

Maun Refuge
(Registered charity, number 1195420)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2023

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**Maun Refuge
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

Full name Maun Refuge

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1195420

Principal address 70 King Edward Avenue, Mansfield, NG18 5AF

Trustees

Barbara Nestor, Chair
Simon Hartley Jones, Secretary
Robert Hill, Treasurer
Bernard Ory, Vice-chair
Clare Heyting
Karol Grabowski (from 30/08/2023)
Madeline Allsop (from 24/07/2023)

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 6 August 2021.

Trustees are appointed annually by the Board of Maun Refuge members.

Maun Refuge has policies that govern our principles and practices: they include policies on behaviour, equal opportunities, financial control, health and safety, personal boundaries, safeguarding children and adults, reserves, supervision and volunteering.

DBS checks are carried out as required and volunteers have regular supervision and support meetings.

The charity has five trustees who are responsible for its governance and risk management.

The trustees constitute Maun Refuge's main decision-making body, all of whom are also volunteers contributing to the work of the charity. There is one paid staff post (Project Manager) and duties are undertaken by two people as a job-share.

Maun Refuge liaises with the district and county local authorities, local and national service providers, educational and health establishments, community and voluntary services, etc., in order to best serve the interests - personal, educational and social - of Syrian refugees and asylum seekers in Mansfield.

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Objectives and activities

For the public benefit to relieve the needs of those seeking asylum and those granted refugee status and their dependents living in Mansfield and the surrounding area, in particular: a) to advance their education and training so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community; b) to preserve and protect their physical and mental health; c) to provide 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; and d) to relieve their financial hardship.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Maun Refuge supports Syrian refugees who were brought to Mansfield under the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. The charity augments the basic shelter and access to services provided by the local council. We do this by befriending, through cultural orientation, by working to encourage Mansfield people to be welcoming and by promoting community cohesion.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Staff

We have employed one FTE Project Manager since 2019 and the post was shared by two people. During this year after one job-share staff resignation to take up a new post, we only briefly managed to replace the job-share Project Manager post, so decided to use the services of a Consultant until such time as our staff needs could be suitably met in compliance with our funders' requirements. This has meant that some work has not been done according to our plans, but volunteers, Trustees and some of the Syrian refugees themselves have stepped up to carry on the activities and support work.

Our partners

We have continued to work in liaison with the district and county local authorities, local and national service providers, educational and health establishments, community and voluntary services, etc., to best serve the interests —personal, educational and social of Syrian refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced people in Mansfield.

Our Funders

During this year we have relied largely on funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Mansfield's Community Fund and many others to provide for our core funding and project work. Funders have been sympathetic to our refocussing on 'any displaced people'. Maun Refuge was set up to support Syrians but now reaches many more and all the Syrians are pleased to support the newcomers.

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What we have done

We have particularly tried to address the stresses created by Covid and lockdown such as isolation and the rising cost of living. The refocussing of our work to include supporting asylum seekers represents a major change of direction for which we will receive a year's funding from the UKSPF grant. Continuing activities have included ice-skating and woodcraft for children, swimming for both women and men, plus summer visits to the seaside and The Deep in Hull. Educational needs have been a high priority this year: two young Syrians are now at university in Manchester, we have continued to provide successful ESOL classes and bespoke support in other subjects and areas of need such as health and safety, food hygiene, car maintenance, IT, fraud awareness, cake decorating, etc.

Citizenship

Outside the scope of the main funders has been the effort to help with the prohibitive costs of citizenship applications for the Syrians - a high priority for them. Currently 24 Syrians have achieved citizenship thanks to hard work and their own fundraising. Maun Refuge has provided a portion of the costs from a special citizenship fund - money raised locally by the trustees, volunteers and friends.


Website

We apologise that our website (www.maunrefuge.org.uk) is currently out of date. It will be updated soon.

