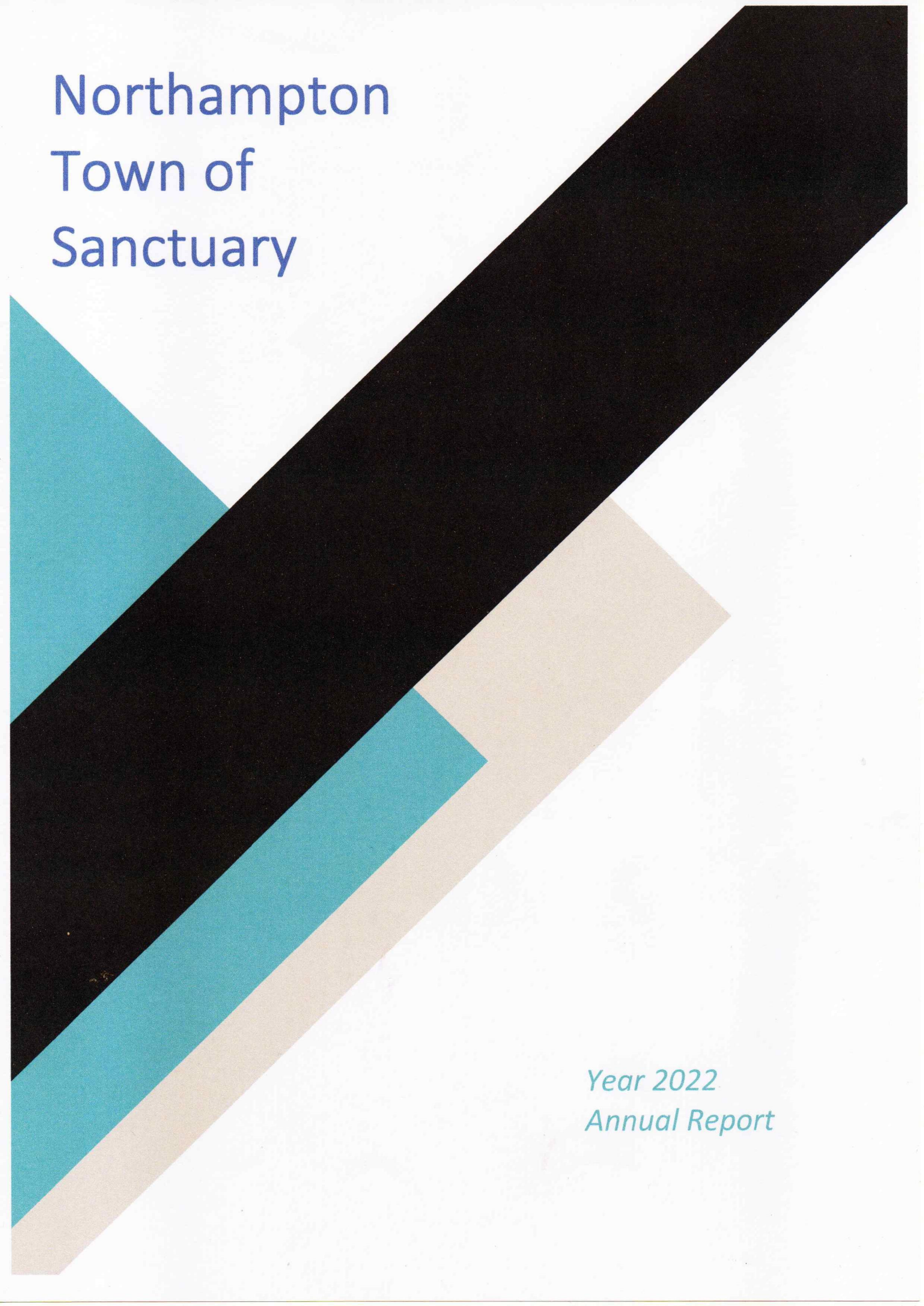




Northampton Town of Sanctuary

*Year 2022
Annual Report*

NORTHAMPTON TOWN OF SANCTUARY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

Administrative Information

Registered Charity Number: 1192092

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Another very busy year for NToS. L2L continues to thrive.

