

CHELTENHAM WELCOMES REFUGEES

England & Wales · Charity number 1195256

Details

Other names CWR

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-07-22

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO REFUGEES AND THEIR DEPENDANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THOSE COMING TO THE CHELTENHAM AREA BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM WITH THE ADAPTION WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY, WITH THE OBJECTS OF: • PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH; • ADVANCING THEIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM; • RELIEVING THEM FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND UNEMPLOYMENT; AND • ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: CWR is a volunteer-led charity making sure refugee families and asylum seekers in Cheltenham are supported from the moment they move in. We work to raise awareness and understanding of the issues faced by refugees in the UK and throughout the world. We also arrange community events and host a weekly support hub for those seeking asylum to access support, advice and a sense of community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£56,047	£31,192	-	-
2023-09-30	£27,348	£18,893	-	-
2022-09-30	£21,481	£10,314	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SOPHIE KATE WARDELL	Chair	2021-07-22
Deborah Sarah Kahn		2026-03-18
Emily Madeline Lois Webb		2024-02-28
Guy Stephen Routh		2026-03-18
MARGARET ANN POWELL		2021-07-22
Mohammad Nasir Shansab		2026-03-18
Oliver Edward Gadsby		2025-06-17
Patrick George Davie		2025-06-17

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Accounts



Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 September 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Sophie Bourne (nee Wardell) (Chair of Trustees)
Margaret Powell
Simon Witcombe
Emily Webb (appointed 28 February 2024)
Nathalie Genes (resigned 18 March 2025)
Paul Baker (resigned 17 June 2025)
Patrick Davie (appointed 17 June 2025)
Oliver Gadsby (appointed 17 June 2025)

Charity Registration Number

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees ("CWR") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by constitution, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The charity number is 1195256.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution. In selecting individuals for appointment as further charity trustees, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Contribution made by volunteers

Our Charity is entirely run and our work entirely delivered by volunteers. We have over 80 active volunteers from across Cheltenham and are managed by five trustees on an entirely voluntary basis.

Objectives and strategies

Objects and aims

CWR aims to foster compassion and cooperation between different communities in Cheltenham, helping local people understand the circumstances for refugees globally and what people experience on their resettlement journey. It strives to work with GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers), local authorities, and other partners including organisations and businesses, to help refugee communities truly grow and flourish.

Its charitable objects are:

To provide relief to refugees and their dependants and asylum seekers and their dependants, in particular but not exclusively those coming to the Cheltenham area by the provision of support services so as to advance them in life and assist them with the adaptation within a new community, with the objects of:

- Preserving and protecting their physical and mental health.
- Advancing their education and training and to advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.
- Relieving them from financial hardship and unemployment; and
- Assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Activities

CWR's core activities include:

- Initiatives to raise public awareness of the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers as well as their inspirational stories — via cultural events (such as exhibitions and film events) as well as school visits, and social media.
- Responding to misinformation about refugees and asylum seekers through meetings, social media and its newsletter. CWR also advocates for their rights and their right to be treated with equality and respect.
- Working in partnership with other agencies to respond to emerging needs, such as housing and employment.
- Hosting the Welcome Café, a monthly gathering for refugee and asylum-seeking families so that they can socialise and improve their mental health and wellbeing through creative activities and games.
- Running The Hub, a weekly drop-in for asylum-seeking adults providing bicycles, drama/games and English conversation and tech support - alongside associated football and photography activities. The Hub is also a key point of contact for referrals to food pantries and to other agencies.
- Coordinating English classes in partnership with Cheltenham Volunteer Teachers (CVT) for refugees and asylum seekers.
- Offering regular Driving Theory Test English classes.
- Organising seasonal social events to build community and reduce isolation.
- Building a volunteer programme, enabling residents to contribute time, skills, and friendship.

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Achievements and performance

This year was marked by growth, resilience, and a deepening of both partnerships and public support for CWR's mission.

Organisational Development

As part of its development and sustainability CWR:

- Received continued financial support from ECCTIS Ltd., Cheltenham Borough Council and became one of the Mayor of Cheltenham's charities from May 2024.
- Benefited from fundraisers organised by others, for example Leckhampton's We've Got Talent community group (September 2023).
- Secured multi-year funding from the Barnwood Trust, National Benevolent Charity and the NHS One Integrated Care System Fund to create a part-time Administrator and Coordinator freelance position and to support a range of CWR activities.
- Welcomed Emily Webb, a fundraising specialist, as a new trustee.
- Recruited 21 new volunteers to bring CWR's active volunteer base to approximately 100. During this period CWR also began developing a more robust volunteer induction and support programme. Staff from ECCTIS Ltd. also contributed volunteer hours.
- Began a project to bring more people with lived experience into the life and work of the charity. For example, four people CWR met as asylum seekers and two from resettled families are now volunteers of the charity.

