

UKRAINE TO CHILTERNS CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1200220

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-08-31

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF UKRAINIANS GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS UNDER THE HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME AND THEIR HOSTS IN PRINCES RISBOROUGH, LOOSLEY ROW, LACEY GREEN, SPEEN AND OTHER NEARBY VILLAGES IN THE SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CHILTERNs AREA, BY THE PROVISION OF PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, ADVICE AND SUPPORT.THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN THIS COUNTRY UNDER THE HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME.

Activities: The charity provides support and information for both Ukrainian refugees and their host families by way of meetings and online information. Activities are facilitated to ensure Ukrainians can settle in the UK such as English lessons and the opportunities for English conversation. Ukrainians are assisted to establish their own means of providing for their families through work.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£7,463	£12,232	-	-
2025-03-31	£4,129	£6,083	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,585	£11,253	-	-
2023-03-31	£15,032	£9,080	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Louisa Hamilton Spearing	Chair	2022-08-31
Caroline Gulliver		2022-08-31
Dr Elizabeth Wager		2025-10-30
Elizabeth Juliet Gresham Thomas-Davies		2022-08-31
Nataliia Zagrebelna		2025-02-20
Olena Boboshko-Harbuz		2024-10-02
Tatiana Tverdokhlibova		2025-10-30
Timothy Ian Halliday		2025-10-30

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees:

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Mrs Olena Boboshko-Harbus
Mrs Caroline Gulliver (Treasurer)
Rev Susan Claire Hughes
Mrs Marie Louise Morley
Mrs Elizabeth Thomas-Davies
Mrs Nataliia Zagrebelna

Bankers: National Westminster

Website: ukraine2chilterns.com

Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees presents its Trustees' Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Aims and Objectives

The objects of the Charity are twofold:

- To relieve the needs of Ukrainians granted refugee status under the Homes for Ukraine scheme and their hosts in Princes Risborough, Loosley Row, Lacey Green, Speen and other nearby villages in the South Buckinghamshire Chilterns area, by the provision of practical and financial assistance, advice and support.
- The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who are Ukrainian refugees in this country under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Review of achievements

As we mark the third anniversary of the Ukraine to Chilterns charity, we reflect on a year of continued support, creativity, and community resilience. Our mission to help Ukrainian refugees and their host families in Buckinghamshire and the Chilterns remains as vital as ever, and our network of volunteers, partners, and supporters continues to grow.

On 23 February 2025, we gathered for a moving service at St Mary's Church to commemorate the third anniversary of the conflict and our Charity's founding. The event brought together guests, hosts, and supporters to reflect, remember, and renew our commitment to supporting those affected by the ongoing war.

Regular Activities and Support

Creative Conversation Meetings

Our monthly Creative Conversation sessions at The Dairy, Culverton Farm, have become a cornerstone of our community, offering a welcoming space for Ukrainians and locals to connect through art, language, and shared experiences. These meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month, from 1–3pm.

Maker and Fixer Workshops

On the third Sunday of every month, also at The Dairy, we host Maker and Fixer sessions. These hands-on gatherings bring together people of all ages to build, repair, and create—strengthening practical skills and friendships alike.

Fireside Chat & Cultural Presentations

We were delighted to partner with the Chiltern Open Air Museum for a fireside chat and presentation exploring different cultures and what they mean to those now living in England. We also supported the production of a short Ukrainian film and held the premier at Pinewood Studios. These events have helped foster understanding, celebrate diversity, and share personal stories within our wider community.

Practical Help and Guidance

We have extended our Trustees to include two of our Ukrainian guests. We feel strongly that they should have an active say in how we manage this, their charity. Their knowledge of the most pressing issues affecting Ukrainians and how we can best support them is invaluable.

Visa Extensions and Support

This year, we have provided significant assistance to families navigating the complex process of extending visas. Our team has offered guidance, information, and hands-on help to ensure that Ukrainian guests can remain safe and settled in the UK.

Signposting and Information

We offer up-to-date information and signposting to services, helping families access education, healthcare, employment, and other essential support. To aid in this we are working on improving our current website to make it more accessible.

