

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

England & Wales · Charity number 1194939

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1. THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM, THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS, AND WHO RESIDE IN HALTON, PARTICULARLY BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE, UTILISING THE EXPERTISE OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND THE PROVISION OF MATERIAL SUPPORT WHERE NECESSARY;2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM, THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS IN NEED THEREOF, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN AND BE ASSIMILATED INTO A NEW COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY BY THE PROVISION OF ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL), CULTURAL AWARENESS, INFORMATION ON SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

Activities: Trinity Safe Space provides many services: -two, weekly drop-ins; English for Speakers of Other Languages sessions; social gatherings; celebration events; access to interpretation; help, information and support to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants; signposting to other organisations, and we have given out food, essential items eg clothes, shoes, household goods, furniture, bikes etc

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Halton

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £37,941 | £46,852 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £33,042 | £59,651 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £145,172 | £107,173 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £23,778 | £17,748 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Pauline Mary Ruth | Chair | 2021-07-20 |
| Angela Pointon | | 2026-02-05 |
| Christine Godwin | | 2024-11-13 |
| David Scott | | 2021-07-20 |
| Gillian Beswick | | 2021-07-20 |
| Peter Thomas McCann | | 2024-11-23 |
| Rev Gillian Margaret Younger | | 2021-07-20 |
| Rev Mark Harwood | | 2021-07-20 |
| YVONNE HEDGECOCK | | 2021-07-20 |

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Annual Report

2024 - 2025





Who are we?

In response by the faith sector in Halton, to the migration of Syrian refugees, people seeking asylum and an increase in numbers of vulnerable migrants into the borough, Trinity Safe Space, Widnes began its weekly drop-in in January 2019 with Trinity Safe Space, Runcorn following in September 2019. Both are managed by multi-faith volunteers and are now, since becoming a charity in June 2021, overseen by a Board of Trustees who meet quarterly. These are places where asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants meet, communicate with each other, improve their English, feel safe, supported and cared for; where many of their needs are met through signposting to external help or through advice and guidance from visiting organisations such as CHAWREC and Access Sexual Health practitioners, and where they are given essential items, information about the local area, support to register with health and other services and have the opportunity to socialise. Our objective is to integrate asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants into the local authority area, services, organisations and communities of Runcorn and Widnes and to make them more independent, wherever possible. There are currently no other groups in Runcorn and Widnes able to offer this multi-lingual, multicultural support (other than our significant partner, A Better Tomorrow, Halton). Trinity Safe Space's Trustees, in partnership with other organisations, do this by providing crucial items; by coordinating several organisations, ensuring they are available to communicate with service users; by creating and sustaining links with other areas and support sources, and by positively influencing key people.

Trinity Safe Space became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in June 2021 - its objects are as follows:

1. The relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants, and who reside in Halton, particularly by the provision of information, advice and

guidance, utilising the expertise of partner organisations and the provision of material support where necessary

2. The advancement of the education and training of those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants in need thereof, so as to develop them in life and assist them to adapt within and be assimilated into a new community, particularly by the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Cultural Awareness, information on school/college/university admissions and vocational training



Our mission

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Trinity Safe Space's Mission Statement is, 'We are part of a welcoming organisation, inclusive of all people regardless of age, gender, nationality, religion or sexuality, in a location where all attendees can feel safe and cared for. We work with other organisations so that asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants can access the type of help and support they want and need. We will give our time, support and resources to enable asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to build their lives and become independent members of the community'.



Our partners

Our most significant partner is A Better Tomorrow, Halton CiC, which was formed as a vitally important and successful community group in its own right, in 2018, by Ashraf Hamido, to address some of the challenges faced by people moving into the Borough, in a practical and sensitive way, through working closely with others. We purchase very effective services from A Better Tomorrow. Ashraf is also an Associate Member of our Trustee Board. Our other partners are: -

Halton Borough Council

Housing Solutions
Halton People into Jobs
Churches Together in Frodsham
the Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley
Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum
the Studio, Widnes
Runcorn and District Foodbank
Widnes Foodbank
SHAP Ltd Housing
housing teams and associations
faith sector members
St Wilfrid's RC Parish, Widnes
the Kingsway Bike Club
Cheshire Constabulary
the Hygiene Bank – Widnes
Healthwatch Halton
Axess Sexual Health
Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes
Halton and St Helens VCA
the Reader
the Foundry Community Church, Widnes
Recharge and Restore
the British Red Cross
Refugee Women Connect
Halton Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group)
Halton's Children's Centres/Family Hubs
Halton Libraries
Phil Cooke – optician
Runcorn Community Shop
Cheshire Halton and Warrington Race Equality Council (CHAWREC)
Sam's Diamonds Cancer Charity
Digital Arts Box CIC
Serco
Migrant Help.



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What do we do?

During the year 2024—2025, Trinity Safe Space has provided many services: - two drop-ins meeting weekly with refreshments; non-accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) sessions; access to interpretation via A Better Tomorrow and online; help, information and support to vulnerable people; signposting to other organisations. **We listen, we hear, and we provide human contact. We give practical help** - we have given out food, essential items such as toiletries, bicycles, furniture, bedding,



clothes and shoes, household items, toys, items for babies, and countless more, many of which have been kindly donated by our supporters. Funding received from Halton’s Our Halton Community Grant enabled us to purchase the services of A Better Tomorrow, Halton, to provide interpretation, cultural awareness training and support for attendees at both drop-ins. A further Our Halton Community Grant was used to provide the non accredited ESOL sessions in Runcorn and Widnes.

We had to move our drop-ins – to Halton Lea Library in Runcorn and to St Michael’s Roman Catholic presbytery in Widnes, paying rental costs for both now.



Welfare calls and messages continue to be made or sent to contacts regularly, by A Better Tomorrow, Halton, and Trinity Safe Space volunteers, to ensure they are safe and well. Any urgent requests for help are sorted out by us or A Better Tomorrow, Halton, as soon as we can.



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People are referred, where necessary, to other local organisations,

for example the Halton Citizens Advice Bureau and Housing Solutions.



Non-accredited ESOL



We continue face-to-face sessions in Runcorn and Widnes, with one tutor, after using technological means of teaching during the Covid pandemic. The main vision for the ESOL sessions is that all residents for whom English is not a first language can access high quality English language so that they can acquire the language skills to enable them to participate in daily life. These language skills are central to giving people a democratic voice and supporting them to contribute to the society in which they live.

Students have been divided into beginners and next level. Rules, standards, procedures (including safeguarding) and methods were set out and a curriculum put together so the teacher and any volunteers who are doing one to one practice could follow.

During the year, the beginner group completed the first few modules and missing knowledge gaps were filled throughout, ensuring progression. The teacher spends time making sure everyone in the classes understands everything in the lessons and uses resources which make the lessons fun as well eg games with sounds. The next level group mixed and matched situations from other modules to practise and extend their knowledge and competence. As the course follows a “roll-on, roll off” model and is voluntary attendance, revision and plenty of practice play an important part in the lessons. All students were very enthusiastic. Some progressed onto college courses, and all grew in confidence and competence.

Spoken and written English are noticeably the most difficult, especially for the Arabic, Farsi/Persian, Tigrinya and some other languages’ speakers as their sentence structure and grammar is very different and their written languages do not use the same script, with some reading from right to left.

Outcomes for ESOL students

- General improvement of language and communication skills
- Increased confidence to transfer learning into everyday situations
- Reduced isolation in communities through relations with other students, teachers, and volunteers
- Improved integration of families in local communities and their ability to access services, leading to more community cohesion
- Better mental health, wellbeing and self-esteem

The classes in Runcorn traditionally have larger numbers of students attending than those in Widnes. We were fortunate to be able to continue an extra class which particularly concentrated on medical terminology, how to make appointments and how to describe signs and symptoms of diseases, particularly cancer. Funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance Community Engagement VCSE Small Grants Programme was used to fund this.

Some individual sessions have also been delivered using volunteers, to help students progress.



We continued to liaise with residents at a local hotel on the outskirts of Runcorn, which, during this year, housed a mix of men, women and children. Some of them attended our Runcorn drop-in or made requests for clothes and baby items. Since the Covid pandemic, we have continued to liaise with partners through strategic groups to ensure we can feed in any comments from residents we are in contact with, to make their lived experience better, and we continue to have a supporting role with some who have moved from the hotel into Halton. We occasionally provided some residents with items requested, and signposted them to sources of information, advice and guidance.



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Storage

We have been and continue to be blessed with many donations of goods over

the time we have been in existence, ranging from large items of furniture, bedding, curtains, clothes, shoes, pots, pans, crockery, bicycles, prams, baby items, toys to food. Storage continues to be an issue for us, as we have very little. We kept some items in Widnes Safe Space.



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Funding applications and donations

As well as the grants mentioned above, Widnes Rotary gave us some funding which allowed us to pay travel expenses for people to get to and from foodbanks and we received a significant amount of money from the Household Support Grant, via Halton Borough Council, to purchase food vouchers from Aldi and Asda, cooking utensils and emergency food. Halton Children's Centres/Family hubs have helped with children's clothes and baby essential items, which are otherwise a drain on our resources. Both Foodbanks continue to honour vouchers we give out to our beneficiaries and to adapt their food parcels to be more culturally appropriate. The Hygiene Bank - Widnes also gave us donations of toiletries, sanitary products and household essentials.

Towards the end of March 2023, we received some funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance CVS Partnership Improving Communities awareness of Cancer VCSE Small Grants Programme with which we raised awareness within our clientele of the signs and symptoms of different cancers, through a very experienced and positive survivor, who has set up her own charity, ensuring they understood these through the use of interpreters, and encouraged early diagnosis and treatment, offering support from "buddies" to help them on their journey. Some of the spend from this paid for the interpreters and travel expenses, and the rest was spent on extra ESOL sessions, during 2024 – 2025, concentrating on medical issues, especially cancer.

We continue to receive individual donations of money from our supporters every month. Money has been given to us from Frodsham Methodist Church, some Frodsham residents and the Hurst Methodist Church in Kingsley donated money and goods - a special thank you to Stuart and Julie Clark from their congregation for their very generous personal donation. St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic Parish Widnes' Tuesday Club and their Union of Catholic Mothers gave

us money as did Runcorn’s Women’s Institute. Several churches’ congregations donated clothes, toiletries, trainers, cash and small electrical goods; Manchester City Council gave us a donation in lieu of our Chair of Trustees representing the Greater Merseyside’s VCFSE on a northwest strategic board which discusses asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants, and cash donations have been given from the sale of many CDs. We are very grateful for everything we received.



Income and expenditure

For a summary of our income and how we have spent our grant funding and donations, from April 2024 to March 2025 please see our accounts. As we have no paid employees and do not have buildings’ costs or overheads, the income we have is used solely to purchase goods and some services to benefit our service users.



Statistics

| Personnel | Description | Number |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Contacts of ours | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton with whom we have had contact (not including those in hotel) | 760 |
| Non accredited ESOL | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton receiving lessons face to face | 46 new asylum seekers attended and 40 returners. 27 new refugees attended |

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| | | and 20 returners. 12 new vulnerable migrants attended and 4 returners. |
| Those receiving continued support | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton | 297 new asylum seekers and 80 returners; 2 new refugees and 17 returners; 5 new vulnerable migrants and 15 returners |
| Trustees | Volunteers on the Board of Trustees from April 2023 | 8 plus 1 Associate |
| Non-accredited ESOL staff | Tutor who led sessions and volunteers who helped | 1 and 3 |
| Volunteers | Volunteers who carried out other TSS related activities including ABT (excluding trustees who also volunteer in drop-ins and other areas) | 50 |
| Deliveries/calls | Description | Number |
| Essential items | Clothes, toiletries, shoes/trainers, sanitary products, school uniform, bedding, baby items, towels, curtains, small electrical items, crockery, cutlery and | Too many to count |

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|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | other essentials | |
| Bicycles | Bicycles bought or donated then delivered to individuals | 38 bought and 4 donated |
| Mobile phones | Good value smart phones bought or donated and then given to individuals | 6 bought 4 donated |
| Data top ups | Money to buy data top-ups or top ups on cards – the number of these given to individuals | 8 data top-ups of £10 each |
| Sim cards | Sim cards donated to us then given out | 48 |
| Calls or messages | Welfare calls or messages made or sent to individuals by TSS volunteers and ABT staff and volunteers - weekly average based on 2 hours a week | 15 a week |



Review and future plans

We completed a review of the year before April 2025 which included detailed monitoring reports for the last of the Faith New Deal funding, the Our Halton Community Grant funding and the usage of the general monies. We are currently looking for funding to continue many of the components of the PARTNERS Project in a community/family hub. We were successful in securing Our Halton Community Grant funding for another year and some Household Support funding to buy food and cooking utensils.

Continue to work collaboratively with partners

We value our collaboration with our past, present and any future partners and will strive to continue to work/volunteer together for the good of those we serve.



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Special thanks

Special thanks go to Halton Borough Council's Our Halton Community Grant Scheme, for funding the Trinity Safe Space Charity for support to its attendees, Cultural Awareness, the purchase of food and other items, and the non-accredited ESOL sessions, during the year 2024—2025. Special thanks to both Foodbanks for their flexibility and ongoing support; Widnes Rotary; the Household Support Fund, for funding us or donating items; Tesco supermarket, Widnes, for bulk donations of end of season lines and stock they cannot sell any longer; Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes for close partnership working and support; the Hygiene Bank – Widnes for donations; SHAP Housing Association for finding and delivering household items for us and supporting our drop-ins with one of their staff members; the Walton Lea Project for their welcoming attitude and selling us some very reasonably priced bicycles; the Kingsway Bike Project for the ongoing, very reasonable sales and remediation of bicycles and the friendly atmosphere they create; Mattocks Grindley Limited Accountants for their Independent Examination of our accounts; the Merseyside Coordination Group for Refugees and Asylum Seekers for their excellent support, information and advice, and all the individual donors who have supported us with money and/or goods and continue to do so regularly. Special mention and thanks go to Ashraf Hamido, Luigina Designoribus, the volunteers from A Better Tomorrow, Halton and within Trinity Safe Space, and to the Roman Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes and Halton Lea Library for housing the drop-ins and providing such a warm welcome - we would be lost without you!