Recognition

During the year CWR was honoured to be nominated and assessed for the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) by several local leaders including from Cheltenham Borough Council and the Everyman Theatre. CWR was subsequently honoured with this award (November 2024).

Partnerships

Collaboration with other agencies is at the heart of CWR's approach. The charity:

- Maintained regular involvement with the Migration Welfare Group working alongside the local authority, NHS, DWP and the voluntary sector. It also held regular meetings with Cheltenham Borough Council.
- Deepened partnerships with GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers), CVT, the Everyman Theatre, and the University of Gloucestershire (which allows the use of facilities and includes their Student Action for Refugees - STAR group). These partners were either an essential point of referral for refugees and asylum seekers, or they were involved directly in the delivery of CWR support to its community.
- Expanded collaboration with local food projects, churches (who often provided venues), and other civic groups.
- Joined the Lift the Ban coalition which advocates for giving people seeking asylum the right to work so they can use their skills and live in dignity.
- Selected as one of the Mayor of Cheltenham's supported charities for 2024–25, CWR participated in a year-long fundraising programme alongside three other local organisations, with all beneficiaries receiving a share of the pooled proceeds, due to be distributed in summer 2025. Two of CWR's initiatives are described in the following section, an art exhibition and the screening of a film, Aisha. In addition, CWR volunteers supported a range of events organised by the mayor and partner charities, including the Mayor of Cheltenham's Charity Ball.

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Public Engagement and Awareness

A vital part of CWR's work is to raise awareness of its work and of resettlement. CWR:

- Secured a slot at the October 2023 Cheltenham Literary Festival at the Huddle, a dedicated space for debate and discussion, to talk about refugee literature.
- Participated in a Refugee Experience Evening held by the University of Gloucestershire in November 2023 which explored refugee personal histories in the context of faith.
- Held a Refugee Week event in June 2024 at Cheltenham Library where volunteers read extracts of some of its recommended reads and discussed what to bear in mind when reading refugee literature.
- Organised a well-attended art exhibition *New Chapters* in July 2024, which showcased the work of ten refugee and asylum seeker artists and photographers and attracted 584 visitors. Alongside raising funds for the Mayor of Cheltenham charity, ten refugee and asylum seeker artists and photographers benefitted from the sale of 27 pieces of their artwork.
- Organised a sold-out screening of the 2022 film *Aisha* at the Playhouse Theatre in Cheltenham in September 2024 (capacity 180) featuring an interview with actor Josh O'Connor. This screening was also part of a series of Mayor's charities events.
- Organised six Book Club meetings over the year for average attendance of 7-9 people. The books focus on themes related to refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration.
- Organised three quiz nights in support of CWR (typical attendance 50-70 people) and gave presentations at two schools: these were provided upon request.
- Stewarded two Cheltenham parkruns to raise awareness of CWR and to provide information on refugees and asylum seeker experiences.
- Published a monthly newsletter which reached over 950 subscribers and sustained active social media outreach using Facebook (2,000 ca. followers), Instagram (1,000+ followers) and other channels.
- Continued to play a reassuring role to refugees and asylum seekers, for example in August 2024 when tensions escalated and we were able to work closely with Cheltenham Borough Council and the police to provide accurate information to the broader Cheltenham community.

Activities in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Towards the end of the financial year, CWR was supporting around 50 refugee families (approximately 250 individuals) and, over the year, helped between 50 and 150 asylum seekers.

The closure of the two local hotels in Cheltenham in December 2023 and April 2024 led to the sudden relocation of many asylum seekers and had an impact on both the individuals affected and the volunteers involved. Nevertheless, CWR remained in contact with some former beneficiaries, and several returned to visit after securing leave to remain. Despite fluctuations in numbers and the challenges of anticipating demand, CWR maintained a consistent programme of support throughout the year, with volunteers offering practical assistance, social connection, and emotional reassurance to both new and existing beneficiaries.

