

Company Number: 14733127
Registered Charity Number: 1192092

Northampton Town of Sanctuary Ltd (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements and Trustees Annual Report

For Year Ended 31st December 2024

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Administration and Legal Structure

Charity registered number:	1192092
Registered Office:	32-36 Hazelwood Road, Northampton NN1 1LN
Directors/Trustees:	Jamal Alwahabi Nick Allen Rufia Ashraf (appointed 27.01.25) Aideen Fogarty (resigned 7.03.2025) Dr Graham Smith Danielle Stone
Bankers:	Barclays Bank PLC
Company Secretary:	Danielle Stone
Independent Examiner:	Brenda Peers-Ross 29 Drift Road Chichester West Sussex PO2 0PW



The Directors of the Charitable Company are its trustees for the purposes of Charity Law throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Structure and Governance

Northampton Town of Sanctuary Governance Statement 2023

This section sets out the Northampton Town of Sanctuary governance arrangements and the responsibilities of its management committee over the reporting period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Legal Form and Constitution

Northampton Town of Sanctuary is a Charity registered with the UK Charity Committee (Charity Number: 1192092).

Charity Objects

The charity's objects ('the objects') are:

1. The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among people who are refugees and asylum seekers, socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by promoting and/or co-ordinating, in partnership with voluntary, community and faith organisations, services and facilities to assist them to adapt to life in the UK and within a new community.
2. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding and good relations between the general public, refugees and asylum seekers as people seeking sanctuary.

Responsibilities

The Constitution of Northampton Town of Sanctuary (NToS) (agreed on 28 October 2020) sets out the management of the Charity through a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These individuals are supported by a wider 'management group'. The Management Group consists of the following individuals:

- Danielle Stone (Secretary)
- Graham Smith (Deputy Chair)
- Jamal Alwahabi (Treasurer)
- Nick Allen (Chair)
- Jane Birch
- Kate Adams
- Paula Price
- Farzana Aldridge
- Rufia Ashraf



Meetings are held to conduct business other than that which is considered at the Annual General Meeting. These meetings are open to interested parties to join.

Reserves and Investment Policies.

Investment income – interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Reserve Policy - The current policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments. Our aim to build a three to six months running costs.

Public Benefit

Northampton Town of Sanctuary in planning and delivery of activities gives serious consideration to the Charity Commission general guidance on Public Benefit.

Risk Assessment

Northampton Town of Sanctuary does not believe it is subject to any substantial risk beyond the liabilities disclosed in its Annual Report.



Trustees Annual Report

We began the year with good news from the lottery. We secured five years funding for a full-time Coordinator for NToS and funding for a Community Kitchen. We advertised, interviewed, appointed and had our first full-time worker in place by January 8th.

This took pressure off the volunteers, who have been carrying the organisation for the last nine years, for which they were very grateful.

We moved to cheaper offices with Voluntary Action Northamptonshire (VIN), in the middle of town and continued our search for premises to turn into a Refugee Centre.

Our partnership with VIN has grown and they kindly hosted some of our meetings and our advice sessions.

The British Red Cross has continued to provide monthly, free advice sessions on immigration and asylum matters. They also take cases where there is no recourse to public funds (NRPFs). Demand for this service grows year on year. We find the British Red Cross really valuable as they support individuals and households with many related issues and support them over time. Our service to the community takes pressure off council services and gives them an estimated saving of £100,000 a year. The estimate is provided by a council officer working with refugees, asylum seekers, and NRPFs.

Our volunteer ESOL teacher Liz left for pastures new. We thank her very much for her commitment and dedication. We were lucky to find a replacement. John Round took up the challenge, using both the community space at the Grosvenor Centre and the library. He has between 5 and 8 students for each weekly session.

This worker left us in September and Zeke, our youth worker, stepped up with our Trustee Jamal to fill the gap. Zeke was appointed as our full-time worker and started in January 2025.

Funding from Northampton Community Foundation helped us set up KeepFit4Women, a women's yoga session for refugee groups. This was an integration project for refugee women to come together with other local women. We equipped the class with yoga mats and other materials.

Our annual Refugee Week was disrupted when the General Election was called. This meant we had to rearrange the event we host at very short notice. This was done. We thank New Life Church in Spring Boroughs, for accommodating us at short notice. It proved to be a valuable networking occasion for our partners with input from United African Association and the Albanian Cultural Association.



We were pleased to partner Delapré Abbey with an evening of poetry and talk with the Syrian Kurdish poet Amir Darwish.