The charity's policy on reserves

Over time, we aim to build up reserves totalling £6,000 (as per our Reserves Policy), equivalent to 2-3 months running costs. The reserves will cover the consequences should we need to close the Charity.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 23/04/2024
Barbara Nestor, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Maun Refuge
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Maun Refuge (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

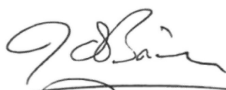
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 24/04/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

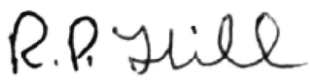
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2023

2022			Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£			£	£	£
	Receipts				
47669	Grants & donations	2	1483	66067	67550
333	Loan repayment		-	-	-
731	Sales & fees		-	-	-
33039	Opening transfer		-	-	-
<u>81772</u>	Total receipts		<u>1483</u>	<u>66067</u>	<u>67550</u>
	Payments				
10005	Citizenship Payment		-	8606	8606
-	Events		-	532	532
90	Equipment		1165	-	1165
2027	Hospitality		-	189	189
118	Insurances		-	353	353
212	IT & Website		-	222	222
1363	Legal & Professional fees		224	2040	2264
487	Office Rent		-	539	539
-	Printing, Postage and Stationery		-	60	60
1330	Room hire		-	872	872
201	Telephones & Internet		-	311	311
862	Purchases		-	-	-
17927	Salaries, NI and Pensions		1260	19625	20885
100	Sessional Workers		-	602	602
1115	Cultural trips		-	740	740
3364	Educational Expenses		5	126	131
25	Office/General Admin		-	27	27
2015	Teaching		938	4405	5343
704	Teens on Trial		-	-	-
1738	Travel		-	3083	3083
1000	Uncategorised Expense		-	-	-
1866	Women's Swimming		-	1664	1664
<u>46549</u>	Total payments		<u>3592</u>	<u>43996</u>	<u>47588</u>
35223	Net receipts/(payments)		(2109)	22071	19962
-	Cash funds at start of this period		10516	24707	35223
<u>35223</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>8407</u>	<u>46778</u>	<u>55185</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 September 2023

2022			2023
£	Cash assets	Note	£
35223	Bank accounts		55185
<u>35223</u>			<u>55185</u>
	Liabilities		
(1334)	Creditors	4	(907)
<u>(1334)</u>			<u>(907)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 23/04/2024
 Robert Hill, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Hilden Trust	-	12000	12000
W H Southall Trust	-	3000	3000
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	42330	42330
Sundry grants & donations	1483	8737	10220
	1483	66067	67550

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Pop-ups	522	-	(243)	279
W H Southall Trust	-	3000	-	3000
Active Notts	2464	-	(2016)	448
Citizenship Fund	3503	8700	(9552)	2651
Community Champions	313	-	(293)	20
Education Classes	6000	-	(3506)	2494
Welcome to Mansfield Plus	10000	42367	(20481)	31886
Running Costs	1905	12000	(7905)	6000
	24707	66067	(43996)	46778
Unrestricted funds				
General	10516	1483	(3592)	8407
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The Pop-ups fund comprises funding towards occasional authentic Syrian pop-up restaurants staged throughout the period at a central Mansfield location which offers a kitchen and adjoining lounge/dining area.

The W H Southall Trust comprises funding towards relieving poverty related disadvantage.

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The Active Notts fund comprises funding towards programs designed to introduce our clients to sports activities - particularly refugee women who have cultural barriers to taking part in such activities.

The Citizenship fund comprises funding towards supporting our Syrian families who have held Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) status for twelve months and are eligible to apply for British Citizenship.

The Community Champions fund comprises funding towards specific things which the charity needed for the Syrian families and its own on-going core costs.

The Education Classes fund comprises funding towards classes run by the organisation.

The Welcome to Mansfield Plus fund comprises funding towards supporting certain core activities.

The Running Costs fund comprises funding towards staff fees and running costs.

4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	732
Salaries, NI & pension (HMRC)	165
Salaries, NI & pension (NEST)	10
	<u>907</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions.