

EPSOM COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1195279

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-07-23

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: (1) TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL OR OTHER HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN EPSOM OR EWELL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHIN SURREY, BY PROVIDING HOUSING, ADVICE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT (INCLUDING GRANTS OR LOANS) TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEEDS. AND, IN RELATION TO THOSE PEOPLE AS ARE MENTIONED IN SUB-CLAUSE (1) OF THIS CLAUSE: (A) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ADVANCE THEM IN LIFE AND ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY. (B) TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT BY THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS TRAINING, ADVICE AND SUPPORT. (C) TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. (D) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONGST THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION, BY PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND BY ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. (E) TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, & FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES. (F) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION (INCLUDING THROUGH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, AND FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, ABOUT ISSUES RELATING TO THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

Activities: Supports refugee families resettling in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell under a Government backed scheme.

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, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-22	£0	£0	-	-
2024-07-22	£0	£0	-	-
2023-07-22	£350	£10,348	-	-
2022-07-22	£10,916	£462	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanna Kathryn Sherring	Chair	2021-07-26
LIONEL BLACKMAN		2021-08-02
Richard James Leighton		2021-07-26
Terence Sherring		2021-08-02

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 23rd July 2024 Period start date To 22nd July 2025 Period end date

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Charity registration number: 1195279

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Supports refugee families resettling in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell under a Government backed scheme.
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 1.19	<p>The Charity went through the process of registering the charity, selecting Trustees and a Core Group who could work together to plan re-settlement of a refugee family in our area via Community Sponsorship.</p> <p>However, for the time being the intended activities became subsumed by changes in the international sphere, in particular the armed conflict in Ukraine, leading to the focus of work shifting to the undertakings of the Epsom Refugee Network operating under the charity The Good Company (Epsom). The trustees have agreed to keep the charity registered rather than wind it up as future changes to the refugee landscape may justify its meaningful reactivation at short notice.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance.

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	See summary above.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Yes
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Held to further the purpose of the charity
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£456
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Changes to Government plans.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Epsom Community Sponsorship
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1195279
Charity's principal address	Upper Chambers 7 Waterloo Road Epsom Surrey KT19 8AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Joanna Kathryn Sherring	Chair		
2	LIONEL BLACKMAN	Secretary		
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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)

Lionel Blackman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

19th August 2025

2024- 2025 - Epsom Community Sponsorship - ACCOUNTS 23/07/2024 - 22/07/2025		
Donated	£0.00	INCOME
B/wd	£456	
Other	£0.00	
Annual total	£456	
Spend	£0.00	
	Balance	£456
Metro Bank 23-05-80	Acc No. - 42461121	Accounting Year End 22nd July 2025



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Full name(s)

Lionel Blackman	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

10th April 2025	
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B/wd	£456	
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance.

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Lionel Blackman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

4th April 2024

2022- 2023 - Epsom Community Sponsorship - ACCOUNTS 23/07/2022 - 22/07/2023		
Donated	£350	INCOME
B/wd	10454	
Other	£0.00	
Annual total	£350	
Spend	£10348	
	Balance	£456
Metro Bank 23-05-80	Acc No. - 42461121	Accounting Year End 22nd July 2023

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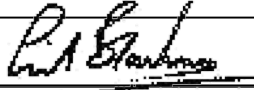
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lionel Blackman	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	17 th January 2023	

2021- 2022 - Epsom Community Sponsorship - ACCOUNTS		
23/07/2021 - 22/07/2022		
Donated	£10,116.00	INCOME
Tax	£800.00	
Other	£0.00	
Annual total	£10,916.00	
Expenses	£461.50	EXPENSES
	Balance	<i>£10,454.50</i>
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