The scale of need was underscored by national evidence. The Mental Health Foundation (2024) reported that a high percentage of refugees and asylum seekers experience PTSD, depression, or anxiety, linked to trauma, isolation, poverty, and prolonged uncertainty. The Royal College of Psychiatrists similarly noted the prevalence of significant physical and mental health problems within this group, shaped both by past experiences and challenges in the UK. With asylum seekers surviving on £49.18 per week (or £8.86 if living in catered accommodation) and facing an increased risk of homelessness upon being granted refugee status, the demand for holistic, community-based support remained acute.

In this context, CWR's model of care—which combined practical help with emotional and wellbeing activities—acted as a form of “community prescribing,” helping to ease pressure on local health services while enabling individuals to rebuild their lives with dignity.

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CWR delivered the following:

- The Welcome Café, held most months at C3 Pavilion, remained popular among refugee families despite reduced numbers following the hotel closures. Supported by a team of 15 to 20 volunteers, families, typically 40-50 people in total, were able to meet each month to relax, share food, conversation and games.
- With support from the Everyman Cheltenham, CWR was also able to put on children's crafts activities and organised games which were particularly appreciated by parents. Many mothers (and occasionally fathers) expressed informal thanks, noting how much their children looked forward to the Café and how it supports their wellbeing.
- The Hub, CWR's Monday drop-in for asylum-seeking adults, remained a central part of the charity's offer, drawing people from temporary accommodation and dispersed housing. Its focus continued as in previous years, to be fun and friendship, drama activities, English conversation and games – as well as signposting to key services provided by other organisations, such as food pantries.
- The charity also donated approximately 50 bikes, locks and bike lights, the majority for hotel residents but some in dispersed housing and for resettled families. Other donations included 30 supermarket food vouchers, ten laptops and a small number of phones and SIM cards.
- Weekly Hub numbers fluctuated from 12 to 50 due to changes in accommodation, as is the nature of CWR's work. Volunteers demonstrated exceptional adaptability, and participants expressed deep appreciation for the Hub and its associated football and photography groups. Many asylum seekers reported the calming effect of being physically active and reducing flashbacks/nightmares and creative activities allowed people to express their emotions.
- A Christmas fundraiser was organised to buy 50 clothing vouchers to help asylum seekers meet basic needs like shoes and underwear.
- A partnership with Caring for Communities and People (CCP) to provide nearly 40 refugee and asylum-seeker families in Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve with summer holiday activity packs and Christmas hampers.
- Weekly English classes were held throughout the year at St. Thomas More and St. Gregory's churches, and at the Friends Meeting House (Quakers), supporting refugees and asylum seekers at a range of English levels. These were organised jointly by CWR and Cheltenham Volunteer Teachers (CVT), with CVT providing the teaching staff. Attendance fluctuated due to the closure of temporary accommodation, but classes remained well attended, with 5–16 students per session and new learners regularly joining.
- Students reported significant improvements in their communication skills and highlighted the positive impact of the classes on their mental health and wellbeing. One learner, who had no literacy in his first language, learned to read and write in English, while another gained the confidence to deliver a presentation to local schoolchildren.
- Due to popular demand the Driving Theory Class expanded from its Cheltenham base to across Gloucestershire. Classes supported a growing number of refugees and asylum seekers with student numbers rising from around 10 to 21 students by autumn 2024. Weekly attendance over the period averaged at 12 students. By the end of the period there were seven volunteer tutors supporting students. Classes were held weekly during the school term time with class tuition split into two groups. Online initial assessments and later pre-exam preparation with online mock tests was regularly provided.
- Students made notable progress with nine passing their driving theory test during the period. Many students expressed their appreciation for the beneficial impact of classes on their employability, confidence, English language skills, and overall wellbeing. There were many written testimonials to this effect.
- CWR increased collaboration with the Council, YMCA, P3, and formed an Employability Support Group to address housing and employment challenges in response to more asylum seekers receiving positive decisions and choosing to remain in Cheltenham. CWR worked with 25 individuals and families who underwent the resettlement process.

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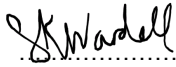
Financial review

In this reporting period the Charity has continued to grow from strength to strength, attracting donations and goodwill from local people and businesses as public opinion and attention on global events has grown, alongside more temporary holding centres for asylum seekers locally. We have therefore had more donations than we have been able to spend, and as we grow as a small charity we intend to redress the balance through an increase in our activities and financial outlay on support infrastructure (e.g. bikes, digital relief) in the future. As a volunteer-run charity we face some capacity issues scaling up our activities, but have a development plan to address this, including an increase in volunteer commitments and raised awareness in the town, to enable more support to deliver our charitable objects in partnership.