West Northants and Northampton now have refugees and asylum seekers coming in via different routes.

1. UASC, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, are coming in at around 200 children a year. The areas they come from changes and at present we are seeing more young people from Albania.

2. We still have Afghan households in the two bridging hotels. Some households have moved on. Others have arrived. It is proving very difficult for the families to move into the rented market. We only have one family settled in private accommodation in Northampton. This family is being supported by Northampton Safe Havens.

3. The Ukraine family programme has proved difficult as family relationships breakdown and some displaced Ukrainian families become homeless. Numbers of Ukrainian people have shown up at the Hope Centre looking for support. Homes for Ukraine has been extended and payments to hosts has increased from £350 a family to £500. It is also proving difficult for these families to move into private rented accommodation. WNC has a team of resettlement workers who are doing a great job. To my knowledge none of them are Afghan or Ukrainian.

NToS worked with the Town Council, Goodwill Solutions, the Polish supplementary school to support Ukraine. We organised collections. Goodwill provided a drop off/sorting warehouse space in Moulton which worked very well. Goodwill and Brackmills BID undertook a road trip to take supplies to refugee camps on the Polish border and into Ukraine. We supported the initial community hubs set up to support incoming families. Our request for funding to enable us to employ a Ukraine support worker failed.

4. The Home Office (HO) has made all Local Authorities responsible for receiving refugees who arrive to claim asylum via unsafe routes. There are now hotels in Northampton, Kettering, and Crick housing refugees, decided on by the HO, without reference to the LAs or local communities.

This is an unfortunate way of proceeding, and as can be expected, has produced a backlash with the emergence, for the first time in a long time, negative narratives about refugees.

We commend the motion passed by the Town Council asking the HO to work in partnership with LAs and communities.

The Government is now planning to stop the use of hotels-which has cost millions, and instead rely on the private rented sector. LAs would be cheaper and would do a better job. The private sector will be hard to monitor.

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NToS has worked with Afghan women. Working with the resettlement officer we have been able to introduce the women to Pearls of Peace and to the Northampton Bangladesh Association. We hosted thirty women and their children for a multicultural Xmas party. This was supported by the Town Council and a local businessman, Mr Butts, and of course, our youth. We introduced Northampton Safe Havens to the women in the Northampton hotel and Safe Havens have developed a weekly coffee morning for the women in Great Houghton Village Hall. The women are looking for somewhere they can cook for their families and friends. This is also an issue for hosted Ukrainian households.

NToS has been interviewed by local radio and local press a few times. The press has been very sympathetic, and the media exposure did not cause a racist backlash.

NToS did a day of workshops for Northamptonshire Community Foundation with refugees from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Iraq, and Eritrea supporting us. The workshops were very well received, and we thank the contributors. We have also spoken about the work we do to two Rotary Groups.

One of our members who, as a refugee, has gone through a four-year process of gaining the right to remain, and the right to practice medicine, is supporting medics at Flore, and the Bedford Road hotel.

L2L has hosted some of the young adults from the Westone hotel, although they are slightly outside our age range, purely because they presented as so desperate for contacts outside the hotel.

We continue to work with People with No Recourse to Public Funds doing case work around schooling, housing, and signposting for settlement advice. We have supported some families in court giving character references.

We are told that the work NToS did, bringing in the Red Cross to run free advice surgeries, has saved the LA £300,000 plus. It is a shame this valuable work has not been acknowledged and the Red Cross supported to open a full-time office. The Red Cross are looking for matched funding to do this.

The University of Northampton is running Warm Welcome Scholarships, a British Council project that offers support for Afghans wishing to go to university.

Work experience

One of the issues for refugees trying to get into work is proof of work experience.

