4 above.

A grant was made to a group who put on activities at the 2024 Jurassic Multi-Cultural Fair.

7.3 Other

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	159		159	178
Administration			-	-
Merchandise sold costs			-	-
TOTAL	159		159	178

8. Prepaid Expenses

Insurance has been prepaid up to end August 2025.

9. Cash at Bank

Cash is held in a current account with the Co-operative Bank and also in an instant access savings account with the Bath Building Society.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Cash, current account	11,018	91	11,109	3,312
Cash, instant access savings account	6,211		6,211	12,909
TOTAL	17,229	91	17,320	16,221

10. Creditors

As described in section 4 above, the charity sub-lets a property to the Sudanese family. There is a legal, measurable obligation for the charity to continue paying rent to the superior landlord, even in the case of a default by the sub-tenants (for example accruing rent arrears or vacating the property without notice). As of April 2025, the property is being let as a monthly rolling tenancy, creating a potential liability of £900 (one month's rent) should the family vacate without notice.

A similar sub-letting arrangement is also in place for the property rented to one of the Afghan families, giving rise to the same obligation for the charity to continue paying rent. The property is being let on a two-year fixed term agreement, with a three month break clause applicable from October 2025. This creates a potential liability of £4,350 (three month's rent) should the family vacate the property without notice.

11. Restricted Funds

£42 is available for further ESOL support and £49 for additional property decoration.

12. Unrestricted Funds

As at 31 March 2025 no amounts have been set aside from the available unrestricted funds for specific purposes. See also note 10.

13. Funds Held for Other Groups

	Amount Received	Amount Paid Out	Total 2024-5	Total 2023-4
	£	£	£	£
Portland Global Friendship Group	6,233	6,233	0	831
Jurassic Multi-Cultural Group	0	0	500	500
TOTAL	6,233	6,233	500	1,331

Funds are no longer held for the Portland Global Friendship Group.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Bridport Refugee Support Campaign

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1192063

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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 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.

Signed:

Pam Chapman

Date:

9th December 2025

Name:

Pam Chapman

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

Address:

14 Chancery Lane

Bridport

DT6 3PX

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.



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Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended

31 March 2025

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1. Charity details

Name: Bridport Refugee Support Campaign

Charity Number: 1192063

Registered Address: 6 New Zealand Farm Close
Bridport
Dorset DT6 3FR

2. Structure

Bridport Refugee Support Campaign (BRSC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are the Charity trustees. Our governing document is the BRSC constitution adopted on 29 October 2020.

3. Trustees

The trustees listed below served during the year. All were initially appointed on 29 October 2020 for terms ranging from 2 to 4 years (and for a further 3-year term from the date of any re-appointment):

Julie Frew	(re-appointed 29 October 2022)	
Mark Gage	(re-appointed 29 October 2024)	
Richard Jenner	(re-appointed 29 October 2022)	Vice-Chair
Ann Langridge	(resigned 2 December 2024)	Treasurer *
Barry Lovejoy	(re-appointed 29 October 2023)	Chair
Catherine Scott	(resigned 20 May 2024)	
Alan Weston	(re-appointed 29 October 2024)	
Alistair Woodcock	(re-appointed 29 October 2023)	

* Ann Langridge resigned as a trustee in December 2024 but continued to undertake the Treasurer role for the remainder of the financial year, including preparation of the 2024/25 accounts.

4. Charitable objects

Our objects, as set out in BRSC's constitution, are:

To relieve financial or other hardship amongst those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependants, in particular those living (temporarily or permanently) in Bridport and the surrounding area within West Dorset, by providing housing, advice and practical support (including grants or loans) to meet identified needs. And, in relation to those people as are mentioned in this clause:

- (a) To advance the education and training of those in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.
- (b) To relieve unemployment by the provision of vocational and skills training, advice and support.

- (c) To preserve and protect physical and mental health.
- (d) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit amongst those who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing education and training in the English language and by assisting them to integrate into society.
- (e) To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the aim of improving the conditions of life of those who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.
- (f) To advance the education (including through cultural activities) of the public in general, and for the public benefit, about issues relating to those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependants.