Special thanks go to all our partners too, for their collaborative working, support, advice, referral routes and information shared. You have helped us assist and encourage our vulnerable people to become better assimilated within Halton.

Lastly, but by no means least, a big thank you to all our participants— staff,

volunteers, and service users— for your willingness to take part and contribute richly.



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Our vision for the future

That Trinity Safe Space will continue the vital work of helping asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to become assimilated into the Halton communities, to have increased self-confidence and relevant knowledge, and with the on-going support of our partners, funders and donors, we will realise our ambitions. We hope we can count on you to help us!

If you would like further information, please visit the following:

website www.trinitysafespace.org

Facebook page www.facebook.com/trinitysafespace/

Email for bank account details for donations or general information

TSSHalton@gmail.com



Case study to demonstrate collaborative working with a local community arts venue, staff and volunteers

Following on from the successful collaboration with the Studio, (a local community arts venue), its staff and volunteers during our Government funded PARTNERS Project, when there were joint events and support during our adult activities, during this year there were two more world music events which were attended by our beneficiaries (who were given free tickets, paid for from PARTNERS Project funding), and local people. One was an evening of music from a variety of countries and the second was a very spiritual musical evening delivered by two men playing a sitar and drum. Both were very much appreciated by the audience.

In January 2025, some attended something they would have never experienced or heard of in their lives – the annual Wassail ceremony at the Studio, which celebrates an ancient custom pronouncing a blessing on a cider apple tree so that it will bear fruit that year. There was dressing up, singing, craft activities and a procession culminating in pouring cider onto the tree. They were fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Later on in the year we were very privileged to be part of a theatre production at the Studio, called Afloat, acted by people from an organisation which supports refugees and people seeking asylum, simulating a journey, fleeing from one country to another. This was followed by a question-and-answer session with the actors and production team in which our beneficiaries took part. It was a very powerful and emotional experience. We look forward to continuing our joint working in the future.



Accounts

We have no employees so the funding and donations we receive pay for services and items people need.

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Annual Accounts 2024-2025

Opening balance (from 2023-24) = £18,808.37

(includes carry forward: Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance = £1220 from 2023-24)

| Income 2024-2025 | Amount |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Opening balance | 18808.37 |
| Our Halton Grant | 10000.00 |
| OHG for ESOL | 10000.00 |
| OHG for bikes | 5000.00 |
| Household Support Grant | 3000.00 |
| General | 7751.20 |
| Cash | 190.00 |
| Total | £54749.57 |

Total expenditure for 2024 -2025

| EXPENDITURE | Total | OHG | HSG | General | CMCA |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| A Better Tomorrow | 11980.00 | 10000.00 | | 1980.00 | |
| ESOL | 11645.00 | 10000.00 | | | 1645.00 |
| Clothing | 2245.12 | | | 2245.12 | |
| Food | 3516.50 | | 3000.00 | 516.50 | |
| Travel | 2290.00 | | | 1935.00 | 355.00 |
| Room /Presbytery hire | 5577.12 | | | 4383.52 | 1193.60 |
| Bikes | 5983.58 | 5000.00 | | 983.58 | |
| IT/Mobiles (phones, top-ups, website, domain name) | 1011.86 | | | 1011.86 | |
| Resources / Stationery (paper, cartridges, English books) | 840.80 | | | 840.80 | |
| Household items | 739.91 | | | 739.91 | |
| Insurance | 255.84 | | | 255.84 | |
| Accountants' fees | 720.00 | | | 720.00 | |
| ICO | 40.00 | | | 40.00 | |
| Total | 43845.73 | 25000.00 | 3000 | 1562.13 | 3193.60 |

Our Halton Grants 2024-25

INCOME £25,000

| EXPENDITURE | Total | OHG |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| A Better Tomorrow | 10000.00 | 10000.0 0 |
| ESOL | 10000.00 | 10000.0 0 |

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bikes | 5000.00 | 5000.00 |
| | | |
| Total | 25000.00 | 25000.00 |

Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance via Halton & St Helens VCA
INCOME £2,000 + carry forward from 2023-24 £1220. Total + £3,220

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| ESOL healthy living lessons | 1645.00 |
| Travel costs | 355.00 |
| Room hire | 1193.60 |
| | |
| Total | 3193.60 |

£26.40 carried forward to 2024-25

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Household Support Grant 2024 - 25

INCOME £3,000.00

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Supermarket vouchers | 3,000.00 |
| | |
| Total | 3,000.00 |

General 2024 – 25

INCOME £7941.20
Carry Forward from 2023 -24 accts £18808.37

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| ABT | 1980.00 |
| Clothing | 2245.12 |
| Food | 516.50 |
| Travel | 1935.00 |
| Room /Presbytery hire | 4383.52 |
| Bikes | 983.58 |
| IT/Mobiles (phones, top-ups, website, domain name) | 1011.86 |
| Resources / Stationery (paper, cartridges, English books) | 840.80 |
| Household items | 739.91 |
| Insurance | 255.84 |
| Accountants' fees | 720.00 |
| ICO subscription | 40.00 |
| | |
| Total | 15652.13 |

Balance carried forward to 2024 – 25 £11097.44

Pauline Ruth – September 2025

This report has been agreed and ratified electronically by the Board of Trustees in October 2025. A final and sincere thanks goes to them for their vision, commitment, dedication and support to achieve our mission of service to others.



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Trinity Safe Space Trustees during 2004 – 2005

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|--------------------|---|
| Gillian Beswick | Pastoral Lead, Farnworth Methodist Church |
| Deacon Tim Coleman | Methodist Minister, Halton Trinity Methodist Church |
| Christine Godwin | Vice Chair of Governors, St Gerard's Roman Catholic Primary School, Widnes |
| Revd Mark Harwood | Methodist Minister, Trinity, Farnworth – Widnes and Cronton Methodist Churches |
| Yvonne Hedgecock | Treasurer. Senior Steward, Trinity Methodist/URC Church, Widnes |
| Pauline Ruth | Chair. Chair of Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum, Safeguarding Representative for the Roman Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid's, Widnes |
| Peter McCann | St Wilfrid's Catholic Parish, Widnes, Buildings Committee and Vision Group member |

David Scott Engineer - worked with asylum seekers and refugees in several countries

Janet Woods Volunteer, Trinity Methodist/URC Church, Widnes

Revd Gill Younger **Vice Chair.** Curate-in Charge, All Saints C of E Church, Daresbury

Associate member

Ashraf Hamido Desouki Managing Director and Manager, A Better Tomorrow, Halton

Our sincere thanks go to our specific funders/donors:



the Hygiene Bank – Widnes

Family and friends of Patrick “Paddy” Ruth
The Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley

Frodsham Methodist Church
St Wilfrid’s Roman Catholic Parish,
Widnes



Receipts and payments accounts

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/04/2024 | To | Period end date 31/03/2025 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 7,941 | | - | 7,941 | 9,218 |
| Our Halton Community Grant | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Our Halton Community Grant - bicycles | - | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 4,824 |
| Our Halton Community Grant - ESOL | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| Household Support Fund | - | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Halton & St Helens Cancer Alliance | - | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 7,941 | 30,000 | - | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 7,941 | 30,000 | - | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| A Better Tomorrow | 1,980 | 10,000 | - | 11,980 | 9,800 |
| ESOL | - | 11,645 | - | 11,645 | 1,750 |
| ESOL Healthy Living | - | - | - | - | 3,940 |
| Clothing | 2,245 | - | - | 2,245 | 3,233 |
| Food | 516 | 3,000 | - | 3,516 | 3,489 |
| Travel Costs | 1,935 | 355 | - | 2,290 | 4,159 |
| Toiletries | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| Bikes (Repairs+Accessories) | 984 | 5,000 | - | 5,984 | 4,140 |
| IT mobiles/ Top-ups | 1,012 | - | - | 1,012 | 1,446 |
| Stationery | - | - | - | - | 88 |
| Household | 740 | - | - | 740 | 673 |
| ESOL Books/ Resources | - | - | - | - | 654 |
| Translation Services | - | - | - | - | 735 |
| Independent Examination/ Accountants | 720 | - | - | 720 | 1,140 |
| ICO | 40 | - | - | 40 | 40 |
| Misc. Expenditure | 6 | - | - | 6 | 111 |
| Counselling | - | - | - | - | 4,840 |
| Counselling Supervision | - | - | - | - | 870 |
| Resources | 841 | - | - | 841 | 25 |
| Events/ Activities | - | - | - | - | 11,888 |
| LanguageLine | - | - | - | - | 3,515 |
| Insurance | 256 | - | - | 256 | 171 |
| Room Hire | 4,383 | 1,194 | - | 5,577 | 2,366 |
| Expenses | - | - | - | - | 507 |
| Refreshments | - | - | - | - | 52 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 15,658 | 31,194 | - | 46,852 | 59,652 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 15,658 | 31,194 | - | 46,852 | 59,652 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 7,717 | 1,194 | - | 8,911 | 26,610 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 16,904 | 1,904 | - | 18,808 | 45,418 |
| Cash funds this year end | 9,187 | 710 | - | 9,897 | 18,808 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | | 9,897 | 710 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 9,897 | 710 | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

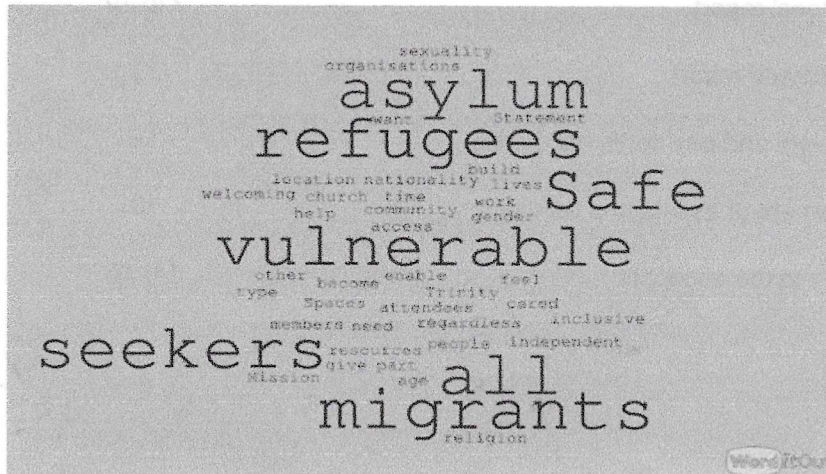
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| <i>Y Hedgecock</i> | YVONNE HEDGECOCK | 06/01/2026 |

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

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TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued

The Trustees of Trinity Safe Space present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.



Who are we?

In response by the faith sector in Halton, to the migration of Syrian refugees, people seeking asylum and an increase in numbers of vulnerable migrants into the borough, Trinity Safe Space, Widnes began its weekly drop-in in January 2019 with Trinity Safe Space, Runcorn following in September 2019. Both are managed by multi-faith volunteers and are now, since becoming a charity in June 2021, overseen by a Board of Trustees who meet quarterly. These are places where asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants meet, communicate with each other, improve their English, feel safe, supported and cared for; where many of their needs are met through signposting to external help or through advice and guidance from visiting organisations such as CHAWREC and Axxess Sexual Health practitioners, and where they are given essential items, information about the local area, support to register with health and other services and have the opportunity to socialise. Our objective is to integrate asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants into the local authority area, services, organisations and communities of Runcorn and Widnes and to make them more independent, wherever possible. There are currently no other groups in Runcorn and Widnes able to offer this multi-lingual, multicultural support (other than our significant partner, A Better Tomorrow, Halton). Trinity Safe Space's Trustees, in partnership with other organisations, do this by providing crucial items; by coordinating several organisations, ensuring they are available to communicate with service users; by creating and sustaining links with other areas and support sources, and by positively influencing key people.

Trinity Safe Space became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in June 2021 - its objects are as follows:

1. The relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants, and who reside in Halton, particularly by the provision of information, advice and guidance, utilising the expertise of partner organisations and the provision of material support where necessary
2. The advancement of the education and training of those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants in need thereof, so as to develop them in life and assist them to adapt within and be assimilated into a new community, particularly by the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Cultural Awareness, information on school/college/university admissions and vocational training



Our mission

Trinity Safe Space's Mission Statement is, 'We are part of a welcoming organisation, inclusive of all people regardless of age, gender, nationality, religion or sexuality, in a location where all attendees can feel safe and cared for. We work with other organisations so that asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants can access the type of help and support they want and need. We will give our time, support and resources to enable asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to build their lives and become independent members of the community'.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Our partners

Our most significant partner is A Better Tomorrow, Halton CiC, which was formed as a vitally important and successful community group in its own right, in 2018, by Ashraf Hamido, to address some of the challenges faced by people moving into the Borough, in a practical and sensitive way, through working closely with others. We purchase very effective services from A Better Tomorrow. Ashraf is also an Associate Member of our Trustee Board. Our other partners are: -

Halton Borough Council

Housing Solutions

Halton People into Jobs

Churches Together in Frodsham

the Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley

Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum

the Studio, Widnes

Runcorn and District Foodbank

Widnes Foodbank

SHAP Ltd Housing

housing teams and associations

faith sector members

St Wilfrid's RC Parish, Widnes

the Kingsway Bike Club

Cheshire Constabulary

the Hygiene Bank – Widnes

Healthwatch Halton

Axess Sexual Health

Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes

Halton and St Helens VCA

the Reader

the Foundry Community Church, Widnes

Recharge and Restore

the British Red Cross

Refugee Women Connect

Halton Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group) Halton's Children's Centres/Family Hubs

Halton Libraries

Phil Cooke – optician

Runcorn Community Shop

Cheshire Halton and Warrington Race Equality Council (CHAWREC)

Sam's Diamonds Cancer Charity

Digital Arts Box CIC

Serco

Migrant Help.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



What do we do?

