

**Maun Refuge**  
(Registered charity, number 1195420)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**

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**Maun Refuge  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

**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 (until 01/06/2024)

Robert Hill (until 30/06/2024)

Bernard Ory, Vice-chair

Clare Heyting (until 01/06/2024)

Karol Grabowski, Secretary

Madeline Allsop, Treasurer

**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 via website and social media appeal; personal recommendation/applications and interview.

**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**

Our main activities continue to be the offer of information, advice, and language teaching, plus opportunities to meet and make friends locally through our partnerships with other local organisations. During this last year we have made a significant switch from supporting Syrian and other refugees to opening our services up to asylum seekers from 'anywhere'. Managing this change while 'keeping the peace' in Mansfield during a year of hotel arrivals and then closure has been challenging. It has always been one of our objectives to support asylum seekers from

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anywhere but local needs have made this more and more pressing over the last couple of years, hence our decision to significantly expand our service user base.

The English language classes we run have been at a more basic level, according to need; the introductions to UK services such as health, banking, schooling and housing depend upon what stage in individual applications for 'right to remain' asylum seekers have reached. This work can be complicated and varied: we have benefitted from the voluntary support of longer- standing refugees particularly some Syrians and one Sudanese, in interpretation and translation, as well as the voluntary support of Mansfield people including our Trustees and other Mansfield organisations from the wide network of concerned local charities and services.

Our service users have come from Sudan, Iran, Kurdistan, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, etc., as well as Syria and Ukraine.

### **Public benefit statement**

Opportunities to share their stories have been grasped by many refugees and asylum seekers, sometimes working with our local authority staff as well as sporting or cultural charities. We have facilitated swimming, cooking, running pop-up restaurants, etc. and very popular market stalls selling food. The wish to integrate is generally strong among our service users and we have taken advantage of this to provide opportunities to meet, to demonstrate skills, and to appreciate cultural differences. There are some impressive examples of success by refugees over the decade that Maun Refuge has been working with them. We had hoped to set an example of how a small town can benefit from and enjoy the new arrivals. Fingers crossed, we do believe this is happening now.

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**

In the year up to 30 September 2024, we have continued to support 35 refugees from the 'SVPRS' (Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme), plus about 30 other refugees who arrived under different schemes. Of asylum seekers, the numbers have been much higher - around 70.

Fundraising: restricted funds of approx. £47,000 (income) have been raised for salaries, teaching, IT and Room hire purposes and £30,000 for project purposes over the year.

Citizenship: we have continued to raise money from individual donors to pay a proportion of the Syrians' UK citizenship. Two families (10 people) will qualify in the year beginning September 2023 - October 2024. We have not committed ourselves to continue to raise funds for this purpose after these latest two families have succeeded.

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The main activities of the charity being advice and advocacy we have had less time for events but we are hoping to hold more in the future. We are very grateful to our funders and supporters and hope that next year is as busy and successful as this one!

### **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                     BH NH                     Date 29/5/25  
Barbara Nestor, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Maun Refuge  
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Maun Refuge (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

**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').

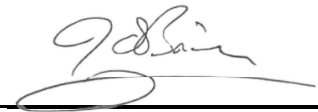
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 03/06/2025  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**

2023				2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>			
67550	Grants & donations	2 550	83655	84205
-	Sundry receipts	-	165	165
<u>67550</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>550</u>	<u>83820</u>	<u>84370</u>
	<b>Payments</b>			
-	Advertising/Promotional	-	89	89
-	Christmas Market	-	234	234
8606	Citizenship Payment	-	-	-
-	Consultancy	-	4467	4467
131	Educational Expenses	250	-	250
532	Events	-	-	-
1165	Equipment	-	67	67
189	Hospitality	-	141	141
-	Men's Swimming	-	170	170
-	Overheads	-	866	866
353	Insurances	-	722	722
222	IT & Website	-	1444	1444
2264	Legal & Professional fees	-	2271	2271
539	Office Rent	-	2025	2025
60	Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	63	63
872	Room hire	-	824	824
311	Telephones & Internet	-	209	209
-	Purchases	-	2605	2605
20885	Salaries, NI and Pensions	-	20441	20441
602	Sessional Workers	4730	8653	13383
740	Cultural trips	-	-	-
27	Office/General Admin	-	-	-
5343	Teaching	-	-	-
3083	Travel	-	791	791
1664	Women's Swimming	-	-	-
<u>47588</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>4980</u>	<u>46082</u>	<u>51062</u>
19962	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	(4430)	37738	33308
<u>35223</u>	Cash funds at start of this period	<u>8407</u>	<u>46778</u>	<u>55185</u>
<u>55185</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>3977</u>	<u>84516</u>	<u>88493</u>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 30 September 2024**

2023			2024
£		Note	£
55185	<b>Cash assets</b>		
<u>55185</u>	Bank accounts		<u>88493</u>
			<u>88493</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
-	Prepayments	4	<u>850</u>
<u>-</u>			<u>850</u>
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
(907)	Creditors	5	<u>(1114)</u>
<u>(907)</u>			<u>(1114)</u>

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

Signed M. A. Allsop Date 29/5/25  
 Madeline Allsop, Trustee

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**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**

**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 £
Mansfield CVS	-	30000	30000
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	46880	46880
Sundry grants & donations	550	6775	7325
	<b>550</b>	<b>83655</b>	<b>84205</b>

**3. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Pop-ups	279	-	-	279
W H Southall Trust	3000	-	(550)	2450
Active Notts	448	-	(430)	18
Citizenship Fund	2651	6550	-	9201
Community Champions	20	-	-	20
UKSPF	-	30000	-	30000
Education Classes	2494	-	(650)	1844
Welcome to Mansfield Continuation Fund	24549	47170	(35981)	35738
Welcome to Mansfield Plus	7337	100	(4616)	2821
Running Costs	6000	-	(3855)	2145
	<b>46778</b>	<b>83820</b>	<b>(46082)</b>	<b>84516</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	8407	550	(4980)	3977
	<b>8407</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>(4980)</b>	<b>3977</b>

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.

UKSPF - provision of English lessons and to cover the salary for our case worker.

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

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

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. Prepayments

	£
Rent	623
Insurance	227
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	850

### 5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	768
Salaries, NI & pension (HMRC)	346
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	1114

### 6. Trustees' remuneration

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

### 7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

### 8. Glossary of terms

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

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.