We have had funding to support refugees going for jobs or placement with £50 clothing vouchers. We have supported people into jobs and into work experience placements.

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- Filling in forms.
- Practice interview
- Clothing voucher
- Finding opportunities

L2L

This year we had funding from WNC to enable us to continue to employ youth workers. We went to advert but had no satisfactory applications. This forced us to review our practice and we decided to interview from within L2L. We interviewed and appointed two people at ten hours a week each. This has worked wonderfully well.

Dhafer and Iseyas took on the planning and delivery of the weekly club night, the football coaching weekly sessions, attended local meetings, helped deliver workshops, refugee week and attended the National City of Sanctuary annual conference.

They also helped deliver the holiday activity funded programmes.

They were wonderfully supported by STAR volunteers and Jamal who retains the overall supervisory role. This team spoke between them, English, Kurdish, Mandarin, Arabic, Tagrinya and Amharic.

As our work expanded to include the Afghan youth at the hotel, we recognised we needed a Dari/Pashto speaker, and so with the agreement of WNC, we added a third post at 4 hours a week to the team and Samim joined us.

The year's attendance at L2L stands at over 1000, and this year has included eighteen girls.

One of the issues we are battling with when employing refugees, is that for people on benefit, unless they are a carer, they have 45p deducted for every £1 they earn. This is such a huge disincentive. We have written to the DWP and the MPs about this.

We provide a cooked meal for the youth every week. This is important because the youth living in supported housing seem to survive on biscuits and fresh air. Sitting together for a meal gives us the opportunity to do group work, and to create a family ethos. In 2022 we were fortunate to get funding for a cook. Over the year we have had two cooks from the community. It was wonderful. Having them meant they could provide culturally appropriate food and take pressure off the rest of the team. Unfortunately, this funding came to an end, and we need to do further fundraising to employ a cook. We thank our trustee Aideen Fogarty very much for continuing to support us in the kitchen.

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Our relationship with Delapre Abbey continues to develop and we thank them for hosting an annual picnic in the walled garden and offering us tickets for event. Delapre kindly allows us to meet in the coach house and plays a very important support role.

This year we have developed a relationship with the ESOL teachers at Northampton College. Their insights and understanding of UASC has been very valuable.

As part of our Summer Scheme, we worked with Democratic Services at County Hall, Northampton Town Football Club, Northampton Town Council, Central library, the Museum and the Derngate. Ability supported us with transport. Castle Hill United Reform Church continues to support us, providing a venue for our weekly club nights and for our holiday schemes. We thank these friends for all their valuable support.

Building on these relationships is central to our core business of creating a welcoming environment for refugees.

Awards

We are proud to announce that in 2022 L2L was nominated for three awards.

We were awarded Outstanding Contribution to Youth Work and Group of the Year.

Both awards from NAYC.

We were nominated for the High Sheriffs award, for our work providing asylum seeking youth with enrichment activities, like days trips and a residential.

Looking Forward

The increase in numbers and the complexity of issues means that Northampton needs an advice centre for refugees. Different groupings-the older youth, Afghan women, the Ukraine community have also expressed a need for safe community spaces.

We have been talking to the LA and the Lottery about this. Our first application to the lottery was rejected on the grounds that we were expanding too quickly. We feel we are expanding to meet growing need and continue to have a dialogue with them. We recognise the issues are not for us alone and so arranged to meet with influencers to see if they can help in any way.

We invited the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Mayor, the leaders of the Councils and other key stakeholders, to meet us at L2L for a discussion, to meet the youth, to have dinner with us, to discuss the issues.

We have also started a dialogue with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and are hopeful that we can work with them to set up an advice centre to run 6 days a week and a Community Kitchen to run on Saturdays.

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The Town Council are looking favourably at funding the advice centre. The lottery like our new partnerships and our new proposals. We are back in dialogue with the lottery for other funding.

We have been advised to set up a Limited Company for NToS.

We need agreement for this.

We are also looking into becoming registered as an immigration service with the Home Office.

We need agreement for this.

This is so that we can bid for funding from specialist funders.

WNC is including the need to support Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and People with No Recourse to Public Funds in their Anti-Poverty strategy. This means they are looking for funding for 3 level 3 workers to increase legal service capacity and 5 case workers. We would like to have one of the case worker posts.

The funding for the youth worker posts ends in April. We will be re-applying for funding for this.

NToS Funding needs		
What	Amount	Funder?
Office/advice centre	10,000	Town Council
Refurbishment of the centre	2,000	Rotary
Youth Workers	15,000	WNC
Weekly food programme	5000	Lottery
Community Kitchen	5000	Lottery
L2L operations	5,000	NCF
Full time centre manager	40,000	Lottery
L2L cooks and food	11000	Goodwill
Residential	3000	NCF
HAF	9,000	NCT
Total	105,000	

Narrative

NToS is working with Mount Pleasant to open an advice centre in the former Open-Door centre.

This is important because we have been offered pro bono immigration advice surgeries, pro bono homelessness advice and debt advice and we need a centre from which to run these services.

We are working with WNC, hoping to have one of the immigration case workers they are placing in the community, attached to us.

The Red Cross continue their support.

Mount Pleasant has also offered us the opportunity to run a Community Kitchen, using their commercial kitchen under the supervision of their trained chef.

We know this is badly needed. Older Youth who were founders and members of the refugee youth group L2L have requested space to cook and play board games on a Saturday.

Afghan Women living in the hotels are asking for somewhere they can cook and feed their families and friends.

Ukrainian families living with hosts have made the same request.

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Trustees' Responsibility in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Policies).

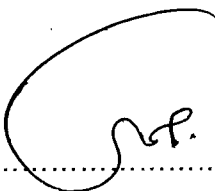
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applicable resources of the charity for the period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

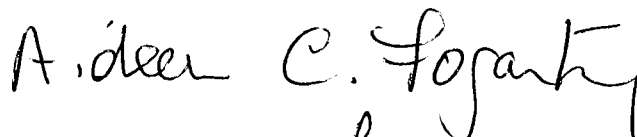
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and disclosing with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge there is no information relevant to the Independent Examination of which the Examiner is unaware. The trustees also confirm that they have taken all necessary steps to ensure that they themselves are aware of all relevant financial information and that this information has been communicated to the Examiner.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2nd August 2023 and signed on their behalf.



Jamal Alwahabi Trustee



Danielle Stone

To the Trustees:

NORTHAMPTON TOWN OF SANCTUARY

Registered Charity Number: 1192092

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Responsibilities and basis of report.

I have Independently Examined the Financial Statements on Pages 9 -13, for the financial year ending 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparations of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). The charity's Trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

I report on my examination of the Charity'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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE

Date: 17th August 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Period 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Total Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	1	814.27	-	814.27	3,498.53
Charitable Activities	2	23,916.81	13,722.12	37,638.93	19,265.94
Total Income		24,731.08	13,722.12	38,453.20	22,764.47
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	21,187.45	11,152.26	32,339.71	35,353.95
Other		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		21,187.45	11,152.26	32,339.71	35,353.95
Net Income/(Expenditure)		3,543.63	2,569.86	6,113.49	(12,589.48)
Transfer between funds		753.11	(753.11)	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,296.74	1,816.75	6,113.49	(12,589.48)
Total funds brought forward		11,054.89	7,536.46	18,591.35	31,180.83
Total funds carried forward		15,351.63	9,353.21	24,704.84	18,591.35

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Assets:				
Bank Current Account and Petty Cash	15,351.63	9,353.21	24,704.84	18,591.35
Debtors: Northampton Sport Easter	-	800.00	800.00	800.00
	15,351.63	10,153.21	25,504.84	19,391.35
Liabilities				
CVS - Independent Examination	(360.00)	-	(360.00)	(360.00)
December petty cash claim	-	-	-	(164.89)
	(360.00)	-	(360.00)	(524.89)
Net assets/liabilities	15,711.63	10,153.21	25,864.84	19,916.24

