

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 2025

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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 07.03.2025) Dr Graham Smith Danielle Stone
Bankers:	Barclays Bank PLC
Company Secretary:	Danielle Stone
Independent Examiner:	Brenda Peers-Ross 29 Drift Road Selsey Chichester West Sussex PO20 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

NToS Coordinator

This post was advertised. We had 5 applicants. 3 People were short listed and interviewed. Zeke was appointed and started full-time work with us on January 16th.

We knew from his volunteer work with L2L that he is a gifted youth worker.

As coordinator he has kept his role with L2L and proved to also be a gifted project coordinator and administrator. Zeke brought in 16 new volunteers who he supervised and managed into a variety of roles within NToS-events, L2L, ESoL, crafts.

Engaging Refugees

Zeke helped us engage the refugee groups in the Town-Ukraine, Afghan, Albanian, Iranian, Kurdish, Arabs. But there is more work to do in this respect. Our biggest venture of the year was opening our Refugee Centre—The Sanctuary -in the middle of town. We signed the lease for the premises in February and spent 6 months transforming a dilapidated office into a vibrant centre. We were supported in this by many volunteers who cleared the space, and painted walls. Northampton College created a new office for us. Wickes supplied the kitchen. A fitter gave his time to install it. The charity Jam sourced desks, tables and chairs for us. We were given a bookcase and books. We bought the flooring, heating and the alterations to the kitchen. We officially opened in September and welcomed friends and supporters, for a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting. This also gave us the opportunity to thank our sponsors, Wickes, Brackmills Bid, Northampton College; and all our amazing volunteers.

We now have a useable space that is welcoming and zoned to meet different needs. We provided monthly free legal advice, weekly ESoL classes, a community kitchen, a weekly drop in, access to IT and WiFi, a food bank and a clothes bank.

Asylums seekers and refugees now know where to find us and it is working well.



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Three hotels in the county are being used by the Home Office to house asylum seekers. The overwhelming number of the asylum seekers are single men. This is causing residents some anxiety.

Trustees were invited to one of the Parish councils to discuss their situation. We talked about the need to offer friendship and get to know people and not allow "othering." The police have been rigorous in responding to residents and allaying their fears. Nevertheless, the national media has picked up a story from Deanshanger and the social media trolls and bots have had a field day. Deanshanger people have engaged the resident asylum seekers offering a weekly drop in, football, work on the allotments, day trips and a Xmas party. We are limited in what we can offer ourselves because of transport issues. We visited one of the hotels and offered to help the under 21s access the L2L youth club.

We ran several events in the year. Refugee week was in June and we ran a successful event in the Guildhall. We did our annual day trip to Hunstanton for 45 people and provided a Xmas party with games, presents and food.

Funding

We held a Barn Dance to raise funds on Feb 14th and raised just over £1000. Zeke successfully applied to Northamptonshire Sports for funding for L2L to cover the cost of the youth workers and sporting activities.

We managed to get funding for a bookkeeper. Vishal has helped with our documentation, returns to the funders and with our next audit.

We were grateful to receive £1000 from CommServe- a credit union, towards the provision of food for L2L.

Northampton Town Council kindly granted us £9000 to help with the refurbishments and the lottery kindly allowed us to use our underspend on refurbishments also.

We need to develop a longer-term sustainability plan and this will be a focus for the year 2026.

Thanks.

Our thanks go to staff, Zeke, Blessing, Faseeh, Richenda, Musab, Vishal, Jamal

And our volunteers Alex, Lily, John, Eris, Mendy, Aideen,



Presented and approved by the Board of Trustees/Directors at a committee meeting held on 23rd July 2026 and signed on their behalf.

Danielle Stone

Danielle Stone Trustee/Director

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON TOWN OF SANCTUARY
Registered Charity Number: 1192092**

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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2025, 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
28th July 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024
		£	£	£			£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	1	7,540	-	7,540	189	-	189
Charitable activities	2	37,566	53,692	91,258	24,555	57,621	82,176
Other income	3	2,055	-	2,055	100	-	100
Total income		47,161	53,692	100,853	24,844	57,621	82,465
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	25,499	71,152	96,651	19,735	35,698	55,433
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		25,499	71,152	96,651	19,735	35,698	55,433
Net income/(expenditure)		21,662	(17,460)	4,202	5,109	21,923	27,032
Transfer between funds		(257)	257	-	7,528	(7,528)	-
Total brought forward		38,769	50,304	89,073	26,132	35,909	62,041
Total funds carried forward		60,174	33,101	93,275	38,769	50,304	89,073

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 2025

Company Number: 14733127

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6	-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	279	463	742	-
Cash at bank and in hand		60,595	33,927	94,522	90,121
Investment		-	-	-	-
		60,874	34,390	95,264	90,121
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(700)	(1,289)	(1,989)	(1,048)
		(700)	(1,289)	(1,989)	(1,048)
Net current assets /(liabilities)		60,174	33,101	93,275	89,073
Net assets/(liabilities)		60,174	33,101	93,275	89,073
Charity Funds					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Unrestricted funds	9	60,174	-	60,174	38,769
Restricted	10	-	33,101	33,101	50,304
Total charity funds/(deficit)		60,174	33,101	93,275	89,073

For the year ending 31st December 2025, 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 23rd July 2026

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.