During the year 2024—2025, Trinity Safe Space has provided many services: -two drop-ins meeting weekly with refreshments; non-accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) sessions; access to interpretation via A Better Tomorrow and online; help, information and support to vulnerable people; signposting to other organisations. We listen, we hear, and we provide human contact. We give practical help - we have given out food, essential items such as toiletries, bicycles, furniture, bedding,



clothes and shoes, household items, toys, items for babies, and countless more, many of which have been kindly donated by our supporters. Funding received from Halton's Our Halton Community Grant enabled us to purchase the services of A Better Tomorrow, Halton, to provide interpretation, cultural awareness training and support for attendees at both drop-ins. A further Our Halton Community Grant was used to provide the non accredited ESOL sessions in Runcorn and Widnes.

We had to move our drop-ins – to Halton Lea Library in Runcorn and to St Michael's Roman Catholic presbytery in Widnes, paying rental costs for both now.



Welfare calls and messages continue to be made or sent to contacts regularly, by A Better Tomorrow, Halton, and Trinity Safe Space volunteers, to ensure they are safe and well. Any urgent requests for help are sorted out by us or A Better Tomorrow, Halton, as soon as we can.



People are referred, where necessary, to other local organisations, for example the Halton Citizens Advice Bureau and Housing Solutions.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



We continue face-to-face sessions in Runcorn and Widnes, with one tutor, after using technological means of teaching during the Covid pandemic. The main vision for the ESOL sessions is that all residents for whom English is not a first language can access high quality English language so that they can acquire the language skills to enable them to participate in daily life. These language skills are central to giving people a democratic voice and supporting them to contribute to the society in which they live.

Students have been divided into beginners and next level. Rules, standards, procedures (including safeguarding) and methods were set out and a curriculum put together so the teacher and any volunteers who are doing one to one practice could follow.

During the year, the beginner group completed the first few modules and missing knowledge gaps were filled throughout, ensuring progression. The teacher spends time making sure everyone in the classes understands everything in the lessons and uses resources which make the lessons fun as well eg games with sounds. The next level group mixed and matched situations from other modules to practise and extend their knowledge and competence. As the course follows a "roll-on, roll off" model and is voluntary attendance, revision and plenty of practice play an important part in the lessons. All students were very enthusiastic. Some progressed onto college courses, and all grew in confidence and competence.

Spoken and written English are noticeably the most difficult, especially for the Arabic, Farsi/Persian, Tigrinya and some other languages' speakers as their sentence structure and grammar is very different and their written languages do not use the same script, with some reading from right to left.

Outcomes for ESOL students

- General improvement of language and communication skills
- Increased confidence to transfer learning into everyday situations
- Reduced isolation in communities through relations with other students, teachers, and volunteers
- Improved integration of families in local communities and their ability to access services, leading to more community cohesion
- Better mental health, wellbeing and self-esteem

The classes in Runcorn traditionally have larger numbers of students attending than those in Widnes. We were fortunate to be able to continue an extra class which particularly concentrated on medical terminology, how to make appointments and how to describe signs and symptoms of diseases, particularly cancer. Funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance Community Engagement VCSE Small Grants Programme was used to fund this.

Some individual sessions have also been delivered using volunteers, to help students progress.



We continued to liaise with residents at a local hotel on the outskirts of Runcorn, which, during this year, housed a mix of men, women and children. Some of them attended our Runcorn drop-in or made requests for clothes and baby items. Since the Covid pandemic, we have continued to liaise with partners through strategic groups to ensure we can feed in any comments from residents we are in contact with, to make their lived experience better, and we continue to have a supporting role with some who have moved from the hotel into Halton. We occasionally provided some residents with items requested, and signposted them to sources of information, advice and guidance.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Storage

We have been and continue to be blessed with many donations of goods over the time we have been in existence, ranging from large items of furniture, bedding, curtains, clothes, shoes, pots, pans, crockery, bicycles, prams, baby items, toys to food. Storage continues to be an issue for us, as we have very little. We kept some items in Widnes Safe Space.



Funding applications and donations

As well as the grants mentioned above, Widnes Rotary gave us some funding which allowed us to pay travel expenses for people to get to and from foodbanks and we received a significant amount of money from the Household Support Grant, via Halton Borough Council, to purchase food vouchers from Aldi and Asda, cooking utensils and emergency food. Halton Children's Centres/Family hubs have helped with children's clothes and baby essential items, which are otherwise a drain on our resources. Both Foodbanks continue to honour vouchers we give out to our beneficiaries and to adapt their food parcels to be more culturally appropriate. The Hygiene Bank - Widnes also gave us donations of toiletries, sanitary products and household essentials.

Towards the end of March 2023, we received some funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance CVS Partnership Improving Communities awareness of Cancer VCSE Small Grants Programme with which we raised awareness within our clientele of the signs and symptoms of different cancers, through a very experienced and positive survivor, who has set up her own charity, ensuring they understood these through the use of interpreters, and encouraged early diagnosis and treatment, offering support from "buddies" to help them on their journey. Some of the spend from this paid for the interpreters and travel expenses, and the rest was spent on extra ESOL sessions, during 2024 – 2025, concentrating on medical issues, especially cancer.

We continue to receive individual donations of money from our supporters every month. Money has been given to us from Frodsham Methodist Church, some Frodsham residents and the Hurst Methodist Church in Kingsley donated money and goods - a special thank you to Stuart and Julie Clark from their congregation for their very generous personal donation. St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic Parish Widnes' Tuesday Club and their Union of Catholic Mothers gave us money as did Runcorn's Women's Institute. Several churches' congregations donated clothes, toiletries, trainers, cash and small electrical goods; Manchester City Council gave us a donation in lieu of our Chair of Trustees representing the Greater Merseyside's VCFSE on a northwest strategic board which discusses asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants, and cash donations have been given from the sale of many CDs. We are very grateful for everything we received.



Income and expenditure

For a summary of our income and how we have spent our grant funding and donations, from April 2024 to March 2025 please see our accounts. As we have no paid employees and do not have buildings' costs or overheads, the income we have is used solely to purchase goods and some services to benefit our service users.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued

| Personnel | Description | Number |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Contacts of ours | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton with whom we have had contact (not including those in hotel) | 760 |
| Non accredited ESOL | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton receiving lessons face to face | 46 new asylum seekers attended and 40 returners. 27 new refugees attended and 20 returners. 12 new vulnerable migrants attended and 4 returners. |
| Those receiving continued support | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton | 297 new asylum seekers and 80 returners; 2 new refugees and 17 returners; 5 new vulnerable migrants and 15 returners |
| Trustees | Volunteers on the Board of Trustees from April 2023 | 8 plus 1 Associate |
| Non-accredited ESOL staff | Tutor who led sessions and volunteers who helped | 1 and 3 |
| Volunteers | Volunteers who carried out other TSS related activities including ABT (excluding trustees who also volunteer in drop-ins and other areas) | 50 |
| Deliveries/calls | Description | Number |
| Essential items | Clothes, toiletries, shoes/trainers, sanitary products, school uniform, bedding, baby items, towels, curtains, small electrical items, crockery, cutlery and other essentials | Too many to count |
| Bicycles | Bicycles bought or donated then delivered to individuals | 38 bought and 4 donated |
| Mobile phones | Good value smart phones bought or donated and then given to individuals | 6 bought 4 donated |
| Data top ups | Money to buy data top-ups or top ups on cards – the number of these given to individuals | 8 data top-ups of £10 each |
| Sim cards | Sim cards donated to us then given out | 48 |
| Calls or messages | Welfare calls or messages made or sent to individuals by TSS volunteers and ABT staff and volunteers - weekly average based on 2 hours a week | 15 a week |

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Review and future plans

We completed a review of the year before April 2025 which included detailed monitoring reports for the last of the Faith New Deal funding, the Our Halton Community Grant funding and the usage of the general monies. We are currently looking for funding to continue many of the components of the PARTNERS Project in a community/family hub. We were successful in securing Our Halton Community Grant funding for another year and some Household Support funding to buy food and cooking utensils.

Continue to work collaboratively with partners

We value our collaboration with our past, present and any future partners and will strive to continue to work/volunteer together for the good of those we serve.



Special thanks

Special thanks go to Halton Borough Council's Our Halton Community Grant Scheme, for funding the Trinity Safe Space Charity for support to its attendees, Cultural Awareness, the purchase of food and other items, and the non-accredited ESOL sessions, during the year 2024—2025. Special thanks to both Foodbanks for their flexibility and ongoing support; Widnes Rotary; the Household Support Fund, for funding us or donating items; Tesco supermarket, Widnes, for bulk donations of end of season lines and stock they cannot sell any longer; Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes for close partnership working and support; the Hygiene Bank – Widnes for donations; SHAP Housing Association for finding and delivering household items for us and supporting our drop-ins with one of their staff members; the Walton Lea Project for their welcoming attitude and selling us some very reasonably priced bicycles; the Kingsway Bike Project for the ongoing, very reasonable sales and remediation of bicycles and the friendly atmosphere they create; Mattocks Grindley Limited Accountants for their Independent Examination of our accounts; the Merseyside Coordination Group for Refugees and Asylum Seekers for their excellent support, information and advice, and all the individual donors who have supported us with money and/or goods and continue to do so regularly. Special mention and thanks go to Ashraf Hamido, Luigina Designoribus, the volunteers from A Better Tomorrow, Halton and within Trinity Safe Space, and to the Roman Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes and Halton Lea Library for housing the drop-ins and providing such a warm welcome - we would be lost without you!

Special thanks go to all our partners too, for their collaborative working, support, advice, referral routes and information shared. You have helped us assist and encourage our vulnerable people to become better assimilated within Halton.

Lastly, but by no means least, a big thank you to all our participants— staff, volunteers, and service users— for your willingness to take part and contribute richly.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Our vision for the future

That Trinity Safe Space will continue the vital work of helping asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to become assimilated into the Halton communities, to have increased self-confidence and relevant knowledge, and with the on-going support of our partners, funders and donors, we will realise our ambitions. We hope we can count on you to help us!

If you would like further information, please visit the following:

website www.trinitysafespace.org

Facebook page www.facebook.com/trinitysafespace/

Email for bank account details for donations or general information TSSHalton@gmail.com



Case study to demonstrate collaborative working with a local community arts venue, staff and volunteers

Following on from the successful collaboration with the Studio, (a local community arts venue), its staff and volunteers during our Government funded PARTNERS Project, when there were joint events and support during our adult activities, during this year there were two more world music events which were attended by our beneficiaries (who were given free tickets, paid for from PARTNERS Project funding), and local people. One was an evening of music from a variety of countries and the second was a very spiritual musical evening delivered by two men playing a sitar and drum. Both were very much appreciated by the audience.

In January 2025, some attended something they would have never experienced or heard of in their lives – the annual Wassail ceremony at the Studio, which celebrates an ancient custom pronouncing a blessing on a cider apple tree so that it will bear fruit that year. There was dressing up, singing, craft activities and a procession culminating in pouring cider onto the tree. They were fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Later on in the year we were very privileged to be part of a theatre production at the Studio, called Afloat, acted by people from an organisation which supports refugees and people seeking asylum, simulating a journey, fleeing from one country to another. This was followed by a question-and-answer session with the actors and production team in which our beneficiaries took part. It was a very powerful and emotional experience. We look forward to continuing our joint working in the future.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of TRINITY SAFE SPACE for the year ending 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on pages 12 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and the examiner

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).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 in 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jane Williams
MAAT
Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service
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TRINITY SAFE SPACE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 31 March 2025

| | Notes | 2025 Unrestricted funds £ | 2025 Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 7,941 | 30,000 | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| Bank Interest received | | - | - | - | - |
| Other Income | | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | | 7,941 | 30,000 | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| A Better Tomorrow | | 1,980 | 10,000 | 11,980 | 9,800 |
| ESOL | | - | 11,645 | 11,645 | 1,750 |
| ESOL Healthy Living | | - | - | - | 3,940 |
| ESOL Books & Resources | | - | - | - | 654 |
| Clothing | | 2,245 | - | 2,245 | 3,233 |
| Food | | 516 | 3,000 | 3,516 | 3,489 |
| Travel Costs | | 1,935 | 355 | 2,290 | 4,159 |
| Toiletries | | - | - | - | 20 |
| Bikes (repairs & Accessories) | | 984 | 5,000 | 5,984 | 4,140 |
| IT/Mobiles/top-ups | | 1,012 | - | 1,012 | 1,446 |
| Stationary | | - | - | - | 88 |
| Household | | 740 | - | 740 | 673 |
| Translation Services | | - | - | - | 735 |
| ICO | | 40 | - | 40 | 40 |
| Miscellaneous | | 6 | - | 6 | 111 |
| Counselling | | - | - | - | 4,840 |
| Counselling Supervision | | - | - | - | 870 |
| Resources | | 841 | - | 841 | 25 |
| Events/Activities | | - | - | - | 11,888 |
| Language Line | | - | - | - | 3,515 |
| Insurance | | 256 | - | 256 | 171 |
| Room Hire | | 4,383 | 1,194 | 5,577 | 2,366 |
| Expenses | | - | - | - | 507 |
| Refreshments | | - | - | - | 52 |
| Governance Costs | | | | | |
| Independent Examination | | 720 | - | 720 | 1,140 |
| Total payments | | 15,658 | 31,194 | 46,852 | 59,652 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | (7,717) | (1,194) | (8,911) | (26,610) |
| Transfers between funds | | - | - | - | - |
| Cash fund balances brought forward | | 16,904 | 1,904 | 18,808 | 45,418 |
| Cash fund balances carried forward | | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2025

| | 2025 Unrestricted £ | 2025 Restricted £ | 2025 Total £ | 2024 Total £ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Total fixed assets | - | - | - | - |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | - | - | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |
| Total current assets | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |
| Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Creditors and accruals | - | - | - | - |
| Total current liabilities | - | - | - | - |
| Net current assets / (liabilities) | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year | - | - | - | - |
| Net assets | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |
| Funds | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 710 | 710 | 1,904 |
| Unrestricted funds | 9,187 | | 9,187 | 16,904 |
| Total Funds | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees held on and signed on its behalf by:

Y Hedgecock 06/01/2026

Yvonne Hedgecock
Trustee

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Notes to the accounts

for the year ending 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of accounting

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

b Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Notes to the accounts continued for the year ending 31 March 2025

2 Grants and Donations

| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | funds | funds | funds | funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Our Halton Grant: A Better Tomorrow | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Our Halton Grant: ESOL | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| Our Halton Grant: Bike project | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,824 |
| Halton BC: Household Support Grant | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Halton St Helens: Cancer Alliance | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Donations | 7,941 | - | 7,941 | 10,218 |
| | <u>7,941</u> | <u>30,000</u> | <u>37,941</u> | <u>33,042</u> |

2a Movements of restricted and general funds

| | Opening Balance | Receipts | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| General Fund | <u>16,904</u> | <u>7,941</u> | <u>15,652</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,193</u> |
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| Cancer Alliance | 1,220 | 2,000 | 3,194 | - | 26 |
| OHG: Bikes | 684 | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | 684 |
| OHG: ABT | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - |
| OHG: ESOL | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - |
| Halton BC: HSG | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - | - |
| Restricted fund totals | <u>1,904</u> | <u>30,000</u> | <u>31,194</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>710</u> |

3 Trustee remuneration and expenses

| | £ | £ |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Total amount paid | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

No trustees received any expenses during the period. (2024: None)

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the accounting period.

5 Staffing

We have no employees so the funding and donations we receive pay for services and items people need.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

England & Wales - Charity number 1194939

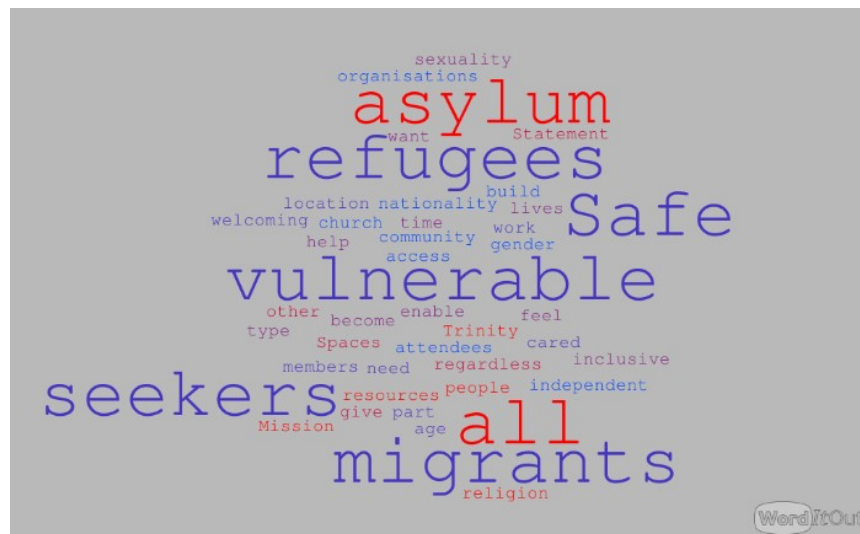
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Charity number: 1194939

Annual Report 2024 - 2025





Who are we?

In response by the faith sector in Halton, to the migration of Syrian refugees, people seeking asylum and an increase in numbers of vulnerable migrants into the borough, Trinity Safe Space, Widnes began its weekly drop-in in January 2019 with Trinity Safe Space, Runcorn following in September 2019. Both are managed by multi-faith volunteers and are now, since becoming a charity in June 2021, overseen by a Board of Trustees who meet quarterly. These are places where asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants meet, communicate with each other, improve their English, feel safe, supported and cared for; where many of their needs are met through signposting to external help or through advice and guidance from visiting organisations such as CHAWREC and Access Sexual Health practitioners, and where they are given essential items, information about the local area, support to register with health and other services and have the opportunity to socialise. Our objective is to integrate asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants into the local authority area, services, organisations and communities of Runcorn and Widnes and to make them more independent, wherever possible. There are currently no other groups in Runcorn and Widnes able to offer this multi-lingual, multicultural support (other than our significant partner, A Better Tomorrow, Halton). Trinity Safe Space's Trustees, in partnership with other organisations, do this by providing crucial items; by coordinating several organisations, ensuring they are available to communicate with service users; by creating and sustaining links with other areas and support sources, and by positively influencing key people.

Trinity Safe Space became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in June 2021 - its objects are as follows:

1. The relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants, and who reside in Halton, particularly by the provision of information, advice and guidance, utilising the expertise of partner organisations and the provision of material support where necessary
2. The advancement of the education and training of those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants in need thereof, so as to develop

them in life and assist them to adapt within and be assimilated into a new community, particularly by the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Cultural Awareness, information on school/college/university admissions and vocational training



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Our mission

Trinity Safe Space's Mission Statement is, 'We are part of a welcoming organisation, inclusive of all people regardless of age, gender, nationality, religion or sexuality, in a location where all attendees can feel safe and cared for. We work with other organisations so that asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants can access the type of help and support they want and need. We will give our time, support and resources to enable asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to build their lives and become independent members of the community'.



Our partners

Our most significant partner is A Better Tomorrow, Halton CiC, which was formed as a vitally important and successful community group in its own right, in 2018, by Ashraf Hamido, to address some of the challenges faced by people moving into the Borough, in a practical and sensitive way, through working closely with others. We purchase very effective services from A Better Tomorrow. Ashraf is also an Associate Member of our Trustee Board. Our other partners are: -

Halton Borough Council

Housing Solutions

Halton People Into Jobs

Churches Together in Frodsham

the Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley

Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum

the Studio, Widnes

Runcorn and District Foodbank

Widnes Foodbank
SHAP Ltd Housing
housing teams and associations
faith sector members
the Kingsway Bike Club
Cheshire Constabulary
the Hygiene Bank – Widnes
Healthwatch Halton
Acess Sexual Health
Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes
Halton and St Helens VCA
the Reader
the Foundry Community Church, Widnes
Recharge and Restore
the British Red Cross
Refugee Women Connect
Halton Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group)
Halton’s Children’s Centres/Family Hubs
Halton Libraries
Phil Cooke – optician
Runcorn Community Shop
Cheshire Halton and Warrington Race Equality Council (CHAWREC)
Sam’s Diamonds Cancer Charity
Digital Arts Box CIC
Tesco supermarket, Widnes
Serco
Migrant Help.



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What do we do?

During the year 2024—2025, Trinity Safe Space has provided many services: - two drop-ins meeting weekly with refreshments; non-accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) sessions; access to interpretation via **A Better Tomorrow** and online;

help, information and support to vulnerable people; signposting to other organisations. We listen, we hear, and we provide human contact. We give practical help - we have given out food, essential items such as toiletries, bicycles, furniture, bedding,



clothes and shoes, household items, toys, items for babies and countless more, many of which have been kindly donated by our supporters. Funding received from Halton's Our Halton Community Grant enabled us to purchase the services of A Better Tomorrow, Halton, to provide interpretation, cultural awareness training and support for attendees at both drop-ins. A further Our Halton Community Grant was used to provide the non accredited ESOL sessions in Runcorn and Widnes.



Welfare calls and messages continue to be made or sent to contacts regularly, by A Better Tomorrow, Halton, and Trinity Safe Space volunteers, to ensure they are safe and well. Any urgent requests for help are sorted out by us or A Better Tomorrow, Halton, as soon as we can.



People are referred, where necessary, to other local organisations, for example the Halton Citizens Advice Bureau and Housing Solutions.



Non-accredited ESOL



We continue face-to-face sessions in Runcorn and Widnes, with one tutor, after using technological means of teaching during the Covid pandemic. The main vision for the ESOL sessions is that all residents for whom English is not a first language can access high quality English language so that they can acquire the language skills to enable them to participate in daily life. These language skills are central to giving people a democratic voice and supporting them to contribute to the society in which they live.

Students have been divided into beginners and next level. Rules, standards, procedures (including safeguarding) and methods were set out and a curriculum put together so the teacher and any volunteers who are doing one to one practice could follow.

During the year, the beginner group completed the first few modules and missing knowledge gaps were filled throughout, ensuring progression. The teacher spends time making sure everyone in the classes understands everything in the lessons and uses resources which make the lessons fun as well eg games with sounds. The next level group mixed and matched situations from other modules to practise and extend their knowledge and competence. As the course follows a “roll-on, roll off” model and is voluntary attendance, revision and plenty of practice play an important part in the lessons. All students were very enthusiastic. Some progressed onto college courses, and all grew in confidence and competence.

Spoken and written English are noticeably the most difficult, especially for the Arabic, Farsi/Persian, Tigrinya and some other languages’ speakers as their sentence structure and grammar is very different and their written languages do not use the same script, with some reading from right to left.

Outcomes for ESOL students

- General improvement of language and communication skills
- Increased confidence to transfer learning into everyday situations
- Reduced isolation in communities through relations with other students, teachers, and volunteers
- Improved integration of families in local communities and their ability to access services, leading to more community cohesion
- Better mental health, wellbeing and self-esteem

The classes in Runcorn traditionally have larger numbers of students attending than those in Widnes. We were fortunate to be able to continue an extra class which particularly concentrated on medical terminology, how to make appointments and how to describe signs and symptoms of diseases, particularly cancer. Funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance Community Engagement VCSE Small Grants Programme was used to fund this.

Some individual sessions have also been delivered using volunteers, to help students progress.



We continued to liaise with residents at a local hotel on the outskirts of Runcorn, which, during this year, housed a mix of men, women and children. Some of them attended our Runcorn drop-in or made requests for clothes and baby items. Since the Covid pandemic, we have continued to liaise with partners through strategic groups to ensure we can feed in any comments from residents we are in contact with, to make their lived experience better, and we continue to have a supporting role with some who have moved from the hotel into Halton. We occasionally provided some residents with items requested, and signposted them to sources of information, advice and guidance.



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Storage

We have been and continue to be blessed with many donations of goods, over the time we have been in existence, ranging from large items of furniture, bedding, curtains, clothes, shoes, pots, pans, crockery, bicycles, prams, baby items, toys to food. Storage continues to be an issue for us, as we have very little. We keep some items in Widnes Safe Space.



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Funding applications and donations

As well as the grants mentioned above, Widnes Rotary gave us some funding which allowed us to pay travel expenses for people to get to and from foodbanks and we received a significant amount of money from the Household Support Grant, via Halton Borough Council, to purchase food vouchers from Aldi and Asda, cooking utensils and emergency food. Halton Children's Centres/Family hubs have helped with children's clothes and baby essential items, which are otherwise a drain on our resources. Both Foodbanks continue to honour vouchers we give out to our beneficiaries and to adapt their food parcels to be more culturally appropriate. The Hygiene Bank - Widnes also gave us donations of toiletries, sanitary products and household essentials.

Towards the end of March 2023, we received some funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance CVS Partnership Improving Communities awareness of Cancer

VCSE Small Grants Programme with which we raised awareness within our clientele of the signs and symptoms of different cancers, through a very experienced and positive survivor, who has set up her own charity, ensuring they understood these through the use of interpreters, and encouraged early diagnosis and treatment, offering support from “buddies” to help them on their journey. Some of the spend from this paid for the interpreters and travel expenses, and the rest was spent on extra ESOL sessions, during 2024 – 2025, concentrating on medical issues, especially cancer.

We continue to receive individual donations of money from our supporters every month. Money has been given to us from Frodsham Methodist Church, some Frodsham residents and the Hurst Methodist Church in Kingsley donated money and goods. St Wilfrid’s Catholic Parish Widnes’ Tuesday Club and their Union of Catholic Mothers gave us money as did Runcorn’s Women’s Institute. Several churches’ congregations donated clothes, toiletries, trainers and small electrical goods; Manchester City Council gave us a donation in lieu of our Chair of Trustees representing the Greater Merseyside’s VCFSE on a northwest strategic board which discusses asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants, Tesco Supermarket has given us over stocks or stock that has been replaced by a new line, and cash donations have been given from the sale of many CDs. We are very grateful for everything we received.



Income and expenditure

For a summary of our income and how we have spent our grant funding and donations, from April 2024 to March 2025 please see our accounts. As we have no paid employees and do not have buildings’ costs or overheads, the income we have is used solely to purchase goods and some services to benefit our service users.