CWR's reserves policy, adopted on 20 September 2023, is to hold sufficient funds to enable CWR to continue to undertake its core charitable objects should the fundraising climate change. The Trustees estimate that to enable this £6,000 should be held in cash at any time.

At the year end the charity is in a stable financial position with cash on hand of £52,635 (2023: £27,780), which exceeds its reserves policy; this includes two grants received in advance of expenditure planned for 2025. The trustees consider that there are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29/7/2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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Sophie Wardell
Chairman

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

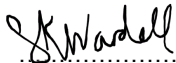
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ^{29/7/2025}..... and signed on its behalf by:


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Sophie Wardell
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees for the year ended 30 September 2024.

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 Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees' 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

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

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

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Felicity Sang

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Felicity Sang, FCA

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29/7/2025
Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations		8,855	1,000	9,855	10,428
Grants		-	39,230	39,230	16,128
Fundraising activities		6,962	-	6,962	792
Total income		<u>15,817</u>	<u>40,230</u>	<u>56,047</u>	<u>27,348</u>
Fundraising activities		3,822	-	3,822	663
Charitable activities	3	12,506	13,076	25,582	17,542
Support costs	4	<u>1,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>688</u>
Total expenditure		<u>18,116</u>	<u>13,076</u>	<u>31,192</u>	<u>18,893</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,299)</u>	<u>27,154</u>	<u>24,855</u>	<u>8,455</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	7	<u>24,791</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>27,780</u>	<u>19,325</u>
Total funds carried forward	7	<u>22,492</u>	<u>30,143</u>	<u>52,635</u>	<u>27,780</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 10.

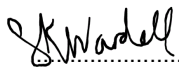
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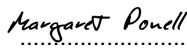
Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		52,635	27,780
Total assets		52,635	27,780
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	8	22,492	24,791
Restricted funds	8	30,143	2,989
Total charity funds		52,635	27,780

The financial statements on pages 9 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29/7/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



 Sophie Wardell
 Chair



 Margaret Powell

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts are prepared on a receipt and payments basis to give a 'true and fair' view, in accordance section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act') and where appropriate, observing the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice) has been applied.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Basis of preparation

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements and consider available funds and committed / fixed expenditure.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which have been raised by the charity for a particular purpose and are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 (continued)

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds General £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	7,902	1,000	8,902	9,046
Grants	-	39,230	39,230	16,128
Fundraising activities	6,962	-	6,962	792
Other donations	952	-	952	1,095
	<u>15,817</u>	<u>40,230</u>	<u>56,047</u>	<u>27,061</u>
2023	<u>11,551</u>	<u>15,510</u>	<u>27,061</u>	

3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds General £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Support (including hub & community café)	6,402	13,076	19,478	11,944
Digital	4,812	-	4,812	5,132
Classes	292	-	292	466
Donation	1,000	-	1,000	-
	<u>12,506</u>	<u>13,076</u>	<u>25,582</u>	<u>17,542</u>

4 Support costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds General £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Independent examination	1,020	-	1,020	-
Website costs	528	-	528	235
Other administrative costs	240	-	240	357
	<u>1,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>592</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 (continued)

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

7 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	52,635	27,780

8 Funds

2024	As at 1 October 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	As at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	24,791	15,817	(18,116)	22,492
Restricted funds				
Barnwood Trust	2,989	-	-	2,989
One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System		10,000	-	10,000
Ecctis	-	29,230	(13,076)	16,154
CBC	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>2,989</u>	<u>40,230</u>	<u>(13,076)</u>	<u>30,143</u>
	<u>27,780</u>	<u>56,047</u>	<u>(31,192)</u>	<u>52,635</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 (continued)

8 Funds (continued)

2023	As at 1 October 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	As at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	19,325	11,838	(6,372)	24,791
Restricted funds				
Barnwood Trust	-	15,510	(12,521)	2,989
	-	15,510	(12,521)	2,989
	19,325	27,348	(18,893)	27,780

Restricted funds

Barnwood Trust: Grant received to support leisure activities and digital access to benefit refugees and asylum seekers' physical and mental well-being.

One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System: Funding from the NHS on behalf of the 'One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System', administered by Barnwood Trust, to support a part-time administrator and coordinator freelance position, with this role commencing in November 2024.

Ecttis: Donation received to support skills activities, such as driving, English classes and employability, and also equipment such as sporting equipment and computer equipment to benefit refugees and asylum seekers.

Cheltenham Borough Council: Funding received to buy a stock of vouchers for food and clothing for asylum seekers.

