

# WANDSWORTH WELCOMES REFUGEES

England & Wales · Charity number 1199527

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-07-01

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO (WANDSWORTH WELCOMES REFUGEES) ARE: 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 WANDSWORTH THEIR HOME. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE IN WANDSWORTH FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, AND RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WITHIN WANDSWORTH WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED BY REASON OF THEIR REFUGEE OR ASYLUM SEEKER STATUS AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM.

**Activities:** Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees is a member of the City of Sanctuary network. We support local organisations (schools, libraries, cafes, gardens) to apply for Sanctuary status and are working with Wandsworth Council to become a borough of Sanctuary. We also run events for Refugee Week as well as appeals for digital devices and bikes which we distribute to local refugees and asylum seekers.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Wandsworth

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,068	£10,919	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,697	£5,984	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,638	£316	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Amy White		2023-06-30
Fatema Abdullah Aljbery		2026-02-23
Grethe Gullborg Schepers		2023-09-07
Pirayeh Sophie Gregory		2025-12-08
Rebecca Joanne Richmond		2025-10-27
Samuel Robins		2023-01-17

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# Accounts

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/03/2025

#### Overview

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Penny Rogers for 2 years (July 2022 - July 2024) and an additional 3 year term (July 2024 - resigned December 2025)

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Sam Robins for 3 years (January 2023 - January 2026)

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### Financial overview

During this financial year, Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees continued to operate with appropriate oversight of its finances. Total income for the year amounted to £3,068, primarily from donations, while expenditure totalled £10,921. The apparent deficit for the year reflects the timing of grant funding rather than an underlying shortfall in resources.

The majority of expenditure incurred during the year relates to the delivery of activities funded by a local authority grant that was received and recognised in the previous financial year. As a result, expenditure in the current year exceeds income, with the difference being met from reserves held at the start of the year. This explains the discrepancy between revenue and expenses and does not indicate financial instability.

At the end of the financial year, the charity continued to hold reserves in line with its reserves policy. No individual fund is in material deficit, and the Committee remains satisfied that future planned expenditure can be met through a combination of existing reserves and recurring unrestricted donations. The reserves policy remains that balances under £5,000 are carried forward automatically, while balances in excess of £5,000 are brought to the Committee for discussion and approval.

The trustees are confident that the charity remains financially sustainable and that funds have been applied appropriately in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

### Public benefit statement

The objects of Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees are:

1. 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 Wandsworth their home.
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people in Wandsworth from becoming socially excluded, and relieving the needs of those people within Wandsworth who are socially excluded by reason of their refugee or asylum seeker status and assisting them to integrate into society.
3. To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

In order to carry out the CIO's charitable purposes for the public benefit, during the year Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees has carried out the following activities:

<b>Object</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>1</b>	Delivered two 'Establishing Sanctuary in Wandsworth' workshops in March 2024 in Tooting and Putney as well as an online 'lunch and learn' session in April 2024. The workshops were attended by more than 30 diverse organisations, including advice centres, theatres, faith groups, shops, gardens, sporting facilities, cafés and community networks.
	Participated in Wandsworth Council's City of Sanctuary accreditation as a Borough of Sanctuary in May 2024 <sup>1</sup> and co-chaired the Wandsworth Migration Forum, acting as voluntary sector coordination lead.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/news-may-2024/wandsworth-is-officially-a-borough-of-sanctuary/>

	Organised an event in parliament in partnership with Fleur Anderson, Member of Parliament for Putney, to celebrate Wandsworth's Borough of Sanctuary status. Over 80 local leaders, organisations, and community members attended. <sup>2</sup>
<b>2</b>	Supported individuals in Wandsworth with lived experience of seeking sanctuary through a regular English language conversation group at Balham Library, two visits to Kew Gardens, a visit to 575 Wandsworth Road, and a regular drop-in at Ascension Church.
	Engaged with Oxfam Tooting to deliver an apprenticeship scheme for refugees to train in a range of retail management and leadership skills.
<b>3</b>	Coordinated over 50 community groups to produce a Sanctuary banner for Refugee Week which was displayed at locations around the borough including Wandsworth Town Hall, Battersea Arts Centre, All Saints Church, as well as Ravenstone School's end of year assembly held at Chestnut Grove.
	Collaborated with Backstory in Balham on a 'Refugee Tales' book launch in June 2024 <sup>3</sup> and Hope in the Heart on the HeART of Sanctuary Project which took place from March 2024 to March 2025 at Battersea Arts Centre. <sup>4</sup>
	Raised awareness of local, national and international refugee and asylum seeker issues through a monthly newsletter which has over 655 subscribers and social media activity which reaches over 2437 supporters.

The charity trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.putneysw15.com/default.asp?section=info&page=confleuranderson116.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <https://backstory.london/blogs/my-bookshop>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.hopeintheheart.org/the-heart-of-sanctuary.html>



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bank Interest	11	-	-	11	15
One-off donations	2,291	-	-	2,291	1,332
Recurring donations	766	-	-	766	808
Fundraising on behalf of partners	-	-	-	-	163
Grants	-	-	-	-	14,300
Sales	-	-	-	-	79
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>16,697</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>16,697</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank fees	60	-	-	60	60
Insurance	99	-	-	99	99
Software	474	-	-	474	189
Printing and Merchandise	245	-	-	245	267
Website	540	-	-	540	-
Project Delivery	-	9,348	-	9,348	930
Direct Support Items	34	-	-	34	-
Events	120	-	-	120	184
Pass through donations to partners	-	-	-	-	4,163
Travel	-	-	-	-	91
Miscellaneous (rounding correction)	- 1	-	-	- 1	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>9,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,984</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>9,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,984</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>- 9,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 7,850</b>	<b>10,713</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

A6 Cash funds last year end	2,871	10,163	-	13,035	2,322
Cash funds this year end	4,369	816	-	5,185	13,035


## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	4,369	816	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

**B5 Liabilities**

Establishing Sanctuary Project - Project Costs	Establishing Sanctuary in	10,000	30/04/2024
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Grethe Gullborg Schepers	30/01/2026

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On 21st January 2024, Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees held its inaugural away day which brought together the volunteer committee, trustees, and people in Wandsworth with lived experience to review and refresh the charity’s strategic activity plan.

Financial overview

With the second year of operation as a financial entity, we have held healthy financial reserves at the end of the financial year. No fund is in material deficit and future planned expenditure can all be met by recurring monthly unrestricted donations. Our reserves statement is that all funds are carried forward as reserves if less than £5,000. If greater than £5,000 to be brought to the Committee for discussion.

During this financial year, Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees secured two grants; £4,000 from the Church Urban Fund, £10,000 from Wandsworth Borough of Sanctuary Community Fund; the former to support community initiatives to welcome and support sanctuary seekers accommodated within the borough, and the latter to increase the volume of Wandsworth organisations interested in becoming places of Sanctuary.

An anonymous donation of £500 was received within the previous financial year, however cleared within this financial year and our financial return reflects this donations declaration in the 22/23 FY reporting year.

Public benefit statement

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In order to carry out the CIO’s charitable purposes for the public benefit, during the year Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees has carried out the following activities:

<b>Object</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>1</b>	Led the assessment and accreditation of Tara Theatre, which was awarded Sanctuary status in June 2023, making it the first theatre of sanctuary in Wandsworth. <sup>1</sup>
	Supported Wandsworth Council’s pledge to become a Borough of Sanctuary through regular attendance at the Wandsworth Migration Forum and organising two ‘Establishing Sanctuary in Wandsworth’ workshops in March 2024 in Tooting and Putney. The workshops were attended by over 30 diverse organisations, including advice centres, theatres, faith groups, shops, gardens, sporting facilities, cafés and community networks.
<b>2</b>	Supported asylum seekers in Home Office accommodation in Putney from March 2023 - February 2024 by organising welcoming initiatives and collaborating with Putney Library, Putney Arts Theatre, and Putney Methodist Church to deliver regular cultural and educational activities. This included organising a visit to Kew Gardens in February 2024 for a group of refugee women following the closure of the hotel.

<sup>1</sup> <https://taratheatre.com/news/tara-theatre-achieves-status-as-an-official-theatre-of-sanctuary/>

	Donated two new sewing machines in August 2023 for local sanctuary sewing and craft activities and collaborated with Liberty London who gave tours of their design studios to refugees and asylum seekers in March 2024, including those who made a quilt which was the first work to be secured by Liberty's Equalities Team for their archive.
<b>3</b>	Organised an art exhibition at Sprout Arts for Refugee Week in June 2023, on the theme of Compassion, raising awareness across the Borough. The exhibition attracted over 300 visitors and more than 40% of the 50 works in the exhibition were by asylum seekers, refugees and those working directly with people seeking sanctuary. <sup>2</sup>
	Raised awareness of local, national and international refugee and asylum seeker issues through a monthly newsletter which has over 650 subscribers and social media activity which reaches over 2300 supporters.