Statistics

| Personnel | Description | Number |
|-----------|-------------|--------|
|-----------|-------------|--------|

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| | | |
| Contacts of ours | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton with whom we have had contact (not including those in hotel) | 760 |
| Non accredited ESOL | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton receiving lessons face to face | 46 new asylum seekers attended and 40 returners. 27 new refugees attended and 20 returners. 12 new vulnerable migrants attended and 4 returners. |
| Those receiving continued support | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton | 297 new asylum seekers and 80 returners; 2 new refugees and 17 returners; 5 new vulnerable migrants and 15 returners |
| Trustees | Volunteers on the Board of Trustees from April 2023 | 8 plus 1 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | Associate |
| Non-accredited ESOL staff | Tutor who led sessions and volunteers who helped | 1 and 3 |
| Volunteers | Volunteers who carried out other TSS related activities including ABT (excluding trustees who also volunteer in drop-ins and other areas) | 50 |
| Deliveries/calls | Description | Number |
| Essential items | Clothes, toiletries, shoes/trainers, sanitary products, school uniform, bedding, baby items, towels, curtains, small electrical items, crockery, cutlery and other essentials | Too many to count |
| Bicycles | Bicycles bought or donated then delivered to individuals | 38 bought and 4 donated |
| Mobile phones | Good value smart phones bought or donated and then given to individuals | 6 bought 4 donated |
| Data top ups | Money to buy data top-ups or top ups on cards – the number of these given to individuals | 8 data top-ups of £10 each |
| Sim cards | Sim cards donated to us then given out | 48 |
| Calls or messages | Welfare calls or messages made or sent to individuals by TSS volunteers and ABT staff and volunteers - weekly average based on 2 hours a week | 15 a week |



Review and future plans

We completed a review of the year before April 2025 which included detailed monitoring reports for the last of the Faith New Deal funding, the Our Halton Community Grant funding and the usage of the general monies. We are currently looking for funding to continue many of the components of the PARTNERS Project in a community/family hub. We were successful in securing Our Halton Community Grant funding for another year and some Household Support funding to buy food and cooking utensils.

Continue to work collaboratively with partners

We value our collaboration with our past, present and any future partners and will strive to continue to work/volunteer together for the good of those we serve.



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Special thanks

Special thanks go to Halton Borough Council's Our Halton Community Grant Scheme, for funding the Trinity Safe Space Charity for support to its attendees, Cultural Awareness, the purchase of food and other items, and the non-accredited ESOL sessions, during the year 2024—2025. Special thanks to both Foodbanks for their flexibility and ongoing support; Widnes Rotary; the Household Support Fund, for funding us or donating items; Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes for close partnership working and support; the Hygiene Bank – Widnes for donations; SHAP Housing Association for finding and delivering household items for us and supporting our drop-ins with one of their staff members; the Walton Lea Project for their welcoming attitude and selling us some very reasonably priced bicycles; the Kingsway Bike Project for the ongoing, very reasonable sales and remediation of bicycles and the friendly atmosphere they create; Mattocks Grindley Limited Accountants for their Independent Examination of our accounts; the Merseyside Coordination Group for Refugees and Asylum Seekers for their excellent support, information and advice, and all the individual donors who have supported us with money and/or goods and continue to do so regularly. Special mention and thanks go to

Ashraf Hamido, Luigina Designoribus, the volunteers from A Better Tomorrow, Halton and within Trinity Safe Space, and to the Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes and Halton Lea Library for housing the drop-ins and providing such a warm welcome - we would be lost without you!

Special thanks go to all our partners too, for their collaborative working, support, advice, referral routes and information shared. You have helped us assist and encourage our vulnerable people to become better assimilated within Halton.

Lastly, but by no means least, a big thank you to all our participants— staff, volunteers, and service users— for your willingness to take part and contribute richly.



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Our vision for the future

That Trinity Safe Space will continue the vital work of helping asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to become assimilated into the Halton communities, to have increased self-confidence and relevant knowledge, and with the on-going support of our partners, funders and donors, we will realise our ambitions. We hope we can count on you to help us!

If you would like further information, please visit the following:

website www.trinitysafespace.org

Facebook page www.facebook.com/trinitysafespace/

Email for bank account details for donations or general information TSSHalton@gmail.com



Case study to demonstrate collaborative working with a local community arts venue, staff and volunteers

During our government funded PARTNERS Project last year, where there was a successful collaboration with the Studio, (a local community arts venue), its staff and volunteers, there were joint events and support during our adult activities. During this year, there were two more world music events which were attended by our beneficiaries who were given free tickets, paid for from PARTNERS Project funding, and local people. One was an evening of music from a variety of countries and the second was a very spiritual musical evening delivered by two men playing a sitar and drum. Both were very much appreciated by the audience.

In January 2025, some attended something they would have never experienced or heard of in their lives – the annual Wassail ceremony at the Studio, which celebrates an ancient custom pronouncing a blessing on a cider apple tree so that it will bear fruit that year. There was dressing up, singing, craft activities and a procession culminating in pouring cider onto the tree. They were fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Later on in the year we were very privileged to be part of a theatre production at the Studio, called Afloat, acted by people from an organisation which supports refugees and people seeking asylum, simulating a journey, fleeing from one country to another. This was followed by a question-and-answer session with the actors and production team in which our beneficiaries took part. It was a very powerful and emotional experience. We look forward to continuing our joint working in the future.



Accounts

We have no employees so the funding and donations we receive pay for services and items people need.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE Annual Accounts 2024-2025

Opening balance (from 2023-24) = £18,808.37
(includes carry forward: Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer
Alliance = £1220 from 2023-24)

| Income 2024-2025 | Amount |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Opening balance | 18808.37 |
| Our Halton Grant | 10000.00 |
| OHG for ESOL | 10000.00 |
| OHG for bikes | 5000.00 |
| Household Support Grant | 3000.00 |
| General | 7751.20 |
| Cash | 190.00 |
| Total | £54749.57 |

Total expenditure for 2024 -2025

| EXPENDITURE | Total | OHG | HSG | General | CMCA |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| A Better Tomorrow | 11980.00 | 10000.00 | | 1980.00 | |
| ESOL | 11645.00 | 10000.00 | | | 1645.00 |
| Clothing | 2245.12 | | | 2245.12 | |
| Food | 516.50 | | 3000.00 | 516.50 | |
| Travel | 2290.00 | | | 1935.00 | 355.00 |
| Room /Presbytery hire | 5577.12 | | | 4383.52 | 1193.60 |
| Bikes | 5983.58 | 5000.00 | | 983.58 | |
| IT/Mobiles (phones, top-ups, website, domain name) | 1011.86 | | | 1011.86 | |
| Resources / Stationery (paper, cartridges, English books) | 840.80 | | | 840.80 | |
| Household items | 739.91 | | | 739.91 | |
| Insurance | 255.84 | | | 255.84 | |
| Accountants' fees | 720.00 | | | 720.00 | |
| ICO | 40.00 | | | 40.00 | |
| Total | 43845.73 | 25000.00 | 3000 | 1562.13 | 3193.60 |

Our Halton Grants 2024-25
INCOME £25,000

| EXPENDITURE | Total | OHG |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A Better Tomorrow | 10000.00 | 10000.00 |
| ESOL | 10000.00 | 10000.00 |
| Bikes | 5000.00 | 5000.00 |
| | | |
| Total | 25000.00 | 25000.00 |

Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance via Halton & St Helens VCA
INCOME £2,000 + carry forward from 2023-24 £1220. Total + £3,220

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| ESOL healthy living lessons | 1645.00 |
| Travel costs | 355.00 |
| Room hire | 1193.60 |
| | |
| Total | 3193.60 |

£26.40 carried forward to 2024-25

Household Support Grant 2024 - 25

INCOME £3,000.00

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Supermarket vouchers | 3,000.00 |
| | |
| Total | 3,000.00 |

General 2024 – 25

INCOME £7941.20
Carry Forward from 2023 -24 accts £18808.37

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| ABT | 1980.00 |
| Clothing | 2245.12 |
| Food | 516.50 |
| Travel | 1935.00 |
| Room /Presbytery hire | 4383.52 |

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Bikes | 983.58 |
| IT/Mobiles (phones, top-ups, website, domain name) | 1011.86 |
| Resources / Stationery (paper,cartridges, English bks) | 840.80 |
| Household items | 739.91 |
| Insurance | 255.84 |
| Accountants' fees | 720.00 |
| ICO subscription | 40.00 |
| | |
| Total | 15652.13 |

Balance carried forward to 2024 – 25 £11097.44

Pauline Ruth – September 2025

This report has been agreed and ratified electronically by the Board of Trustees in October 2025 . A final and sincere thanks goes to them for their vision, commitment, dedication and support to achieve our mission of service to others.



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Trinity Safe Space Trustees during 2024 – 2025

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| Gillian Beswick | Pastoral Lead, Farnworth Methodist Church |
| Deacon Tim Coleman | Methodist Minister, Halton Trinity Methodist Church |
| Christine Godwin | Vice Chair of Governors, St Gerard's Catholic Primary School, Widnes |
| Revd Mark Harwood | Methodist Minister, Trinity, Farnworth – Widnes and Cronton Methodist Churches |
| Yvonne Hedgecock | Treasurer. Senior Steward, Trinity Methodist/URC Church, Widnes |

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| Pauline Ruth | Chair. Chair of Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum, Safeguarding Representative for the Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid's, Widnes |
| Peter McCann | St Wilfrid's Catholic Parish, Widnes, Buildings Committee and Vision Group member |
| David Scott | Engineer - worked with asylum seekers and refugees in several countries |
| Janet Woods | Volunteer, Trinity Methodist/URC Church, Widnes |
| Revd Gill Younger | Vice Chair. Curate-in Charge, All Saints C of E Church, Daresbury |
| Associate member | |
| Ashraf Hamido Desouki | Managing Director and Manager, A Better Tomorrow, Halton |

Our sincere thanks go to our specific funders/donors:



the Hygiene Bank – Widnes



Family and friends of Patrick "Paddy" Ruth
The Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley

Frodsham Methodist Church
St Wilfrid's Catholic Parish, Widnes

Tesco supermarket, Widnes



Receipts and payments accounts

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/04/2024 | To | Period end date 31/03/2025 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 7,941 | | - | 7,941 | 9,218 |
| Our Halton Community Grant | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Our Halton Community Grant - bicycles | - | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 4,824 |
| Our Halton Community Grant - ESOL | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| Household Support Fund | - | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Halton & St Helens Cancer Alliance | - | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 7,941 | 30,000 | - | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 7,941 | 30,000 | - | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| A Better Tomorrow | 1,980 | 10,000 | - | 11,980 | 9,800 |
| ESOL | - | 11,645 | - | 11,645 | 1,750 |
| ESOL Healthy Living | - | - | - | - | 3,940 |
| Clothing | 2,245 | - | - | 2,245 | 3,233 |
| Food | 516 | 3,000 | - | 3,516 | 3,489 |
| Travel Costs | 1,935 | 355 | - | 2,290 | 4,159 |
| Toiletries | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| Bikes (Repairs+Accessories) | 984 | 5,000 | - | 5,984 | 4,140 |
| IT mobiles/ Top-ups | 1,012 | - | - | 1,012 | 1,446 |
| Stationery | - | - | - | - | 88 |
| Household | 740 | - | - | 740 | 673 |
| ESOL Books/ Resources | - | - | - | - | 654 |
| Translation Services | - | - | - | - | 735 |
| Independent Examination/ Accountants | 720 | - | - | 720 | 1,140 |
| ICO | 40 | - | - | 40 | 40 |
| Misc. Expenditure | 6 | - | - | 6 | 111 |
| Counselling | - | - | - | - | 4,840 |
| Counselling Supervision | - | - | - | - | 870 |
| Resources | 841 | - | - | 841 | 25 |
| Events/ Activities | - | - | - | - | 11,888 |
| LanguageLine | - | - | - | - | 3,515 |
| Insurance | 256 | - | - | 256 | 171 |
| Room Hire | 4,383 | 1,194 | - | 5,577 | 2,366 |
| Expenses | - | - | - | - | 507 |
| Refreshments | - | - | - | - | 52 |
| Sub total | 15,658 | 31,194 | - | 46,852 | 59,652 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 15,658 | 31,194 | - | 46,852 | 59,652 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 7,717 | 1,194 | - | 8,911 | 26,610 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 16,904 | 1,904 | - | 18,808 | 45,418 |
| Cash funds this year end | 9,187 | 710 | - | 9,897 | 18,808 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | | 9,897 | 710 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 9,897 | 710 | - |

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| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
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| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

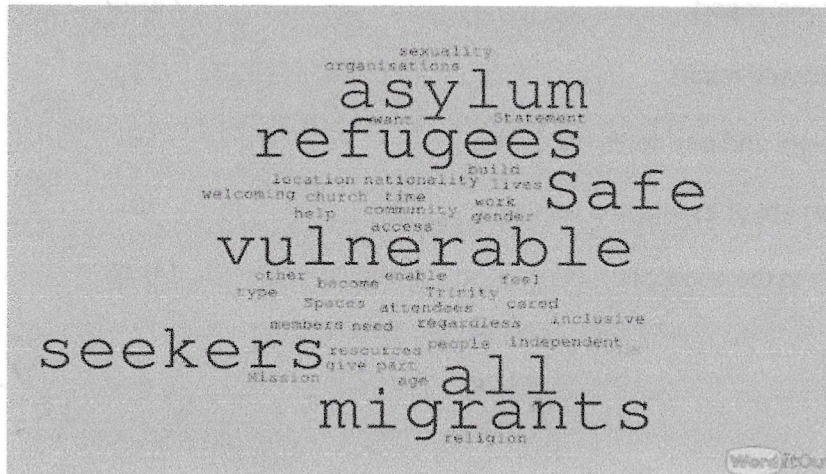
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| <i>Pauline m. Ruth</i> | PAULINE RUTH | 06/01/2026 |
| <i>Yvonne Hedgecock</i> | YVONNE HEDGECOCK | 06/01/2026 |

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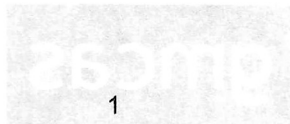
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TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued

The Trustees of Trinity Safe Space present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.



Who are we?

