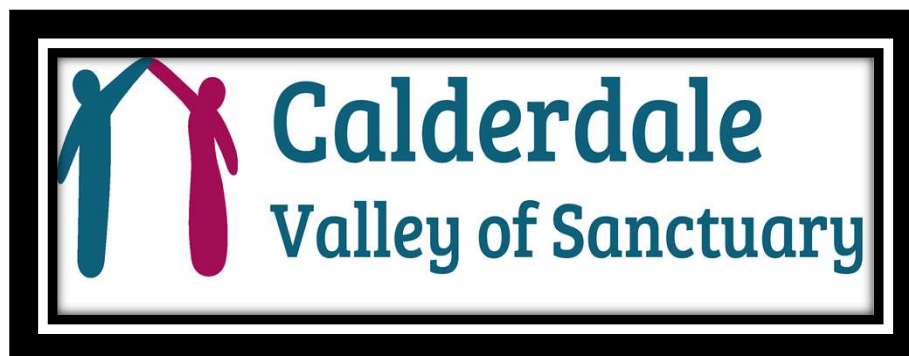


Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

Charity number 1197764

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Laura Beesley	Chair	
Bilikisu Eleyinmi		
Rebekah Ann Hellewell		
Christopher James Foley	Treasurer	Appointed 16 October 2024
May Htut Pan Moe		Appointed 6 May 2025
Lin Gao		Appointed 25 April 2025
Christopher David Collier		Appointed 13 March 2025
Stela Namazzi		Appointed 13 March 2025
Hina Gillani		Appointed 13 March 2025
Theja Manoharie Godakande Arachchi		Appointed 13 March 2025
Folashade Ganiyat Ifekoya		Resigned 13 April 2025
Nurgul Zhamentikova		Resigned 10 May 2024
Obomate Benibo		Resigned 13 March 2025

Charity number 1197764 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
St. Augustine's Centre	Co-operative Bank
Hanson Lane	PO Box 250
Halifax	Skelmersdale
HX1 5PG	WN8 6WT

Independent examiner

Alan Dodd FCCA

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 2 February 2022 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To advance equality and diversity for the public benefit for people seeking sanctuary by collaborating as a network of individuals and organisations and promoting activities that foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and welcome people who have made Calderdale their home.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people in Calderdale from becoming socially excluded, and relieving the needs of those people within Calderdale who are socially excluded by reason of their refugee or asylum seeker status and assisting them to integrate into society.

The charity's main activities

Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary has continued to facilitate, enable and grow the network of organisations and residents who support our aim to make Calderdale a place of welcome for people seeking asylum and refugees.

This has been achieved through a variety of methods including creating videos demonstrating what our members do to welcome people seeking sanctuary, Creating a video focussing on the strengths of people seeking sanctuary, taking part in campaigns to highlight the huge challenges that the current political and legal system presents to those seeking asylum, raising awareness locally of these issues and connecting members to create events which have a greater and wider impact.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular equality and diversity.

Achievements and performance

This financial year has seen a significant increase in the activities of Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary and its members resulting in an impact across the Borough

A 30% increase in membership organisations. March 2025, we had 121 members

The launch of Brave Boxes of Sanctuary with Ed Shift and distributed to families who arrive in Calderdale seeking asylum

A wide-ranging Refugee Week 2024 with more partners engaged than in 2023 and the delivery of the powerful play Refuge Island seen by 600 secondary school children

The reaccreditation of Hebden Bridge Picture house as a Cinema of Sanctuary.

Publication of our Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary organisational strategy and evaluation framework.

Participation in a range of Borough wide events including Tales of a Child, The Food Gathering and The Yorkshire Integration Festival 2024.

Publication of the research "Supporting healthy aging in women aged over 55 who seek asylum" with our partners The University of Manchester, Age UK and Rainbow Haven.

A well-attended celebration and AGM.

St Augustine's CE school became our second school of Sanctuary. Congratulations!

A series of awareness raising sessions tailored to the specific requirements of our member organisations to increase understanding of the experiences of people seeking sanctuary in Calderdale.

An increase in volunteers with lived experience of the asylum system.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £3,332, including net receipts of £459 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £3,791 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £1,473.

Our reserves policy takes into consideration that we raise the vast majority of our funding through grant funding where we clearly articulate where the funds will be spent.