9 Related party transactions

During the year, there were no transactions with related parties.

Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 (continued)

10 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations	10,428	-	10,428	8,323
Grants	618	15,510	16,128	1,865
Fundraising activities	792	-	792	11,293
Total income	<u>11,838</u>	<u>15,150</u>	<u>27,348</u>	<u>21,481</u>
Fundraising activities	663	-	663	807
Charitable activities	5,021	12,521	17,542	8,852
Support costs	688	-	688	655
Total expenditure	<u>6,372</u>	<u>12,521</u>	<u>18,893</u>	<u>10,314</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>5,466</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>8,455</u>	<u>11,167</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	<u>19,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,325</u>	<u>8,158</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>24,791</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>27,780</u>	<u>19,325</u>

CHELtenham WELCOMES REFUGEES

England & Wales - Charity number 1195256

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2022 **Period start date** To 30th September 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

Charity registration number: 1195256

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Charitable objects: To provide relief to refugees and their dependants and asylum seekers and their dependants, in particular but not exclusively those coming to the Cheltenham area by the provision of support services so as to advance them in life and assist them with the adaptation within a new community.</p> <p>Our aims as a charity: To foster compassion and cooperation between different communities in Cheltenham, helping local people understand the global refugee crisis and what people experience on their resettlement journey.</p> <p>To work with GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers), local authorities, and other partners including organisations and businesses, to help refugee communities truly grow and flourish.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.1 BBC V 9	<p>As above, with the objects of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preserving and protecting their physical and mental health;• Advancing their education and training and to advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum;• Relieving them from financial hardship and unemployment; and• Assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances <p>The Charity carries out these objects by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Running a weekly 'Hub' drop in where asylum seekers and those who have been given leave to remain can come to

		<p>meet others, meet local residents, receive warmth, conversation and practical support (such as bike provision and repairs), signposting of the local area, as well as entertainment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Running a monthly Welcome Cafe so that refugees, asylum-seeking families can come together to receive relief, socialise, share food and meet members of the local community. This aims to improve wellbeing and relieve hardship. - Carrying out other activities and enhancements as advised and to provide help and support for emotional and physical wellbeing, such as football training, English language classes, support with the UK driving test and other practical support, such as digital infrastructure. - The Charity also aims to raise awareness of the situation of refugees and asylum seekers locally through a monthly newsletter and social media presence. It also runs events and activities such as book clubs, film screenings and quiz nights to engage local people. <p>By focusing on these core areas, we achieve our strategic purpose to carry out public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The objects of the Trust are to provide relief to refugees and their dependants and asylum seekers and their dependants, and to advance them in life and assist them with the adaptation within a new community. The constitution contains the following statement: "Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008."</p> <p>The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our Charity is entirely run and our work entirely delivered by volunteers. We have over 80 active volunteers from across Cheltenham and are managed by five trustees on an entirely voluntary basis.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Support (inc. Hub and Community Café) The monthly Welcome Café remained our main support for refugee and, increasingly, asylum-seeking families with food, conversation and activities for children. It was valued as a place of fun and friendship. Associated with this was our Annual Summer Picnic, and an informal picnic linked to the Lives of Colour Culture Fest. There was a trip to the Christmas pantomime.</p> <p>Much of our focus was on the growing number of asylum-seekers with town centre accommodation opening for 80 men, in addition to the single people and families housed in a hotel some two miles away, and the people already in shared houses. Weekly numbers attending "The Hub" averaged 40. As well as the opportunity to relax and have fun, with food, the bike workshop continued to operate – renovating second-hand bikes and repairing ones already given out. An asylum-seeking barber set up a small area to cut hair. At other times, the numbers (both men and women) attending football training grew and a photography project developed. We were able to begin to sign-post people to volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>We observed these activities and opportunities benefitting physical and emotional health. We were told that these activities provided "a bubble of joy" at an otherwise stressful time. Some told us how important it was for them to "lose the label" of asylum seeker and be themselves.</p> <p>We have worked with Cheltenham Volunteer Teachers (CVT) to develop English classes (for</p>