5. Main activities and achievements in the year

- 5.1 During the year, we continued to support the Sudanese family resettled in 2022 under the Government's Community Sponsorship scheme. The family has become increasingly independent and integrated into the community. Both parents are involved in their local church and regularly volunteer in local charity initiatives. The children are doing well in school and participate in local sports and arts clubs. One parent has two part-time jobs, and the other is involved in work experience and has obtained seasonal employment.
- 5.2 We continued to provide financial support to a refugee family from Central America who moved to Bridport in 2023.
- 5.3 During the second half of the year, much of our work focussed on helping to resettle two refugee families under the Communities for Afghans scheme managed by Citizens UK on behalf the Government. This work included:
 - (a) registering under the scheme and meeting its requirements;
 - (b) helping to obtain Dorset Council's approval;
 - (c) securing suitable private rented housing for both families and undertaking some furnishing and refurbishment;
 - (d) liaising with school, NHS services and other bodies;
 - (e) recruiting and training volunteers to provide support to the families, including language support;
 - (f) making detailed arrangements to welcome the families on their arrival.
- 5.4 The scheme reimbursed us for rent costs incurred while the properties were vacant pending the families' arrival. It is also providing a package of financial support to the families for a period of two years.

- 5.5 The two families arrived in Bridport in April and June 2025.
- 5.6 Our activities focusing on wider public benefit are considered in section 6 below.

6. Public benefit

- 6.1 During the year, we were involved in three events designed to increase public awareness of issues facing refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.
- 6.2 In June 2024, one of our trustees gave a presentation on BRSC's work to the Bridport Catholic Women's League.
- 6.3 In June 2024, together with the Jurassic Multicultural Network And United Diversity Bridport, we jointly hosted a free screening of *Nezouh*, a film set amidst the Syrian war in Damascus. Two trustees helped run the event.
- 6.4 In September 2024, we sponsored and publicised the Small World multi-culturalism festival as part the Bridport Town of Culture programme. The event involved activities for all ages, art, music, theatre and film performances, workshops, cookery demonstrations and free food from around the world. We made a grant of £200 to one of the organisations running the festival, and some trustees and volunteers helped out on the day.
- 6.5 The trustees of BRSC confirm that we have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

7. Governance and management

- 7.1 BRSC's trustees are largely drawn from the steering group that originally set up the Campaign. We come from a range of backgrounds including the private, public, charity and trades union sectors. Several trustees have experience of working with refugees while others have relevant experience such as teaching ESOL, providing advice on social welfare matters, working with young people, fundraising, management at a senior level and charity governance.
- 7.2 We have various policies in place, including:
 - (a) a financial procedures summary;
 - (b) a complaints policy for use by a BRSC resettled family if it has concerns about the services or support that we provide;
 - (c) a safeguarding policy, implementation procedure and code of conduct;
 - (d) a data privacy policy;
 - (e) an applications for assistance policy and procedure, applying to requests for help from local asylum seekers or refugees not resettled by BRSC under the Community Sponsorship scheme.

- 7.3 We are satisfied that our current governance and management arrangements are working well. However, there is a need to recruit new trustees, including those with specific skills sets. To this end we developed a trustee specification and recruitment procedure and have recruited one new trustee since the end of the financial year.
- 7.4 Catherine Scott resigned as a trustee in May 2024 and Ann Langridge resigned as a trustee in December 2024. We thank them for their work and valuable contributions to the Campaign.

8. Volunteers

- 8.1 During the year, we engaged the services of 20 volunteers and thank them for their work.
- 8.2 We require all trustees and volunteers to undergo Disclosure And Barring Service checks at the appropriate level.
- 8.3 Two of our trustees are designated as Volunteer Manager And Co-ordinators (one for language support and one for other volunteer support).

9. Fundraising

We did not organise any specific fundraising events during the year. However, we continued to receive donations from supporters, including through a Crowdfunder appeal.

10. Financial Review

- 10.1 Full details of BRSC's financial position as at 31 March 2025 are set out in our annual accounts. A statement of financial activity is set out below:

Year Ending	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Income		
Donations	3,834	3,987
Charitable activities	24,403	0
Investments	302	284
Other	0	0
Total Income	28,539	4,271
Operating Expenses	27,456	4,597
NET INCOME	1,083	-326

- 10.2 As at 31 March 2025, BRSC's net assets totalled £17,850, including:
- £11,109 cash held in a current account with the Co-operative Bank
 - £6,211 cash held in an instant access savings account with the Bath Building Society.
- 10.3 Assets held in cash comprised £17,229 unrestricted funds and £91 restricted funds.

- 10.4 Our free reserves of £17,229 are held solely for the furtherance of BRSC's charitable objects. The trustees have not designated any reserves for specific purposes.
- 10.5 BRSC has no paid employees.
- 10.6 No remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees other than expenses incurred directly supporting BRSC's activities.
- 10.7 There are no funds in deficit and there are no uncertainties about BRSC's ability to continue as a going concern. The potential uncertainty noted in last year's annual report (relating to doubts about our ability to proceed with the proposed resettlement of an Afghan family) was successfully resolved.

11. Declaration

The trustees of Bridport Refugee Support Campaign declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

Barry James Lovejoy

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

20th January 2026