The charity trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.wandsworthfringe.com/news-and-opportunities/compassion-WYR-review>



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bank Interest	15	-	-	15	1
One-off donations	1,332	-	-	1,332	2,120
Recurring donations	808	-	-	808	442
Fundraising on behalf of partners	-	163	-	163	75
Grants	-	14,300	-	14,300	-
Sales	79	-	-	79	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>14,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,697</b>	<b>2,638</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>14,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,697</b>	<b>2,638</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank fees	60	-	-	60	35
Insurance	99	-	-	99	99
Software	189	-	-	189	101
Printed materials	267	-	-	267	6
Pass through donations to partners	163	4,000	-	4,163	75
Project Delivery	630	300	-	930	-
Travel	91	-	-	91	-
Events	184	-	-	184	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,984</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,713</b>	<b>2,322</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,035</b>	<b>2,322</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
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**B1 Cash funds**

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash at bank	2,871	10,163	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Establishing Sanctuary Project - Project Costs	Establishing Sanctuary in	10,000	30/04/2024
		-	
		-	
		-	

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Such a resolution shall be effective provided that a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent, at or as near as reasonably practicable to the same time, to all of the charity trustees; and the majority of all of the charity trustees has signified agreement to the resolution in a document or documents which has or have been authenticated by their signature, by a statement of their identity accompanying the document or documents, or in such other manner as the charity trustees have previously resolved, and delivered to the CIO at its principal office or such other place as the trustees may resolve within 28 days of the circulation date.

## Financial overview

With the first year of operation as a financial entity, we have held healthy financial reserves at the end of the financial year. No fund is in material deficit and future planned expenditure can all be met by recurring monthly unrestricted donations. Our reserves statement is that all funds are carried forward as reserves if less than £5,000. If greater than £5,000 to be brought to the Committee for discussion.

## Public benefit statement

The objects of Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees are:

1. 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 Wandsworth their home.
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people in Wandsworth from becoming socially excluded, and relieving the needs of those people within Wandsworth who are socially excluded by reason of their refugee or asylum seeker status and assisting them to integrate into society.
3. To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

In order to carry out the CIO's charitable purposes for the public benefit, during the year Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees has carried out the following activities:

Object	Activity
1	Led the assessment and accreditation of Oxfam Tooting, which was awarded Sanctuary status in January 2023, making it the first shop of sanctuary in Wandsworth. <sup>1</sup>
	Played a key role in Wandsworth Council's pledge to become a Borough of Sanctuary including through membership of the Wandsworth Migration Forum and influencing the development of Wandsworth Council's Sanctuary Strategy. <sup>2</sup>
	Supported Wandsworth Libraries' borough-wide pledge to become Libraries of Sanctuary.
	Led on signposting and promotion of partner organisations including publishing a directory which aims to help refugees, asylum seekers and resettled people find local support and facilities. <sup>3</sup>
2	Refurbished 35 donated bikes for distribution to local refugees and asylum seekers to enable them to access food banks, legal advice, healthcare, and education.
	Reset 72 donated digital devices for distribution to local refugees and asylum seekers to enable them to make GP appointments, contact official helplines, and access education including online English lessons. <sup>4</sup>
3	Organised events for Refugee Week in June 2022 which were attended by over 50 people including an event focused on wellbeing and healing at the Home Community Café (which was awarded café of Sanctuary status in March 2022). <sup>5</sup>
	Raised awareness of local, national and international refugee and asylum seeker issues through a monthly newsletter which has over 600 subscribers and social media activity which reaches over 2000 supporters.

The charity trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees was recognised at the Tooting Heroes Awards in June 2022 and the Balham & Tooting Community Awards in March 2023 and won a Wandsworth Council Civic Award in November 2022.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wandsworthwelcomesrefugees.org/post/oxfam-tooting-and-the-sewing-room>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/2022-news/news-july-2022/wandsworth-to-become-a-borough-of-sanctuary-for-refugees/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.wandsworthwelcomesrefugees.org/post/new-resource-to-help-refugees-find-local-support>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.wandsworthwelcomesrefugees.org/post/tech-appeal-thank-you-for-donating>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.wandsworthwelcomesrefugees.org/post/building-sanctuaries-in-wandsworth>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/2022-news/news-november-2022/wandsworth-civic-award-winners-announced/>



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	7/1/2022	To	3/31/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bank Interest	1	-	-	1	-
Large one-off donations	2,120	-	-	2,120	-
Recurring donations	442	-	-	442	-
Fundraising on behalf of partners	-	75	-	75	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank fees	35	-	-	35	-
Insurance	99	-	-	99	-
Software	101	-	-	101	-

Printed materials	6	-	-	6	-
Pass through donations to partners	-	75	-	75	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	2,322	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b> to nearest £	<b>Restricted funds</b> to nearest £	<b>Endowment funds</b> to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	None		-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Florence Andrews	Florence Andrews	18/4/23
Sam Robins	Sam Robins	19/04/23