		<p>both refugees and asylum seekers). The spin-off Driving Theory Test class continues to be popular and successful.</p> <p>We continued to raise awareness of the wider issues to local community, with our monthly Newsletter reaching 900 subscribers, our Instagram page having 1000 followers and Facebook nearly 2000. We ran a Book Club focussing on refugee literature and had a film night showing a film about the lives of asylum-seekers.</p> <p>We have continued to get our name known in the town through Quiz Nights and offering to steward the local Parkrun as well as through our activities. This has contributed to an increasing number of businesses and community groups making donations and fund-raising for us. For the first time, we received a significant grant from the Barnwood Trust enabling us to provide digital connectivity, bike accessories and parts, and equipment and boots for the football.</p> <p>We continue to develop important working partnerships with churches, the Everyman Theatre and the University of Gloucestershire. We continue to work closely with GARAS, have growing contact with Cheltenham Borough Council and have been invited to join the County Council-led Migrant Welfare Group.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	As income has increased we recognise the need to be more ambitious with our spending, and are planning for this in the coming year as we develop.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Financial position is secure - currently no deficit, limited financial uncertainty ahead.</p> <p>In this reporting period the Charity has continued to grow from strength to strength, attracting donations and goodwill from local people and businesses as the war in Ukraine, public opinion and global attention on the situation has grown, alongside more temporary holding centres for asylum seekers locally. We have therefore had more donations than we have been able to spend, and as we grow as a small charity we intend to redress the balance through an increase in our activities and financial outlay on support infrastructure (e.g. bikes, digital relief) in the future. As a volunteer-run charity we face some capacity issues scaling up our activities, but have a development plan to address this, including an increase in volunteer commitments and raised awareness in the town, to enable more support to deliver our charitable objects in partnership.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees adopted a Reserves Policy on 20th September 2023 to enable us to continue to undertake our core charitable objects should the fundraising climate change.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£27,780
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Type of adviser Name Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>J Wardell</i>	<i>Margaret Power</i>
Full name(s)	JOPTHE WARDELL	MARGARET POWER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	20.7.2024	



Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

Charity No 1195256

Report for the Financial Year 2022-23

Period start date Oct-22 To Period end date Sep-23

Starting Balance: £19,274.22 Current Balances Reliance £12,143.25
 including petty cash: £50 Co-operative £15,586.28

Income				Expenditure			
Source	Description	Actual	Budgeted	Item	Description	Actual	Budgeted
Donations		£9,332	£4,680	Support (inc. Hub & Community cafe)		£11,944	£20,879
Private donations		£4,046	£1,000	Expenses for the Hub		£1,488	£2,460
Donations via website		£1,135	£1,500	Expenses for Community Cafe		£1,138	£2,015
AWG funded by Everyman		£105	£180 >>>	Expenses for AWG		£300	£350
Corporate donations		£0	£2,000	Eid Party		£0	£100
Cheltenham Ladies College		£3,146	£0	Aug-23 Summer Picnic		£702	£461
Payroll giving		£400	£0	Asylum Seekers accommodation		£63	£1,500
				Essentials	Clothing and food	£630	£1,200
				Gym memberships	x10	£0	£2,440
				Swim passes		£0	£650
				Football team	equipment & pitch hire	£1,701	£1,780
				Ernest Cook Trust	woodland workshops	£0	£1,000
Bike sale		£500	>>>	Bikes	including a repair kit	£5,732	£6,508
				Transport		£191	£415
Grants and Trusts		£16,128	£16,510	Digital		£5,132	£9,860
Digital Poverty fundraiser		£618	£1,000 >>>	Wi-Fi		£786	£3,960
Barnwood Trust		£15,510	£15,510 >>>	Phone top ups		£220	£3,600
				Laptops		£3,620	£2,300
				Mobile phones		£505	£0
Fundraising at Events (a breakdown)		£792	£2,880	Events		£663	£2,751
Cookbook sales			£1,200	Cookbook	Initial print run	£0	£400
Running Fundraiser		£0		Running Fundraiser	Poster printing & vests	£267	£80

<i>Fundraising at Events (a breakdown) continued</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expenditure at Events continued</i>		<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	
Christmas Carol Event	£0	£60 >>>	Dec-22	Xmas Carol Event	Hot drinks & printing she	£0	£60
Refugee Week	£384	£130 >>>	Jun-23	Refugee Week		£0	£400
Montpellier Fiesta	cancellation refund £30	£90 >>>	Jul-23	Montpellier Fiesta	Stall costs & activities	£30	£160
Quiz	£379	£200	Jul-23	Quiz		£47	£100
AGM		£200		Football match		£0	£70
				Photography project		£0	£276
				Promotion	Printing	£218	£225
Giveasyoulive	£1,095	£1,000		Replacement banner		£0	£500
Gloucestershire Humanists	£536			Volunteer social		£0	£100
Quiz donations (July 2022)	£175			Volunteer t-shirts		£0	£280
Grangefield Primary School	£72			Badges		£100	£100
Giftaid	£313			Conversation classes		£466	£1,525
				Resources	Books & Stationary	£416	£1,225
				PAT testing equipment		£50	£50
				Refreshments		£0	£50
				Admin costs		£592	£689
				Zoom Subscription/vē	Core group meetings/AGI	£167	£173
				Meeting refreshments		£59	£50
				Website		£235	£235
				Public Liability Insurance		£131	£131
				DBS checks		£0	£100
				Subtotal		£18,797	£35,704
	£0			Contingency @ 10%		£96	£3,350
Total	£27,348	£25,070		Total		£18,893	£39,053