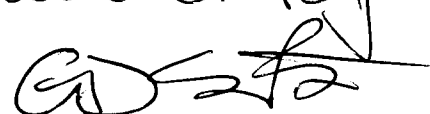
Charity Cash Funds		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 31.12.22 £	Total 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted Funds	4	15,351.63	-	15,351.63	11,054.89
Restricted Funds	5	-	9,353.21	9,353.21	7,536.46
		15,351.63	9,353.21	24,704.84	18,591.35

Presented and approved by the Trustees at a committee meeting held on 2nd August 2023.
and signed on their behalf.



Jamal Alwahabi

Trustee

Aideen C. Fogarty

 Danielle Stone

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Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Note 1				
Donations and Legacies				
Donations	814.27	-	814.27	301.00
Donation for Spring Borough Voice	-	-	-	1,000.00
Donation for CHALA	-	-	-	2,197.53
	814.27	-	814.27	3,498.53

Note 2

Charitable Activities

Grant: Northampton Town Council	500.00	-	500.00	-
Grant: WNC Youth Community Worker	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
Grant: NCF; Educational Aids	-	2,922.12	2,922.12	-
Grant: NCF Food Vouchers	-	-	-	2,000.00
Grant: NCF High Sheriff	-	-	-	3,000.00
Grant: Northampton Sports - Easter	-	800.00	800.00	-
Grant: Northampton Sports - Winter Camp 2021	-	800.00	800.00	800.00
Grant: Northampton Sports - Winter Camp 2022	-	2,107.50	2,107.50	-
Grant: Northampton Sports - Summer Camp	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,560.00
Grant: Northampton Sports - Football	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Grant: Northampton Sports - Sports	-	2,092.50	2,092.50	2,021.00
Grant: St Giles Charity	-	-	-	1,280.08
Grant: Northampton Town Council Movie Night	658.00	-	658.00	-
Grant: Northampton Town Council Christmas Activities	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
Grant: Northampton Town Council Clothing	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
Grant: Northampton Town Council Transport & Music	1,600.00	-	1,600.00	-
Grant: NBC Youth Summit	-	-	-	2,990.00
Grant: Northampton Town Council Youth Summit	-	-	-	900.00
	23,758.00	13,722.12	37,480.12	18,551.08

Other Income:

Refund NDAS Northampton Domestic Abuse	-	-	-	496.04
Other	158.81	-	158.81	-
Fund raising	-	-	-	218.82
	23,916.81	13,722.12	37,638.93	19,265.94

Note 3

Charitable Activities

Salaries	8,698.00	1,264.48	9,962.48	5,270.08
Payroll and other fees/charges	1,742.35	438.20	2,180.55	188.40
Food, meals, drinks	266.55	3,441.89	3,708.44	3840.90
Insurance	-	-	-	86.29
Repairs equipment etc.	596.96	2,334.04	2,931.00	89.39
Admin, stationery etc.	220.80	-	220.80	48.25
Activities	4,027.76	3,673.65	7,701.41	8,795.16
General Project costs	317.13	-	317.13	-
Clothing vouchers etc.	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,315.83
Awards for All - repayment of grant	-	-	-	522.27
Spring Borough Voice	-	-	-	1,000.00
Afghan Refugee Women	-	-	-	41.00
NDAS Northampton Domestic Abuse	-	-	-	496.04
Other	1,269.04	-	1,269.04	441.39
Premises	1.59	-	1.59	5,375.00
Teaching materials	-	-	-	3,125.00
Bikes, and repairs	466.57	-	466.57	1,191.00
Travel, transport	580.70	-	580.70	1,173.95
Publications	-	-	-	354.00
	21,187.45	11,152.26	32,339.71	35,353.95