In response by the faith sector in Halton, to the migration of Syrian refugees, people seeking asylum and an increase in numbers of vulnerable migrants into the borough, Trinity Safe Space, Widnes began its weekly drop-in in January 2019 with Trinity Safe Space, Runcorn following in September 2019. Both are managed by multi-faith volunteers and are now, since becoming a charity in June 2021, overseen by a Board of Trustees who meet quarterly. These are places where asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants meet, communicate with each other, improve their English, feel safe, supported and cared for; where many of their needs are met through signposting to external help or through advice and guidance from visiting organisations such as CHAWREC and Axxess Sexual Health practitioners, and where they are given essential items, information about the local area, support to register with health and other services and have the opportunity to socialise. Our objective is to integrate asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants into the local authority area, services, organisations and communities of Runcorn and Widnes and to make them more independent, wherever possible. There are currently no other groups in Runcorn and Widnes able to offer this multi-lingual, multicultural support (other than our significant partner, A Better Tomorrow, Halton). Trinity Safe Space's Trustees, in partnership with other organisations, do this by providing crucial items; by coordinating several organisations, ensuring they are available to communicate with service users; by creating and sustaining links with other areas and support sources, and by positively influencing key people.

Trinity Safe Space became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in June 2021 - its objects are as follows:

1. The relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum, those granted refugee status and their dependants, and who reside in Halton, particularly by the provision of information, advice and guidance, utilising the expertise of partner organisations and the provision of material support where necessary
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Our mission

Trinity Safe Space's Mission Statement is, 'We are part of a welcoming organisation, inclusive of all people regardless of age, gender, nationality, religion or sexuality, in a location where all attendees can feel safe and cared for. We work with other organisations so that asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants can access the type of help and support they want and need. We will give our time, support and resources to enable asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to build their lives and become independent members of the community'.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Our partners

Our most significant partner is A Better Tomorrow, Halton CiC, which was formed as a vitally important and successful community group in its own right, in 2018, by Ashraf Hamido, to address some of the challenges faced by people moving into the Borough, in a practical and sensitive way, through working closely with others. We purchase very effective services from A Better Tomorrow. Ashraf is also an Associate Member of our Trustee Board. Our other partners are: -

Halton Borough Council

Housing Solutions

Halton People into Jobs

Churches Together in Frodsham

the Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley

Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum

the Studio, Widnes

Runcorn and District Foodbank

Widnes Foodbank

SHAP Ltd Housing

housing teams and associations

faith sector members

St Wilfrid's RC Parish, Widnes

the Kingsway Bike Club

Cheshire Constabulary

the Hygiene Bank – Widnes

Healthwatch Halton

Axess Sexual Health

Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes

Halton and St Helens VCA

the Reader

the Foundry Community Church, Widnes

Recharge and Restore

the British Red Cross

Refugee Women Connect

Halton Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group) Halton's Children's Centres/Family Hubs

Halton Libraries

Phil Cooke – optician

Runcorn Community Shop

Cheshire Halton and Warrington Race Equality Council (CHAWREC)

Sam's Diamonds Cancer Charity

Digital Arts Box CIC

Serco

Migrant Help.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



What do we do?

During the year 2024—2025, Trinity Safe Space has provided many services: -two drop-ins meeting weekly with refreshments; non-accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) sessions; access to interpretation via A Better Tomorrow and online; help, information and support to vulnerable people; signposting to other organisations. We listen, we hear, and we provide human contact. We give practical help - we have given out food, essential items such as toiletries, bicycles, furniture, bedding,



clothes and shoes, household items, toys, items for babies, and countless more, many of which have been kindly donated by our supporters. Funding received from Halton's Our Halton Community Grant enabled us to purchase the services of A Better Tomorrow, Halton, to provide interpretation, cultural awareness training and support for attendees at both drop-ins. A further Our Halton Community Grant was used to provide the non accredited ESOL sessions in Runcorn and Widnes.

We had to move our drop-ins – to Halton Lea Library in Runcorn and to St Michael's Roman Catholic presbytery in Widnes, paying rental costs for both now.



Welfare calls and messages continue to be made or sent to contacts regularly, by A Better Tomorrow, Halton, and Trinity Safe Space volunteers, to ensure they are safe and well. Any urgent requests for help are sorted out by us or A Better Tomorrow, Halton, as soon as we can.



People are referred, where necessary, to other local organisations, for example the Halton Citizens Advice Bureau and Housing Solutions.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



We continue face-to-face sessions in Runcorn and Widnes, with one tutor, after using technological means of teaching during the Covid pandemic. The main vision for the ESOL sessions is that all residents for whom English is not a first language can access high quality English language so that they can acquire the language skills to enable them to participate in daily life. These language skills are central to giving people a democratic voice and supporting them to contribute to the society in which they live.

Students have been divided into beginners and next level. Rules, standards, procedures (including safeguarding) and methods were set out and a curriculum put together so the teacher and any volunteers who are doing one to one practice could follow.

During the year, the beginner group completed the first few modules and missing knowledge gaps were filled throughout, ensuring progression. The teacher spends time making sure everyone in the classes understands everything in the lessons and uses resources which make the lessons fun as well eg games with sounds. The next level group mixed and matched situations from other modules to practise and extend their knowledge and competence. As the course follows a "roll-on, roll off" model and is voluntary attendance, revision and plenty of practice play an important part in the lessons. All students were very enthusiastic. Some progressed onto college courses, and all grew in confidence and competence.

Spoken and written English are noticeably the most difficult, especially for the Arabic, Farsi/Persian, Tigrinya and some other languages' speakers as their sentence structure and grammar is very different and their written languages do not use the same script, with some reading from right to left.

Outcomes for ESOL students

- General improvement of language and communication skills
- Increased confidence to transfer learning into everyday situations
- Reduced isolation in communities through relations with other students, teachers, and volunteers
- Improved integration of families in local communities and their ability to access services, leading to more community cohesion
- Better mental health, wellbeing and self-esteem

The classes in Runcorn traditionally have larger numbers of students attending than those in Widnes. We were fortunate to be able to continue an extra class which particularly concentrated on medical terminology, how to make appointments and how to describe signs and symptoms of diseases, particularly cancer. Funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance Community Engagement VCSE Small Grants Programme was used to fund this.

Some individual sessions have also been delivered using volunteers, to help students progress.



We continued to liaise with residents at a local hotel on the outskirts of Runcorn, which, during this year, housed a mix of men, women and children. Some of them attended our Runcorn drop-in or made requests for clothes and baby items. Since the Covid pandemic, we have continued to liaise with partners through strategic groups to ensure we can feed in any comments from residents we are in contact with, to make their lived experience better, and we continue to have a supporting role with some who have moved from the hotel into Halton. We occasionally provided some residents with items requested, and signposted them to sources of information, advice and guidance.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Storage

We have been and continue to be blessed with many donations of goods over the time we have been in existence, ranging from large items of furniture, bedding, curtains, clothes, shoes, pots, pans, crockery, bicycles, prams, baby items, toys to food. Storage continues to be an issue for us, as we have very little. We kept some items in Widnes Safe Space.



Funding applications and donations

As well as the grants mentioned above, Widnes Rotary gave us some funding which allowed us to pay travel expenses for people to get to and from foodbanks and we received a significant amount of money from the Household Support Grant, via Halton Borough Council, to purchase food vouchers from Aldi and Asda, cooking utensils and emergency food. Halton Children's Centres/Family hubs have helped with children's clothes and baby essential items, which are otherwise a drain on our resources. Both Foodbanks continue to honour vouchers we give out to our beneficiaries and to adapt their food parcels to be more culturally appropriate. The Hygiene Bank - Widnes also gave us donations of toiletries, sanitary products and household essentials.

Towards the end of March 2023, we received some funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance CVS Partnership Improving Communities awareness of Cancer VCSE Small Grants Programme with which we raised awareness within our clientele of the signs and symptoms of different cancers, through a very experienced and positive survivor, who has set up her own charity, ensuring they understood these through the use of interpreters, and encouraged early diagnosis and treatment, offering support from "buddies" to help them on their journey. Some of the spend from this paid for the interpreters and travel expenses, and the rest was spent on extra ESOL sessions, during 2024 – 2025, concentrating on medical issues, especially cancer.

We continue to receive individual donations of money from our supporters every month. Money has been given to us from Frodsham Methodist Church, some Frodsham residents and the Hurst Methodist Church in Kingsley donated money and goods - a special thank you to Stuart and Julie Clark from their congregation for their very generous personal donation. St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic Parish Widnes' Tuesday Club and their Union of Catholic Mothers gave us money as did Runcorn's Women's Institute. Several churches' congregations donated clothes, toiletries, trainers, cash and small electrical goods; Manchester City Council gave us a donation in lieu of our Chair of Trustees representing the Greater Merseyside's VCFSE on a northwest strategic board which discusses asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants, and cash donations have been given from the sale of many CDs. We are very grateful for everything we received.



Income and expenditure

For a summary of our income and how we have spent our grant funding and donations, from April 2024 to March 2025 please see our accounts. As we have no paid employees and do not have buildings' costs or overheads, the income we have is used solely to purchase goods and some services to benefit our service users.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued

| Personnel | Description | Number |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Contacts of ours | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton with whom we have had contact (not including those in hotel) | 760 |
| Non accredited ESOL | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton receiving lessons face to face | 46 new asylum seekers attended and 40 returners. 27 new refugees attended and 20 returners. 12 new vulnerable migrants attended and 4 returners. |
| Those receiving continued support | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton | 297 new asylum seekers and 80 returners; 2 new refugees and 17 returners; 5 new vulnerable migrants and 15 returners |
| Trustees | Volunteers on the Board of Trustees from April 2023 | 8 plus 1 Associate |
| Non-accredited ESOL staff | Tutor who led sessions and volunteers who helped | 1 and 3 |
| Volunteers | Volunteers who carried out other TSS related activities including ABT (excluding trustees who also volunteer in drop-ins and other areas) | 50 |
| Deliveries/calls | Description | Number |
| Essential items | Clothes, toiletries, shoes/trainers, sanitary products, school uniform, bedding, baby items, towels, curtains, small electrical items, crockery, cutlery and other essentials | Too many to count |
| Bicycles | Bicycles bought or donated then delivered to individuals | 38 bought and 4 donated |
| Mobile phones | Good value smart phones bought or donated and then given to individuals | 6 bought 4 donated |
| Data top ups | Money to buy data top-ups or top ups on cards – the number of these given to individuals | 8 data top-ups of £10 each |
| Sim cards | Sim cards donated to us then given out | 48 |
| Calls or messages | Welfare calls or messages made or sent to individuals by TSS volunteers and ABT staff and volunteers - weekly average based on 2 hours a week | 15 a week |

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Trustees' report continued



Review and future plans

We completed a review of the year before April 2025 which included detailed monitoring reports for the last of the Faith New Deal funding, the Our Halton Community Grant funding and the usage of the general monies. We are currently looking for funding to continue many of the components of the PARTNERS Project in a community/family hub. We were successful in securing Our Halton Community Grant funding for another year and some Household Support funding to buy food and cooking utensils.

Continue to work collaboratively with partners

We value our collaboration with our past, present and any future partners and will strive to continue to work/volunteer together for the good of those we serve.



Special thanks

Special thanks go to Halton Borough Council's Our Halton Community Grant Scheme, for funding the Trinity Safe Space Charity for support to its attendees, Cultural Awareness, the purchase of food and other items, and the non-accredited ESOL sessions, during the year 2024—2025. Special thanks to both Foodbanks for their flexibility and ongoing support; Widnes Rotary; the Household Support Fund, for funding us or donating items; Tesco supermarket, Widnes, for bulk donations of end of season lines and stock they cannot sell any longer; Halton Citizens Advice Bureau - Runcorn and Widnes for close partnership working and support; the Hygiene Bank – Widnes for donations; SHAP Housing Association for finding and delivering household items for us and supporting our drop-ins with one of their staff members; the Walton Lea Project for their welcoming attitude and selling us some very reasonably priced bicycles; the Kingsway Bike Project for the ongoing, very reasonable sales and remediation of bicycles and the friendly atmosphere they create; Mattocks Grindley Limited Accountants for their Independent Examination of our accounts; the Merseyside Coordination Group for Refugees and Asylum Seekers for their excellent support, information and advice, and all the individual donors who have supported us with money and/or goods and continue to do so regularly. Special mention and thanks go to Ashraf Hamido, Luigina Designoribus, the volunteers from A Better Tomorrow, Halton and within Trinity Safe Space, and to the Roman Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes and Halton Lea Library for housing the drop-ins and providing such a warm welcome - we would be lost without you!

Special thanks go to all our partners too, for their collaborative working, support, advice, referral routes and information shared. You have helped us assist and encourage our vulnerable people to become better assimilated within Halton.

Lastly, but by no means least, a big thank you to all our participants— staff, volunteers, and service users— for your willingness to take part and contribute richly.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Trustees' report continued



Our vision for the future

That Trinity Safe Space will continue the vital work of helping asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to become assimilated into the Halton communities, to have increased self-confidence and relevant knowledge, and with the on-going support of our partners, funders and donors, we will realise our ambitions. We hope we can count on you to help us!

If you would like further information, please visit the following:

website www.trinitysafespace.org

Facebook page www.facebook.com/trinitysafespace/

Email for bank account details for donations or general information TSSHalton@gmail.com



Case study to demonstrate collaborative working with a local community arts venue, staff and volunteers

Following on from the successful collaboration with the Studio, (a local community arts venue), its staff and volunteers during our Government funded PARTNERS Project, when there were joint events and support during our adult activities, during this year there were two more world music events which were attended by our beneficiaries (who were given free tickets, paid for from PARTNERS Project funding), and local people. One was an evening of music from a variety of countries and the second was a very spiritual musical evening delivered by two men playing a sitar and drum. Both were very much appreciated by the audience.