With Learn2Live (L2L), our youth group, we look for the development of leadership skills and give opportunities for young people to engage with local groups and events. Young people took part in the Eid event as stewards. They played an important role in the Spring Boroughs Festival, again as stewards. They also took part in the Youth Summit, which is an annual youth led, youth conference. Three young people participated in the emerging leaders course with NAYC.

The 2024 Summer of Unrest following the tragic incident in Stockport, impacted our work. Although there was no unrest in our county, we were on red alert over August.

We took ten young people to the John Lowther Centre for a self-catered weekend residential. Two volunteers accompanied our trustee, Jamal. The young people enjoyed the experience and the feedback demonstrated once again that residentials are an important part of building teams and meeting needs.

The L2L youth group meets on a Friday night, 48 weeks of the year. We close for 4 weeks over Christmas. However, we celebrated Christmas with our young people with Safe Haven donating each young person with a gift bag. Visitors to the group in 2024 included Neighbourhood Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, United Africa, Mark Dean from Free2Talk, and many more.

Volunteers play a huge role with Northampton Town of Sanctuary. We provide an induction for them, we offer training in First Aid, Child Protection, and Kitchen Hygiene. Everyone has an Enhanced DBS Check. We are happy that our partnership with the University of Northampton continues, and they encourage students to volunteer with us.

Special mention must be made of Aideen Fogarty. Aideen is a founder member of NToS and a weekly volunteer at L2L. She bakes cakes and/or makes salad for the youth every week. And has been doing so for the last nine years.

As we close this year, we were able to recruit 14 new volunteer staff with varied responsibilities and strengths in project management, events coordinating, and marketing.

NToS is proud of the work we do supporting asylum seekers, refugees, unaccompanied children. We do so by developing community networks and working in partnership wherever we can.



We would like to thank all our partners, our volunteers, our funders and all the people we serve.

Presented and approved by the Board of Trustees/Directors at a committee meeting held on 1st September 2025 and signed on their behalf.



Danielle Stone Trustee/Director



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON TOWN OF SANCTUARY LTD
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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the attached pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended; and
- state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 statement below.

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 any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with the Companies section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
- the accounts do not accord with these records: or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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: or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT, ACIE
7th September 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023
		£	£	£			£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	1	189	-	189	248	-	248
Charitable activities	2	24,555	57,621	82,176	36,250	27,310	63,560
Other income	3	100	-	100	806	-	806
Total income		24,844	57,621	82,465	37,304	27,310	64,614
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	19,735	35,698	55,433	26,524	754	27,278
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		19,735	35,698	55,433	26,524	754	27,278
Net income/(expenditure)		5,109	21,923	27,032	10,780	26,556	37,336
Transfer between funds		7,528	(7,528)	-	-	-	-
Total brought forward		26,132	35,909	62,041	15,352	9,353	24,705
Total funds carried forward		38,769	50,304	89,073	26,132	35,909	62,041

Income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Company Number: 14733127

Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	39,817	50,304	90,121	62,314
Investment	-	-	-	-
	39,817	50,304	90,121	62,314
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	(1,048)	-	(1,048)	(273)
	(1,048)	-	(1,048)	(273)
Net current assets /(liabilities)	38,769	50,304	89,073	62,041
Net assets/(liabilities)	38,769	50,304	89,073	62,041
Charity Funds				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Unrestricted funds	38,769	-	38,769	26,132
Restricted	-	50,304	50,304	35,909
Total charity funds/(deficit)	38,769	50,304	89,073	62,041

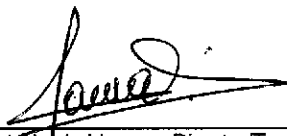
For the year ending 31st December 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.
comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006, SORP (FRS 102) effective October 2019 and relevant UK accounting standards.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 1st September 2025
Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.


Jamal Alwahabi Director/Trustee

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Format

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets by instalments over the expected useful lives. The period generally applicable are:

Equipment	25% on	reducing balance method
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Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/income are received at the beginning of the financial year other are received in arrears.