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Notes to the Accounts

Unrestricted and Designated funds	4	Opening	Movement	Movement	Transfer	Closing
		Balance				Balance
		01.01.2022	In	Out	Between	31.12.22
		£	£	£	£	£
General reserve		11,054.89	973.08	(5,289.97)	753.11	7,491.11
Designated:						
Northampton Town Council		-	500.00	(466.57)	-	33.43
WNC: Salaries		-	15,000.00	(8,910.90)	-	6,089.10
Northampton Town Council: Movie Night		-	658.00	(535.95)	-	122.05
Northampton Town Council : Christmas		-	3,000.00	(2,704.61)	-	295.39
Northampton Town Council: Clothing		-	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	-	-
Northamptonshire Sports: Summer		-	1,600.00	(279.45)	-	1,320.55
		11,054.89	24,731.08	(21,187.45)	753.11	15,351.63

WNC: to support people that have found themselves in financial difficulty or vulnerable as a result of Covid.

WNC: to fund a Youth and Community worker.

Northampton Town Council: to fund a movie night.

Northampton Town Council: to cover various Christmas costs.

Northampton Town Council: to provide clothing vouchers for those in need.

Northamptonshire Sports: to cover summer coach and workshop.

2021					
Unrestricted funds	4	Opening	Movement	Movement	Closing
		Balance			Balance
		01.01.2021	In	Out	31.12.21
		£	£	£	£
General reserve		8,707.71	5,393.47	(2,789.23)	11,054.89
		8,707.71	5,393.47	(2,789.23)	11,054.89

Restricted funds	5	Opening	Movement	Movement	Transfer	Closing
		Balance				Balance
		01.01.22	In	Out	Between	31.12.22
		£	£	£	£	£
NCF: Covid 19		162.37	-	-	(162.37)	-
Power to Change		555.93	-	-	-	555.93
NCF: Covid 19 Food voucher		530.00	-	-	-	530.00
NCF: Educational Aids		-	2,922.12	(2,334.04)	-	588.08
NCF: Food Aid		2,000.00	-	(2,000.00)	-	-
Northampton Sport: Summer Camp		2,610.56	-	(2,610.56)	-	-
Northampton Sport: Summer coach & workshop		-	3,000.00	(1,754.62)	-	1,245.38
Northampton Sport Winter Camp 2021		(800.00)	800.00	-	-	-
Northampton Sport Winter Camp 2022		-	2,107.50	(643.14)	-	1,464.36
Northampton Sport: Easter		-	800.00	(1,586.44)	-	(786.44)
Northampton Sport		590.74	2,092.50	-	(590.74)	2,092.50
Northampton Sport: Football		-	2,000.00	(223.46)	-	1,776.54
Grant: NBC Youth Summit		1,886.86	-	-	-	1,886.86
		7,536.46	13,722.12	(11,152.26)	(753.11)	9,353.21

NCF: Covid 19 - funds to provide Covid safe activities during lockdown.

Power to Change - funds for a part-time Youth Worker, refurbishment of the venue and part of utility costs.

NCF: Covid 19 Food voucher provided to young people entitled to free school meals during lockdown.

NCF: Education Aid funds is to provide 12 laptops, software, and 2 mobile wifi devices to allow access to training.

NCF: Food Aid for young people.

Northampton Sport: Summer and Winter Camps to provide healthy eating and activities for vulnerable groups.

Northampton Sport to cover coach and workshop.

The second instalment for the Winter Camp was received in January 2022.

Northampton Sport : Winter activities.

NBC: monies to cover costs of Youth Summit hosted by L2L.

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Notes to the Accounts

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in January 2015, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Ultimate Controlling Party

Northampton Town of Sanctuary is a registered charity and is controlled by the management committee/trustees individually named in the Annual Report.

Income

Income is brought into account on when received.

Expenditure

Expenditure is brought into account in the year it is spent.

Risk

The trustees do not believe the charity is subject to any substantial risk beyond the liabilities disclosed in its Annual Report and Accounts.

Format

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis.