In January 2025, some attended something they would have never experienced or heard of in their lives – the annual Wassail ceremony at the Studio, which celebrates an ancient custom pronouncing a blessing on a cider apple tree so that it will bear fruit that year. There was dressing up, singing, craft activities and a procession culminating in pouring cider onto the tree. They were fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Later on in the year we were very privileged to be part of a theatre production at the Studio, called Afloat, acted by people from an organisation which supports refugees and people seeking asylum, simulating a journey, fleeing from one country to another. This was followed by a question-and-answer session with the actors and production team in which our beneficiaries took part. It was a very powerful and emotional experience. We look forward to continuing our joint working in the future.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of TRINITY SAFE SPACE for the year ending 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on pages 12 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and the examiner

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).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 in 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jane Williams
MAAT
Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service
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WA8 6DB

TRINITY SAFE SPACE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 31 March 2025

| | Notes | 2025 Unrestricted funds £ | 2025 Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | 7,941 | 30,000 | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| Bank Interest received | | - | - | - | - |
| Other Income | | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | | 7,941 | 30,000 | 37,941 | 33,042 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| A Better Tomorrow | | 1,980 | 10,000 | 11,980 | 9,800 |
| ESOL | | - | 11,645 | 11,645 | 1,750 |
| ESOL Healthy Living | | - | - | - | 3,940 |
| ESOL Books & Resources | | - | - | - | 654 |
| Clothing | | 2,245 | - | 2,245 | 3,233 |
| Food | | 516 | 3,000 | 3,516 | 3,489 |
| Travel Costs | | 1,935 | 355 | 2,290 | 4,159 |
| Toiletries | | - | - | - | 20 |
| Bikes (repairs & Accessories) | | 984 | 5,000 | 5,984 | 4,140 |
| IT/Mobiles/top-ups | | 1,012 | - | 1,012 | 1,446 |
| Stationary | | - | - | - | 88 |
| Household | | 740 | - | 740 | 673 |
| Translation Services | | - | - | - | 735 |
| ICO | | 40 | - | 40 | 40 |
| Miscellaneous | | 6 | - | 6 | 111 |
| Counselling | | - | - | - | 4,840 |
| Counselling Supervision | | - | - | - | 870 |
| Resources | | 841 | - | 841 | 25 |
| Events/Activities | | - | - | - | 11,888 |
| Language Line | | - | - | - | 3,515 |
| Insurance | | 256 | - | 256 | 171 |
| Room Hire | | 4,383 | 1,194 | 5,577 | 2,366 |
| Expenses | | - | - | - | 507 |
| Refreshments | | - | - | - | 52 |
| Governance Costs | | | | | |
| Independent Examination | | 720 | - | 720 | 1,140 |
| Total payments | | 15,658 | 31,194 | 46,852 | 59,652 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | | (7,717) | (1,194) | (8,911) | (26,610) |
| Transfers between funds | | - | - | - | - |
| Cash fund balances brought forward | | 16,904 | 1,904 | 18,808 | 45,418 |
| Cash fund balances carried forward | | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2025

| | 2025 Unrestricted £ | 2025 Restricted £ | 2025 Total £ | 2024 Total £ |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Total fixed assets | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | - | - | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 9,187 | 710 | 9,897 | 18,808 |
| Total current assets | <u>9,187</u> | <u>710</u> | <u>9,897</u> | <u>18,808</u> |
| Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Creditors and accruals | - | - | - | - |
| Total current liabilities | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net current assets / (liabilities) | <u>9,187</u> | <u>710</u> | <u>9,897</u> | <u>18,808</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | <u>9,187</u> | <u>710</u> | <u>9,897</u> | <u>18,808</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net assets | <u>9,187</u> | <u>710</u> | <u>9,897</u> | <u>18,808</u> |
| Funds | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 710 | 710 | 1,904 |
| Unrestricted funds | 9,187 | | 9,187 | 16,904 |
| Total Funds | <u>9,187</u> | <u>710</u> | <u>9,897</u> | <u>18,808</u> |

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees held on and signed on its behalf by:

 06/01/2026

Yvonne Hedgecock
Trustee

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Notes to the accounts

for the year ending 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of accounting

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

b Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

Notes to the accounts continued for the year ending 31 March 2025

2 Grants and Donations

| | 2025 Unrestricted funds £ | 2025 Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Our Halton Grant: A Better Tomorrow | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Our Halton Grant: ESOL | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| Our Halton Grant: Bike project | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,824 |
| Halton BC: Household Support Grant | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Halton St Helens: Cancer Alliance | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - |
| Donations | 7,941 | - | 7,941 | 10,218 |
| | <u>7,941</u> | <u>30,000</u> | <u>37,941</u> | <u>33,042</u> |

2a Movements of restricted and general funds

| | Opening Balance | Receipts | Payments | Transfers | Closing Balance |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| General Fund | <u>16,904</u> | <u>7,941</u> | <u>15,652</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,193</u> |
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| Cancer Alliance | 1,220 | 2,000 | 3,194 | - | 26 |
| OHG: Bikes | 684 | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | 684 |
| OHG: ABT | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - |
| OHG: ESOL | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | - |
| Halton BC: HSG | - | 3,000 | 3,000 | - | - |
| Restricted fund totals | <u>1,904</u> | <u>30,000</u> | <u>31,194</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>710</u> |

3 Trustee remuneration and expenses

| | £ | £ |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Total amount paid | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

No trustees received any expenses during the period. (2024: None)

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the accounting period.

5 Staffing

We have no employees so the funding and donations we receive pay for services and items people need.

TRINITY SAFE SPACE

England & Wales - Charity number 1194939

Accounts

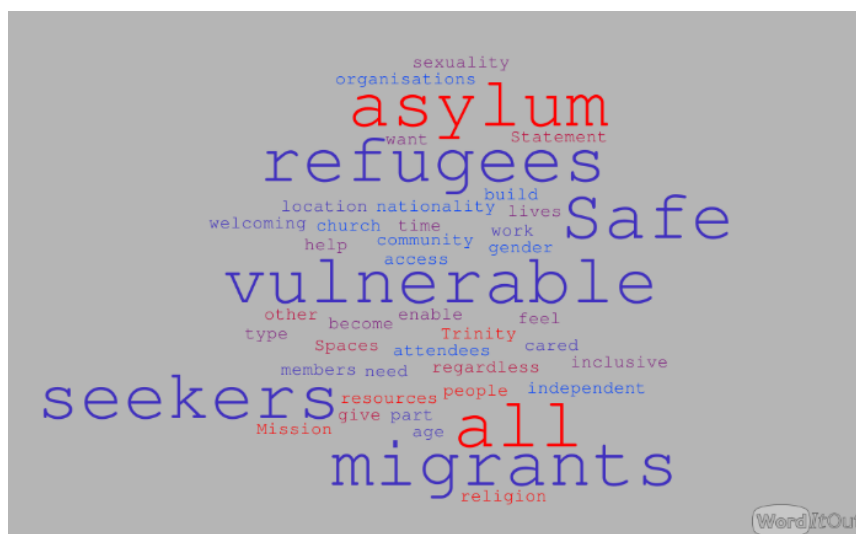


Trinity Safe Space

Charity number: 1194939

Annual Report

2022 - 2023





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Constabulary, the Hygiene Bank - Widnes, Venus Charity, Healthwatch Halton, Axess Sexual Health, Halton Citizens Advice Bureau, MRH Wellbeing, Halton and St Helens VCA, Fresh Beginnings, Recharge and Restore, the British Red Cross, Refugee Women Connect, Halton Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group), Halton's Children's Centres, Halton Libraries, twelve Counsellors/Counselling Supervisors, twenty buddies, the Runcorn Community Shop, Serco, Migrant Help and North West HIV Support CIC.



What do we do?

During the year 2022—2023, Trinity Safe Space has provided many services: - two drop-ins meeting weekly with refreshments; non-accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) sessions; access to interpretation via A Better Tomorrow and online; help, information and support to vulnerable people; signposting to other organisations, and we have given out food, essential items such as toiletries, bicycles, furniture, bedding,



clothes and shoes, household items, toys, items for babies, and countless more, many of which have been kindly donated by our supporters. Funding received from Halton's Our Halton Community Grant enabled us to purchase the services of A Better Tomorrow, Halton, to provide interpretation, cultural awareness and support for attendees at both drop-ins. A further Our Halton Community Grant was used to provide the non accredited ESOL sessions in Runcorn and Widnes.



Welfare calls and messages continue to be made or sent to contacts regularly, by A Better Tomorrow, Halton, and Trinity Safe Space volunteers to ensure they are safe and well. Any urgent requests for help are sorted out by us or A Better Tomorrow, Halton, as soon as we are able to.



are referred on, where necessary, to other local organisations, for example the Halton Citizens Advice Bureau.



Non-accredited ESOL



From September 2021, we restarted the face-to-face sessions in Runcorn and Widnes, with one tutor, after using technological means of teaching during the pandemic. The main vision for the ESOL sessions is that all residents for whom English is not a first language can access high quality English language so that they can acquire the language skills to enable them to participate in daily life. These language skills are central to giving people a democratic voice and supporting them to contribute to the society in which they live.

Students have been divided into beginners and next level. Rules, standards, procedures (including safeguarding) and methods were set out and a curriculum put together so the teacher and any volunteers who are doing one to one practice could follow.

During the year, the beginner group completed the first few modules and missing knowledge gaps were filled throughout, ensuring progression. The teacher spends time making sure everyone in the classes understands everything in the lessons and uses resources which make the lessons fun as well eg games with sounds. The next level group mixed and matched situations from other modules to practise and extend their knowledge and competence. As the course follows a “roll-on, roll off” model and is voluntary attendance, revision and plenty of practice play an important part in the lessons. All students were very enthusiastic. Some progressed onto college courses, and all grew in confidence and competence.

Spoken English is noticeably the most difficult especially for the Arabic, Farsi/Persian and some other languages’ speakers as their sentence structure

and grammar is very different and their written languages do not use the same script, with some reading from right to left.

Outcomes for ESOL students

- General improvement of language and communication skills
- Increased confidence to transfer learning into everyday situations
- Reduced isolation in communities through relations with other students, teachers, and volunteers
- Improved integration of families in local communities and their ability to access services, leading to more community cohesion
- Better mental health, wellbeing and self-esteem

The classes in Runcorn have larger numbers of students attending than those in Widnes.



During the pandemic, we were made aware that a local hotel was housing large numbers of asylum seekers for much longer periods than normal, as 'move-on' accommodation had been scarce because there was very little movement country-wide, so we worked in partnership with Serco, Migrant Help, the WEA, Halton Borough Council, Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (as was) and Refugee Women Connect, to provide what we could for residents collaboratively, so as to help improve their emotional health and physical wellbeing. Since then, we have continued to liaise with partners through strategic groups to ensure we can feed in any comments from residents we are in contact with, to make their lived experience better, and we continue to have a supporting role with some who have moved from the hotel into Halton. We provide some residents with items requested occasionally and signpost them to sources of information, advice and guidance.



Storage

We have been and continue to be blessed with many donations of goods, over the time we have been in existence, ranging from large items of furniture,

bedding, curtains, clothes, shoes, pots, pans, crockery, bicycles, prams, baby items, toys to food. Storage continues to be an issue for us, as we have very little. A local farmer is very kindly shifting and storing large items for us, until they are needed, and we keep some items in Widnes Safe Space.



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Funding applications and donations

As well as the grants mentioned above, we were successful in an application for a really significant amount of funding, from the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Department of the Government's Faith New Deal Pilot fund. With this, we recruited 13 self-employed Counsellors and 2 self-employed Counsellor Supervisors, to counsel 25 clients from our beneficiaries and supervise the counsellors plus support 20 Peer Supporters/Listening Ears. These were sourced from 300+ partner organisations (public and voluntary sectors) in Halton and were buddied with beneficiaries, to provide empathetic support, accompany them to activities and improve their mental wellbeing. The funding has also been used to deliver more than 50 extra hours of Cultural Awareness sessions to our beneficiaries as well as local partners; 87 extra ESOL sessions and 20 activities/events to reduce social isolation and enhance community cohesion, for an average of 35 beneficiaries per session. A successful football tournament was held, beneficiaries attended other organisations' activities and a Halton's Got Talent was held in May, with age categories and a variety of talents and skills on show, from local people as well as our beneficiaries. Staff attended specific training on trauma informed practice and could access further training if they wished, all of which helped them interact more effectively with the beneficiaries. Language Line interpreters were used during the counselling sessions where needed, which proved to be a learning experience for those counsellors who had not utilised this service before.

The pilot project, PARTNERS, was led, monitored and evaluated through a strategic Steering Group consisting of people from our significant partners and a detailed final report was sent off to the Government at the end of March 2023. A major benefit of the project was that beneficiaries were given travel expenses which enabled them to access all the sessions they needed or wanted to attend. Money was also available for data top-ups for their phones and for refreshments, which also made a significant difference.

Outcomes for beneficiaries in the PARTNERS Project

- Certain of their needs met – eg phone top ups to aid communication, travel expenses to allow access to activities and sessions
- Improved timely access to relevant services – eg counselling
- Inclusion of incomers in local communities eg asylum seekers volunteering at activities
- Reduced feelings of social isolation eg people's overwhelming gratitude for phone calls, messages and social interaction
- Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants are better able to articulate how they are feeling eg voicing emotions, learning strategies to come to terms with trauma
- Better diet eg balanced, culturally appropriate food
- Better mental and/or physical health expressed by people in phone calls or face to face
- Increased confidence/self-esteem evidenced by people opening up more freely and volunteering or joining in activities
- Safer communities/individuals – most people adhering to cultural and societal norms

Widnes Rotary gave us some funding which allowed us to pay travel expenses for people to get to and from foodbanks and we received a significant amount of money from the Household Support Grant to purchase food vouchers from Aldi and Asda, cooking utensils and emergency food. A personal donor gave us enough money to buy 12 more bicycles, locks, lights and hi-vis vests. Halton Children's Centres have helped with children's clothes and baby essential items, which are otherwise a drain on our resources. Runcorn and District Foodbank donated a significant amount for Christmas goodies for the asylum seekers who were residents in a local hotel. The Hygiene Bank - Widnes also gives us donations of toiletries, sanitary products and household essentials.

Towards the end of March 2023, we received some funding from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance CVS Partnership Improving Communities awareness of Cancer VCSE Small Grants Programme with which we are going to raise awareness within our clientele of the signs and symptoms of different cancers, ensure they understand use through the use of interpreters and

encourage early diagnosis and treatment, offering support from “buddies” to help them on their journey. No spend has yet been incurred from this fund as it is programmed to take place over the next few months.

We continue to receive individual donations of money from our supporters every month and one-off donations were made in lieu of Christmas presents by friends and family of one of the Trustees. Money has been given to us from Frodsham Methodist Church and some Frodsham residents. We are very grateful for everything received.



Income and expenditure

For a summary of our income and how we have spent our grant funding and donations, from April 2022 to March 2023 please see our accounts. As we have no paid employees and do not have buildings’ costs or overheads, the income we have is used solely to purchase goods and some services to benefit our service users.



Statistics

| Personnel | Description | Number |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Contacts of ours | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton with whom we have had contact (discounting those in hotel) | 600+ |
| Non accredited ESOL | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton receiving lessons face to face | 71 |
| Those receiving continued support | Asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Halton | 252 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Trustees | Volunteers on the Board of Trustees from June 2021 | 9 |
| Non-accredited ESOL staff | Tutor who led sessions and volunteers who helped | 1 and 4 |
| Volunteers | Volunteers who carried out other TSS related activities including ABT | 5 and 31 |
| Deliveries/calls | Description | Number |
| Essential items | Clothes, toiletries, shoes/trainers, sanitary products, school uniform, bedding, baby items, towels, curtains, small electrical items, crockery, cutlery and other essentials | Too many to count |
| Bicycles | Bicycles bought or donated then delivered to individuals | 46 |
| Mobile phones | Good value smart phones bought or donated and then delivered to individuals | 8 |
| Data top ups | Money to buy data top-ups or top ups on cards – the number of these given to individuals | 45 x £20 and 307 x £10 top ups |
| Calls or messages | Welfare calls or messages made or sent to individuals by TSS volunteers and ABT staff and volunteers - weekly average based on 2 hours a week | 15 a week |



Review and future plans

We completed a review of the year before April 2023 which included a detailed monitoring report for the Faith New Deal funding. We are currently pursuing funding to continue many of the components of this pilot. We have been successful in securing Our Halton Community Grant funding for another two years and some Household Support funding for a year to buy food and cooking utensils.

Continue to work collaboratively with partners

We value our collaboration with our past, present and any future partners and will strive to continue to work/volunteer together for the good of those we serve.



Special thanks

Special thanks go to the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Department of the Government's Faith New Deal Pilot fund, for paying for the many components of our successful pilot, which produced numerous significant outcomes; to Halton Borough Council's Our Halton Community Grant Scheme, for funding the Trinity Safe Space Charity, the purchase of food and other items, and the non-accredited ESOL sessions, during the year 2022—2023. Special thanks to Runcorn and District Foodbank; Widnes Rotary; the Household Support Fund, for funding us or donating items; Widnes Foodbank for its flexibility in meeting our beneficiaries' needs; a donor who gave us a significant amount; the Hygiene Bank – Widnes for donations; John Dawson for lifting, shifting and storing furniture and rugs; SHAP Housing Association for finding and delivering household items for us; the Walton Lea Project for their welcoming attitude and selling us some very reasonably priced bicycles; the Kingsway Bike Project for the ongoing, very reasonable sales and remediation

of bicycles and the friendly atmosphere they create; Mattocks Grindley Limited Accountants for their Independent Examination of our accounts; the Merseyside Coordination Group for Refugees and Asylum Seekers for their excellent support, information and advice, and all the individual donors who have supported us with money and/or goods and continue to do so regularly. Special mention and thanks go to Ashraf Hamido, Luigina Designoribus, the volunteers from A Better Tomorrow, Halton and within Trinity Safe Space, and to the two Trinity Methodist churches/circuits for housing the drop-ins and providing such a warm welcome - we would not be here were it not for you! Special thanks go to all our partners too, for their collaborative working, support, advice, referral routes and information shared. You have helped us assist and encourage our vulnerable contacts to become better assimilated within Halton.

Lastly, but by no means least, a big thank you to all our participants — staff, volunteers, and service users— for your willingness to take part and contribute richly.



Our vision for the future

That Trinity Safe Space will continue the vital work of helping asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to become assimilated into the Halton communities, to have increased self-confidence and relevant knowledge, and with the on-going support of our partners, funders and donors, we will realise our ambitions. We hope we can count on you to help us!

If you would like further information, please visit the following:

website www.trinitysafespace.org

Facebook page www.facebook.com/trinitysafespace/

Email for bank account details for donations TSSHalton@gmail.com

Email for general information trinitysafespace@outlook.com



Case study to demonstrate the success of partnership working

A good example of partnership working – we were aware of a young man from the Middle East, for whom we had provided food vouchers, a mobile phone and information in the past. PR received an urgent WhatsApp message from him saying he had a court hearing booked, but at very short notice he had been told it was being held online not face to face. This made him panic as his phone signal in his house was not good and he had no access to internet there. PR rang one of our partners, Halton Lea Library, to see if he could use a room there, but their internet and phone signals were not strong, so PR contacted the Citizens Advice Bureau in Runcorn, another of our partners. Luckily, as a one off, they were able to provide a private room, a laptop with internet connection and a person who was au fait with the technology on hand in case there were any problems. PR picked him up from his house as he was not familiar with the location of the CAB, and accompanied him into the building, to offer moral support.

After an initial problem dialling in (the code given to him and everyone else on the session was incorrect), he successfully completed his interview with the judge, with the help of an interpreter. His solicitor fed back to him that he had done very well, and we are pleased to report he has since been granted leave to remain ie refugee status. He has moved to Hull as he had friends there, but we are still supporting him by putting him in touch with organisations which will help him.



Accounts

The first three tables list the major sources of income and how we have spent each. These are followed by a table showing all sources of income and categories of expenditure. In the column headed OHG the excess spend was funded from donations. **NB** we were allowed, by the Government, to spend the PARTNERS Project monies until the end of September 2023.

Our Halton Grants 2022-23

INCOME **10,000.00**

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|--------------------|------------------|
| A Better Tomorrow | 8,400.00 |
| ESOL | 5,025.00 |
| Clothing | 1,194.20 |
| Food | 1,574.14 |
| Bus Fares | 550.00 |
| Toiletries | 246.13 |
| Bikes | 3,063.65 |
| IT/Mobiles | 382.65 |
| Stationery | 207.25 |
| Household items | 412.04 |
| English books | 160.09 |
| ICO | 40.00 |
| | |
| Total | 21,255.15 |

Household Support Grant 2022-23

INCOME **3,580.00**

| EXPENDITURE | Amount |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Food | 622.16 |
| Supermarket vouchers | 2,570.00 |
| Bus fares | 200.00 |
| Equipment | 188.50 |
| | |
| Total | 3,580.66 |

Faith New Deal Levelling Up – PARTNERS Project

INCOME

113,862.80

| | 22-23 | 23-24 |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| EXPENDITURE | Amount | Amount |
| Counselling | 15,539.00 | 4,840.00 |
| Counselling supervision | 7,510.00 | 870.00 |
| ESOL | 9,740.00 | 1,750.00 |
| Resources | 1,528.33 | 25.20 |
| Events/ Activities | 12,256.00 | 11,887.99 |
| Bus Fares | 7,510.00 | 752.80 |
| LanguageLine | 2,947.26 | 3,514.62 |
| Insurance | 276.22 | 170.76 |
| Room hire | 3,108.00 | 1,952.00 |
| Stationery | 603.72 | 29.10 |
| Expenses | 1,446.50 | 506.95 |
| Refreshments | 2,981.07 | 52.33 |
| Mobile top-ups | 3,906.25 | 89.00 |
| Cultural awareness | 3,260.00 | 0.00 |
| Training | 12,200.00 | 0.00 |
| ESOL resources | 1,259.39 | 544.04 |
| Accountants | 0.00 | 720.00 |
| | | |
| Totals | 86,071.74 | 27,704.79 |
| Grand total | | 113,776.53 |

| Trinity Safe Space | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Annual Report Accounts 2022-23 | | | | | | |
| Opening balance: £6328.22 | | | | | | |
| INCOME £ | Amount | EXPENDITURE £ | OHG | HSG | FND | Amount |
| Opening Balance | 6328.22 | A Better Tomorrow | 8,400.00 | | | 8,400.00 |
| Donations | 1,580.00 | Accountants fees | | | 720.00 | 720.00 |
| Our Halton Community Grant | 10,000.00 | Bikes (+ repairs/accessories) | 3,063.65 | | | 3,063.65 |
| Our Halton Community Grant (ESOL) | 3,750.00 | Bus Fares | 550.00 | 200.00 | 8,262.80 | 9,012.80 |
| Household Support Grant | 3,580.00 | Clothing | 1,194.20 | | | 1,194.20 |
| Dept For Levelling Up Grant | 113,862.80 | Counselling | | | 20,379.00 | 20,379.00 |
| Halton& St Helens VCSE | 8,879.00 | Counselling Supervision | | | 8,380.00 | 8,380.00 |
| Frodsham Methodist Church | 1,200.00 | Cultural Awareness | | | 3,260.00 | 3,260.00 |
| St Bede's Church | 1,000.00 | English books/ESOL resources | 160.09 | | 1,803.43 | 1,963.52 |
| Widnes Rotary Club | 250.00 | ESOL | 5,025.00 | | 11,490.00 | 16,515.00 |
| Just Giving | 435.00 | Events/ Activities | | | 24,143.99 | 24,143.99 |
| | | Expenses | | | 1,953.45 | 1,953.45 |
| Total | 150,865.02 | Food | 1,574.14 | 622.16 | | 2,196.30 |
| | | Household | 412.04 | 188.50 | | 600.54 |
| | | ICO | 40.00 | | | 40.00 |
| | | Insurance | | | 446.98 | 446.98 |
| | | IT/ mobile phones | 382.65 | | | 382.65 |
| | | LanguageLine | | | 6,461.88 | 6,461.88 |
| | | Mobile Top-ups | | | 3,995.25 | 3,995.25 |
| | | Refreshments | | | 3,033.40 | 3,033.40 |
| | | Resources | | | 1,553.53 | 1,553.53 |
| | | Room Hire | | | 5,060.00 | 5,060.00 |
| | | Stationery | 207.25 | | 632.82 | 840.07 |
| | | Supermarket vouchers | | 2,570.00 | | 2,570.00 |
| | | Toiletries | 246.13 | | | 246.13 |
| | | Training | | | 12,200.00 | 12,200.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Total | 21,255.15 | 3,580.66 | 113,776.53 | 138,612.34 |

Pauline Ruth – September 2023

This report has been agreed and ratified electronically by the Board of Trustees in October 2023.

A final and sincere thanks goes to them for their vision, commitment, dedication and support to achieve our mission of service to others.



Trinity Safe Space Trustees

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Gillian Beswick | Pastoral Lead, Farnworth Methodist Church |
| Deacon Tim Coleman | Methodist Minister, Halton Trinity Methodist Church |
| Revd Mark Harwood | Methodist Minister, Trinity, Farnworth – Widnes and Cronton Methodist Churches |
| Yvonne Hedgecock | Treasurer. Senior Steward, Trinity Methodist/URC Church, Widnes |
| Pauline Ruth | Chair. Chair of Halton Safeguarding Faith Forum, Safeguarding Representative for the Catholic Parish of St Wilfrid's, Widnes |
| David Scott | Engineer - worked with asylum seekers and refugees in several countries |
| Fiona Taylor | |
| Janet Woods | Volunteer, Trinity Methodist/URC Church, Widnes |
| Revd Gill Younger | Vice Chair. Curate-in Charge, All Saints C of E Church, Daresbury |
| Associate member | |
| Ashraf Hamido Desouki | Managing Director and Manager, A Better Tomorrow, Halton |

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
TRINITY SAFE SPACE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194939

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of 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 Trust'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.

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives 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
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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.

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Signed:

Date:

16/11/23

Name:

GILES MATTOCKS FCA

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

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Receipts and payments accounts

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| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----|----------|
| For the period from | 21/03/22 | To | 31/03/23 |
|---------------------|----------|----|----------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 5,100 | | - | 5,100 | - |
| Our Halton Grant | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | - |
| ESOL Grant | - | 3,750 | - | 3,750 | - |
| Cancer Support | - | 8,879 | - | 8,879 | - |
| Household Support Grant | - | 3,580 | - | 3,580 | - |
| Partners Project | - | 113,863 | - | 113,863 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 5,100 | 140,072 | - | 145,172 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 5,100 | 140,072 | - | 145,172 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Our Halton Grant | 2,389 | 10,000 | - | 12,389 | - |
| ESOL Grant | 1,310 | 3,750 | - | 5,060 | - |
| Cancer Support | - | - | - | - | - |
| Household Support Grant | 72 | 3,580 | - | 3,652 | - |
| Partners Project | - | 86,072 | - | 86,072 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 3,771 | 103,402 | - | 107,173 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 3,771 | 103,402 | - | 107,173 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 1,329 | 36,670 | - | 37,999 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 7,419 | - | - | 7,419 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 8,748 | 36,670 | - | 45,418 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 6,748 | | - |
| | Current account - Cancer Support | - | 8,879 | - |
| | Current account - Partners Project | - | 27,791 | - |
| | Total cash funds | 8,748 | 36,670 | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

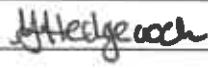
| Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|  | YVONNE HEDGECOCK | 16/11/2023 |



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16/11/23

Name:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.