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees		
On accounts for the year ended	30 September 2023	Charity no (if any)	1195256
	Set out on pages 1 - 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/09/2023**.

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

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

- 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
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

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.

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

CHELTENHAM WELCOMES REFUGEES

England & Wales - Charity number 1195256

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 22nd July 2021 **Period start date** To 30th September 2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

Charity registration number: 1195256

Objectives and Activities

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		<p>entertainment and introduction to other local peers.</p> <p>Running a monthly Welcome Cafe so that refugees, asylum seekers and their dependents can come together to receive relief, socialise, share food and meet members of the local community. This aims to improve wellbeing and relieve hardship.</p> <p>Carrying out other activities and enhancements as advised and to provide help and support for emotional and physical wellbeing, such as football training, english language classes, support with the UK driving test and other practical support, such as digital infrastructure.</p> <p>The Charity also aims to raise awareness of the situation of refugees and asylum seekers locally and runs events and activities such as book clubs, film screenings and quiz nights to engage local people.</p> <p>By focusing on these core areas we achieve our strategic purpose to carry out public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	Our Charity is entirely run and our work entirely delivered by volunteers. We have over 122 active volunteers from across Cheltenham and are

Contribution made by volunteers		managed by five trustees on an entirely voluntary basis.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Support (inc. Hub and Community Café) This was a year when we finally emerged from the restrictions of Covid and could fully focus on face-to face activities again. We were able to re-start our weekly drop-in; "The Hub" with its mixture of refreshments, chat, games, practical support (e.g. bike repairs) and lots of laughter. Visibly and anecdotally we know this improves the wellbeing of attendees, provides relief from pressures and strains and gives some practical relief (e.g. bike repairs). We see a large number of repeat visits, relationships being formed and Hub numbers remain consistent.</p> <p>The monthly Welcome Café has also been re-established and the Welcome Picnic in the summer returned for the fifth year with approx. 50 people travelling to attend, to play, relax and socialise. We saw people enjoy themselves and feel welcome in the town. For a second year in a row, we worked with the Ernest Cook Trust for summer activities for teenagers.</p> <p>The opening of 3 hotels to accommodate newly arrived asylum seekers (one of which is a few miles from the town centre) meant an increased need for bikes and we have a small group of volunteers sourcing and renovating bikes and regular maintenance sessions as part of the weekly Hub. Practical assistance enables refugees and asylum seekers to have greater control and agency in their situation and helps to improve wellbeing.</p> <p>Activities now include regular football training (and the occasional match), and visits to watch Cheltenham Town (courtesy of free tickets supplied by the club, via our Charity). This teamwork and physical activity helps to improve physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>We have worked with Cheltenham Volunteer Teachers (CVT) to develop English conversation classes initially for adults from the resettled families, but increasingly for Ukrainian guests and for people seeking asylum. These skills help to improve communication, and thus opportunities and integration.</p> <p>Digital We continue to provide asylum seekers with IT</p>