Jamal Alwahabi Director/Trustee

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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 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 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% 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 £	2025 £	2024 £
1 Donation and Legacies				
Donations	7,540	-	7,540	189
	7,540	-	7,540	189
2 Charitable Activities				
Grant: Northampton Town Council - rent	-	-	-	10,000
Grant: EMC ESOL	9,900	-	9,900	-
Grant: NTC Bike project	-	-	-	4,455
Grant: NCF - Women's Yoga	-	-	-	3,000
Grant: NCF - workshop	-	-	-	2,320
Grant: Sports England	15,000	-	15,000	-
Grant: WNC - finance officer	-	-	-	7,500
Grant: NTC - Christmas activities	-	-	-	600
Grant: NCF -food vouchers	-	-	-	908
Grant: ASDA Foundation	1,000	-	1,000	-
Grant: NTC	11,666	-	11,666	-
Grant: National Lottery	-	53,692	53,692	51,393
Grant: Henry Martin Bursary	-	-	-	2,000
	37,566	53,692	91,258	82,176
3 Other Income				
AYW - donation	2,055	-	2,055	100
	2,055	-	2,055	100
4 Charitable activities				
5 Employment costs	11,059	33,412	44,471	13,269
Food, meal, drinks	3,735	2,112	5,847	1,989
Volunteers expenses	-	-	-	102
Repairs and equipment	75	-	75	3,506
Admin, stationery, telephones	-	1,873	1,873	962
Activities	1,426	1,971	3,397	23,820
Balance of funds returned to funder	-	1,056	1,056	-
General project	102	-	102	-
Bike project	891	-	891	1,494
Travel, transport	-	-	-	774
Training , teaching materials	976	391	1,367	194
Marketing	-	-	-	198
Other	-	-	-	10
Overheads	-	562	562	-
Fund raising costs	232	-	232	-
Refurbishment	3,379	26,698	30,077	-
Premises	2,924	-	2,924	6,672
Governance				
Professional fees	-	3,077	3,077	1,543
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Independent Examination	700	-	700	900
Total expenditure	25,499	71,152	96,651	55,433
5 Trustees and Employment costs				
Gross salaries	11,059	33,412	44,471	13,269
Employer N I	-	-	-	-
ER Pension	-	-	-	-
	11,059	33,412	44,471	13,269

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 (2024:1)

During the year the trustees received £nil in remuneration. (2024: £nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil (2024: £nil)

6 Tangible assets

There are no fixed assets

	2025 £	2024 £
7 Debtors		
Prepayments	742	-
	<u>742</u>	<u>-</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
8 Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year		
Sundry creditors	(1,289)	(148)
Accruals	(700)	(900)
	<u>(1,989)</u>	<u>(1,048)</u>

	Opening Balance 2025 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Closing Balance 2025 £
9 Unrestricted reserves					
General reserve	16,471	9,595	(5,093)	(163)	20,809
Designated:					
Northampton Town Council	-	11,666	-	-	11,666
Northampton Town Council - bike project	2,961	-	(901)	-	2,060
WNC: Youth & Community worker salaries	5,037	-	(817)	-	4,220
ASDA Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
West Northants Council: finance officer	5,975	-	(4,551)	-	1,424
Northampton Town Council : Christmas	116	-	-	(116)	-
Sports England	-	15,000	(5,766)	-	9,234
AYW	4	-	-	(4)	-
Good Will Solutions	1,837	-	-	-	1,837
Henry Martin Bursary	102	-	(102)	-	-
Northampton Town Council	6,266	-	(6,293)	27	-
EMC ESOL	-	9,900	(976)	-	8,924
	<u>38,769</u>	<u>47,161</u>	<u>(25,499)</u>	<u>(257)</u>	<u>60,174</u>

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

Northampton Town Council - Bike project

WNC: to fund a Youth and Community worker.

ASDA Foundation Young Futures - to provide support and food provisions for young people.

West Northants Council: contribution towards finance worker post.

Northampton Town Council: to cover various Christmas costs.

Sports England: to cover the weekly Youth Club, admin, equipment, staff costs and training.

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

EMC ESOL - funds to provide English classes.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

10 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance 2025 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 2025 £
NCF: Food vouchers	7	-	(7)	-	-
NCF: Women's Yoga	1,413	-	(1,056)	(357)	-
NCF: Workshop	1,036	-	(767)	(269)	-
Northampton Sports	2,021	-	(2,904)	883	-
National Lottery	45,827	53,692	(66,418)	-	33,101
	50,304	53,692	(71,152)	257	33,101

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.

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.