Reserves are maintained at a level that enables the charity to manage financial risk, ensuring that financial commitments can be met as they fall due.

1) Maintain an appropriate cash forecast

We will maintain a minimum 12 month rolling cash forecast, detailing the spend across all donor trusts, whether restricted or unrestricted, ensuring that the charity can continue to meet its financial obligations.

2) Restricted Funding

We will ensure that each tranche of restricted funding is regularly monitored to ensure that the funds are fully utilised in the areas that were specified in the grant application.

3) Unrestricted Funding

We will look to build up an unrestricted funding reserve of up to £1,000 so that we can respond to any opportunities that present themselves at short notice, after ensuring that reserves are sufficient to make redundancy payments to employees should the charity plan to cease trading.

Approved by the board of trustees on 26/08/2025

Signed:  (Trustee)

Name: Laura Beesley

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 Charities Act;
- 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: 

Name: Alan Dodd FCCA

27/8/2025

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	459	32,739	33,198	28,402
Other income		-	-	-	185
Total receipts		<u>459</u>	<u>32,739</u>	<u>33,198</u>	<u>28,587</u>
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		-	17,498	17,498	8,172
Subcontractors		-	5,489	5,489	1,635
Professional fees		-	450	450	298
Payroll fees		-	288	288	366
Room hire		-	300	300	797
Staff expenses		-	657	657	252
Trustee expenses		-	1,183	1,183	755
Marketing, website and publicity		-	1,414	1,414	532
Refugee week		-	855	855	3,820
Design and print costs		-	476	476	-
Training		-	4,150	4,150	437
Events and activities		-	370	370	1,067
Running costs		-	2,187	2,187	252
Equipment		-	29	29	280
Independent examination		-	600	600	600
Volunteer costs		-	584	584	-
Total payments		<u>-</u>	<u>36,530</u>	<u>36,530</u>	<u>19,263</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>459</u>	<u>(3,791)</u>	<u>(3,332)</u>	<u>9,324</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>1,014</u>	<u>14,142</u>	<u>15,156</u>	<u>5,832</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>1,473</u>	<u>10,351</u>	<u>11,824</u>	<u>15,156</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	1,473	10,351	11,824	15,156
Total cash funds	<u>1,473</u>	<u>10,351</u>	<u>11,824</u>	<u>15,156</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Laptop
 Sony Vlog video camera with accessories
 ASVS X415 Laptop
 Apple iPhone SE

Liabilities

	2025
	£
Accruals	600
Other creditors	63
	<u>663</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 26/08/2025

Signed:  (Trustee)

Name: Laura Beesley

Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Grants and donations	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Brelms Trust	-	6,000	6,000	5,000
Community Foundation for Calderdale (CFFC)	-	7,315	7,315	7,952
Locala Community	-	1,423	1,423	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	18,001	18,001	-
Calderdale MBC	-	-	-	12,700
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	-	-	2,500
Other donations	459	-	459	250
	<u>459</u>	<u>32,739</u>	<u>33,198</u>	<u>28,402</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Brelms Trust	4,260	6,000	6,022	-	4,238
CFFC General Grant	2,982	-	650	-	2,332
CFFC Culture Dale	-	2,460	2,460	-	-
Locala Community	-	1,423	1,423	-	-
CFFC Support & Integration 23	4,820	-	4,820	-	-
CFFC Support & Integration 24	-	4,855	4,855	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	18,001	14,220	-	3,781
The Wharfedale Foundation	2,080	-	2,080	-	-
	<u>14,142</u>	<u>32,739</u>	<u>36,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,351</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Brelms Trust	To cover the core costs of the organisation.
CFFC General Grant	To deliver specific activities as part of refugee week.
CFFC Culture Dale	To expand and build upon the initial success of the Writers Refuge.
Locala Community	Working with EdShift to provide Brave Boxes to young migrants.
CFFC Support & Integration 23	To develop networks and partnerships with our members and supporters.
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National Lottery Community Fund	To cover the core costs of the organisation and fund specific projects.
The Wharfedale Foundation	Deliver mentoring to writers who are seeking sanctuary.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

During the year 4 trustees were paid a total of £1,159, in respect of travel £279 and telephone and internet £880 (previous year: 4 trustees, £755 - £50 travel, £525 telephone and internet and £180 childcare costs).

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.