		<p>equipment, wi-fi and phone top-ups to enable people to keep in touch with friends, family and lawyers as well as study, helping to improve their circumstances emotionally as well as practically.</p> <p>Events A highlight of the year, in terms of public awareness, was the visit of Little Amal to Cheltenham in Refugee Week. Little Amal is the 12-foot puppet of a 10 year old Syrian refugee child who has become a global symbol of human rights, especially those of refugees. Her journeys are 'festivals of art and hope' and have taken place around the world. We helped organise her visit with the Everyman, Cheltenham Festivals and Cheltenham Borough Council and we raised awareness of the visit in the town, leading to a spectacular turnout in the town centre to welcome Little Amal and draw attention to the refugee crisis.</p> <p>We have taken other opportunities to get our cause known and to raise awareness and empathy in the town – through quiz nights, taking-over the stewarding of the Pittville ParkRun and a mindfulness event during Refugee Week. The success of this can, perhaps, be demonstrated in the number of volunteers we have and times this year we have been picked as the chosen charity for local companies and events, and for whose support we have been very grateful.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>One of our objectives was to hold reserves to support our core purpose. Since July 2021 with significant fundraised income and interest in our cause we are now in a position to set up reserves.</p> <p>As income has increased we recognise the need to be more ambitious with our spending, and are planning for this in the coming year as we develop.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Financial position is secure - currently no reserves, no deficit, limited financial uncertainty ahead.</p> <p>In this reporting period the Charity has continued to grow from strength to strength, attracting donations and goodwill from local people and businesses as the war in Ukraine, public opinion and global attention on the situation has grown, alongside more temporary holding centres for asylum seekers locally. We have therefore had more donations than we have been able to spend, and as we grow as a small charity we intend to redress the balance through an increase in our activities and financial outlay on support infrastructure (e.g. bikes, digital relief) in the future. As a volunteer-run charity we face some capacity issues scaling up our activities, but have a development plan to address this, including an increase in volunteer commitments and raised awareness in the town, to enable more support to deliver our charitable objects in partnership.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees is preparing a Reserves Policy to be adopted in 2023 to enable us to continue to undertake our core charitable objects should the fundraising climate change.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees is preparing a Reserves Policy to be adopted in 2023 in line with its charity development.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CWR has a constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees
Other name the charity uses	CWR
Registered charity number	1195256
Charity's principal address	CWR c/o Maggie Powell 4 Shaftesbury Hall, St Georges Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 3PX

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sophie Kate Bourne (nee Wardell)	Chair of Trustees		
2	Paul Richard Baker			
3	Simon Christopher Witcombe			
4	Nathalie Genes	Chair of CWR's core group of volunteers		
5	Margaret Ann Powell	Secretary of CWR's core group of volunteers		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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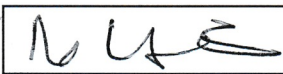
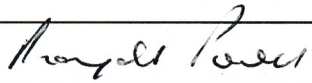
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	NATHALIE GENES	MARGARET POWELL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Core Group	SECRETARY of CORE GROUP
Date	11/7/2023	



Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

Charity No

1195256

Report for the Financial Year 2021-22

Period start date Jul-21 To
(date of charity registration)

Period end date Sep-22

Starting Balance: £8,107.01 Closing Balance: £19,274.22

Income			Expenditure		
Source	Description	Actual	Item	Description	Actual
Donations		£8,323	Support (inc. Hub & Community cafe)		£5,131
Private donations		£1,850	Expenses for the Hub		£648
Donations via website		£2,834	Expenses for Community Cafe		£357
Awesome women's group funded by Everyman		£240 >>>	Expenses for Awesome Womens Group		£210
Corporate donations		£2,898	Eid Party		£0
			Summer Picnic		£259
			Asylum Seekers accommodation		£40
			Essentials	Clothing and food	£460
Football team start up fund		£500 >>>	Football team	equipment & pitch hire	£864
			Ernest Cook Trust	woodland workshops	£640
			Bikes	including a repair kit	£1,168
			Transport		£484
Grants and Trusts		£1,865 >>>	Digital		£3,690
Digital Poverty fundraiser		£1,865	Wi-Fi		£335
Barnwood Trust		£0	Phone top ups		£350
			Laptops		£3,006
Fundraising at Events		£11,293	Events		£807
Give as you live 10k		£1,619 <<< £575	Further Together		£0
Literature festival		£184 <<<	Literature festival		£116
Christmas Carol Event		£110 <<<	Christmas Carol Event		£0
Refugee Week	+ the walk with Amal	£441 <<<	Refugee Week		£119
			Montpellier Fiesta	stall costs & activities	
Stand up for Ukraine event		£5,092	Street stall	licence	£30

		<i>Expenditure at Events continued</i>		<i>Actual</i>
Leckhampton open gardens	£1,527	Promotion	Printing	£38
Cotswold Beer Festival	£625	Volunteer social		£0
United Reform Church	£565	Volunteer t-shirts		£504
Izzy Dean	£302	Conversation classes		£31
Highbury Congregation	£252	Stationary		£31
		Admin costs		£540
		Zoom Subscription/venue		£173
		Meeting refreshments		£0
		Website		£235
		Public Liability Insurance		£131
		DBS checks		£0
		Subtotal		£10,198
		Bank charges		£115
Total	£21,481	Total		£10,314