Risk

The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
1 Donation and Legacies				
Donations	189	-	189	248
	189	-	189	248
2 Charitable Activities				
Grant: Northampton Town Council - rent	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Grant: WNC youth community worker	-	-	-	11,250
Grant: NTC Bike project	4,455	-	4,455	-
Grant: NCF - Women's Yoga	-	3,000	3,000	-
Grant: NCF - workshop	-	2,320	2,320	-
Grant: Northampton Sports	-	-	-	2,107
Grant: WNC - finance officer	7,500	-	7,500	-
Grant: NTC - Christmas activities	600	-	600	-
Grant: NCF - food vouchers	-	908	908	-
Grant: NCF Transport	-	-	-	4,000
Grant: Good Will Solutions	-	-	-	10,000
Grant: National Lottery	-	51,393	51,393	25,203
Grant: Henry Martin Bursary	2,000	-	2,000	1,000
	24,555	57,621	82,176	63,560
3 Other Income				
AYW - donation	100	-	100	806
	100	-	100	806
4 Charitable activities				
5				
Employment costs	7,292	5,977	13,269	5,229
Food, meal, drinks	-	1,989	1,989	199
Volunteers expenses	-	102	102	65
Repairs and equipment	1,850	1,656	3,506	309
Admin, stationery, telephones	254	708	962	530
Activities	779	23,041	23,820	318
General project	-	-	-	3,997
Bike project	1,494	-	1,494	-
Travel, transport	774	-	774	6,144
Training, teaching materials	60	134	194	820
Marketing	-	198	198	-
Other	10	-	10	1,143
Premises	6,322	350	6,672	7,426
Governance				
Professional fees	-	1,543	1,543	180
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Independent Examination	900	-	900	918
Total expenditure	19,735	35,698	55,433	27,278
5 Trustees and Employment costs				
Gross salaries	7,292	5,977	13,269	5,229
Employer NI	-	-	-	-
ER Pension	-	-	-	-
	7,292	5,977	13,269	5,229

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

There are no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees by head count during the year was: 2 (2023:1)

During the year the trustees received £nil in remuneration. (2023: £nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil (2023: £nil)

6 Tangible assets

There are no fixed assets

	2024 £	2023 £
7 Debtors		
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
8 Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year		
Sundry creditors	(148)	(273)
Accruals	(900)	-
	<u>(1,048)</u>	<u>(273)</u>

	Opening Balance 2024 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Closing Balance 2024 £
9 Unrestricted reserves					
General reserve	8,546	189	(1,268)	9,004	16,471
Designated:					
Northampton Town Council - clothing	33	-	-	(33)	-
Northampton Town Council - bike project	-	4,455	(1,494)	-	2,961
WNC: Youth & Community worker salaries	11,045	-	(6,008)	-	5,037
Northampton Town Council: Movie Night	122	-	-	(122)	-
West Northants Council: finance officer	-	7,500	(1,525)	-	5,975
Northampton Town Council : Christmas	295	600	(779)	-	116
Northamptonshire Sports: Summer	1,321	-	-	(1,321)	-
AYW	-	100	(96)	-	4
Good Will Solutions	2,080	-	(243)	-	1,837
Henry Martin Bursary	102	2,000	(2,000)	-	102
Northampton Town Council - premises costs	2,588	10,000	(6,322)	-	6,266
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	26,132	24,844	(19,735)	7,528	38,769

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

Northampton Town Council - Bike project

WNC: to fund a Youth and Community worker.

Northampton Town Council: to fund a movie night.

West Northants Council: contribution towards finance worker post.

Northampton Town Council: to cover various Christmas costs.

Northamptonshire Sports: to cover summer coach and workshop.

AYW - donation to provide peer mentoring.

Good Will Solutions - a contrition towards food, youth worker salary and transport.

Henry Martin Bursary - funding support youth person.

Northampton Town Council - premises costs

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

10 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance 2024 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 2024 £
Power to Change	556	-	-	(556)	-
NCF: Covid 19 Food voucher	530	-	-	(530)	-
NCF: Educational Aids	388	-	-	(388)	-
NCF: Food vouchers	-	908	(901)	-	7
NCF: Women's Yoga	-	3,000	(1,587)	-	1,413
NCF: Workshop	-	2,320	(1,284)	-	1,036
Northampton Sport: Summer coach & workshop	1,245	-	-	(1,245)	-
Northampton Sport Winter Camp	1,146	-	-	(1,146)	-
Northampton Sports	3,414	-	(1,393)	-	2,021
Northampton Sport: Football	1,776	-	-	(1,776)	-
Grant: NBC Youth Summit	1,887	-	-	(1,887)	-
National Lottery	24,967	51,393	(30,533)	-	45,827
	35,909	57,621	(35,698)	(7,528)	50,304

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 Wi-Fi devices to allow access to training.

NCF: funds to provide food vouchers for young people in line with Government policy.

NCF: to provide Women's Yoga sessions.

NCF: Workshop and tools.

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

Northampton Sport to cover coach and workshop.

NBC - contribution to youth summit.

National Lottery - grant to fund a full time post and community kitchen.

11 Workforce pension

The Charity complies with current legislation.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.