



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2023 To 30th June 2024

Charity name: STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE

Charity registration number: 1199053

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, to relieve the needs of Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers residing in Steyning and the surrounding areas of West Sussex by the provision of a Day Centre established to support beneficiaries through services relating to Education, Language, Housing, Benefits and Health and Wellbeing. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers residing in Steyning and the surrounding areas of West Sussex who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position and to assist them to integrate into society in particular through education and training in the English language and vocational skills and by providing local network and support groups that encourage and enable beneficiaries to participate more effectively with the wider community.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English language classes• Vocational lectures• Recreational activities to facilitate understanding the UK and integrating into and with the community.• Provision for fully furnishing houses and homes• Wellbeing.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that the objective of the Charity is to deliver public benefit in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries are our local Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers, their Home Hosts, the many local community volunteers and supporters.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have 120 local volunteers registered with our Charity covering a massive experience base, we are very rich in talent from all walks of life. Our volunteers give their time freely whenever we require their specialist expertise.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Throughout the year we have continued to teach English to our Ukrainian Guests, offering free lessons both during the day and evenings, currently we are teaching 35 students of differing ages and standards.</p> <p>This is a key objective of our charity, and, by giving our guests this skill is provides the opportunity for them to work and be as independent as possible.</p> <p>We continue with our regular training sessions covering many subjects, i.e. ‘becoming work ready’; ‘cv writing, interview techniques’; upskilling’ ‘UK tax systems & financial aspects’</p> <p>We have organised a number of group events, translated into Ukrainian, which have involved other groups of Ukrainian residents from different areas joining us. ‘The UK education system’, ‘University entrance criteria’, ‘A levels versus BTech ‘Immigration choices, criteria, legislation’</p> <p>We have held many ‘cultural’ events at the Chichester Bishop’s Palace; Country estates- Parham House, Petworth House, Chartwell Estate.</p> <p>Maintaining our Guests Wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do. We have managed to form a large ‘Family’, sharing and caring with and for each other. Crying, laughing, remembering, partying and supporting each other.</p> <p>We ‘hand hold’ our guests and fully support them in every way possible to ensure that they do not feel lonely and forgotten.</p> <p>In July we arranged a holiday for 23 of our guests to Beckley in East Sussex in a converted stable and a caravan and tent. We rented a minibus as well as using several cars, we toured Seven Sisters, Rye and the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us as it rained considerably! However, a good time was had by everyone!</p> <p>On the 24th February we remembered the start of the Russian invasion, crying and praying for lost loved ones and the thousands of kidnapped children.</p>
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		<p>We are planning to go on holiday to Devon and Cornwall with 25 of our guests, in July 2024. We have gained funding from Horsham District Council to rent 5 chalets in North Devon.</p> <p>We have added to our partnership relationship, formed last year, with The Charity Mindy Foundation in Kyiv, where we share our knowledge base with them from a number of our UK connections. They are now producing rehabilitation centres for badly wounded veterans. We have arranged, through our UK contacts and network, built over many years of experience in the industry; medical training developed especially for limbless veterans; curing 'phantom limb syndrome' via 'Zoom' sessions directly with the UK experts, all designed to share as much information as is possible, and all at no cost.</p> <p>We have co-ordinated and hosted a meeting with the UK Minister of Science, Innovation, & Technology and The Mindy Foundation to explore funding opportunities for them from the UK.</p> <p>Throughout the year we have continued to support our Guests and their families by helping to find rented accommodation when they leave their Home Hosts. To date we have fully furnished 12 homes with all furniture and everything to make a home, from our existing household stocks. We have now had donated to us the contents of 4 complete households, along with thousands of gifts of every imaginable item that go into making a home. If we do not have something in stock we seek out funding or supply things ourselves. This is one of the 'Wellbeing' essentials of our charity.</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	
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	As attached Treasurer's Examined Report
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Nil Reserves – No policy
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Considered unnecessary by Trustees
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	Grants, general fundraising and Gifts
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:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	The appointment of Trustees would be made by the existing 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	STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1199053

Charity's principal address	Brotherhood Hall 9 Church Street Steypning, West Sussex BN44 3YB

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	John Stevenson	Founder & Chair		
2	Nicholas Bennett	Trustee		
3	David Jaggar	Hon. Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NONE

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

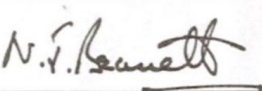

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Nicholas Bennett	John Stevenson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

29 th April 2025

STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE
Treasurers Report
2023/24

	12/months to 30/6/2024	12 months to 30/6/2023
INCOME	£	
Donations	5,414	28,210
Events	2,200	1,668
Auction of Promises		2,211
Grants	18,970	4,214
Hire Inc	455	590
	27,039	36,892
EXPENDITURE		
Refurb costs		3,572
Sundry Expenses	6,642	3,821
Insurance	701	742
Social Events	1,914	1,453
Teaching	3,950	4,214
Admin Expenses	10,796	5,635
Rent	400	1,000
Transport	75	1,480
	24,478	21,919
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	2,561	14,973
Accumulated Fund brought forward	14,973	14,973
Accumulated Fund carried forward	17,535	
REPRESENTED BY;-		
Balance at Bank	20,551	37,534
Cash in hand		
Payments in advance		
	20,551	37,534
Less Sundry Creditors & Accruals	1,200	1,775
Grants received in advance	1,816	20,786
	17,535	14,973

Prepared and signed by David Jaggar. Hon Treasurer

Report by Independent Examiner

I have examined the financial records as presented to me and confirm that the above accounts are in accordance with those records and there are no matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to.

Signed by Colin A. Lammie 1/10/24

Notes to the Accounts

Grants received in advance are Grants which have been received towards the end of the current year and are for specific items of expenditure in next year. These are:

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