Clothes Barn

Our Clothes Barn, run by a team of volunteers, continues to provide essential clothing and supplies to families in need, ensuring that everyone has access to seasonal and suitable attire. The barn, use of which is generously donated free of charge, provides a space for donated and new items of clothing to be collected, tried on and distributed among Ukrainian families.

Financial Support: Grants and Opportunities

Educational and Extracurricular Grants

We have awarded grants to help children access educational resources and extracurricular activities, supporting their learning, wellbeing, and integration into local schools and clubs. We have also continued to offer 'moving on' grants to our adult Ukrainian community.

Short Film Project

A highlight of the year was helping a group of young Ukrainians bring their short film to market, culminating in a premiere at Pinewood Studios. This project showcased their talent and resilience, and gave our community a powerful platform for storytelling.

Family Activities and Social Events

Kop Hill Climb & Soap Box Challenge

At the Kop Hill Climb event, the soap box challenge - including months of building and a weekend of racing, is always a huge success—bringing together Ukrainian and English families for teamwork, creativity, and fun.

Financial Review

The overall result for the year ended 31 March 2025 was a deficit on the general fund of £1,507. Income was achieved through a combination of grants, donations and gift aid claims, and we are immensely grateful to all who have supported us.

Expenditure has largely been by way of grants, both for Under 18s and adults as noted above.

Unrestricted funds at 31 March 2025 amounted to £8,452 with a further £878 being held in the restricted fund. All funds are held at National Westminster Bank.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £1,000. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that welfare support and governance costs can be covered.

Looking Ahead

The need for our support remains as pressing as ever, with the war in Ukraine continuing and families facing ongoing challenges. We are proud of the strong, supportive community we have built together, and we remain committed to providing practical help, creative opportunities, and a warm welcome to all.

We are deeply grateful to our trustees, volunteers, donors, and partners—your generosity and dedication make everything we do possible.

For more information, to get involved, or to support our work, please visit our website or contact us directly.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document: The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation registered as a charity on 31 August 2022 and governed by its Constitution.

Charity Trustees:

The Trustees who held office at the end of the year under review are set out page 3.

The first charity Trustees, appointed on 31 August 2022, and their periods of appointment were as follows:

Mrs Louisa Spearing (Chair)	4 years
Mrs Louise Brooks-Usher (Secretary)	4 years
Mrs Catherine Collet-Fenson	3 years
Mrs Caroline Gulliver (Treasurer)	3 years
Mrs Elizabeth Thomas-Davies	2 years
His Honour Christopher Tyrer DL	2 years

- Mrs Louise Brooks-Usher resigned as a Trustee on 21 November 2024.
- His Honour Christopher Tyrer DL was reappointed as a Trustee on 31 August 2024 and resigned as a Trustee on 20 February 2025.
- Mrs Elizabeth Thomas-Davies was reappointed as a Trustee on 31 August 2024 for a period of 3 years. Mrs Catherine Collet-Fenson resigned as a Trustee following the conclusion of her term of office on 30 August 2025.
- Mrs Caroline Gulliver was reappointed as a Trustee on 31 August 2025 for a period of 3 years

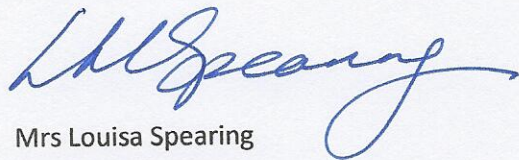
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- Mrs Ola Cross and Mrs Marie Louise Morley were appointed at a meeting of the Trustees on 3 November 2022 for a period of 3 years. Mrs Ola Cross resigned as a Trustee on 30 September 2024.
- Mrs Olena Boboshko-Harbuz was appointed at a meeting of the Trustees on 2 October 2024 for a period of 3 years.

- Mrs Nataliia Zagrebelna and Rev Susan Hughes were appointed at a meeting of the Trustees on 20 February 2025 for a period of 3 years.

The Trustees consider themselves as comprising the key management personnel of the Charity in charge of directing and controlling its activities and running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

The Trustees consider that neither an audit nor an independent examination is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 as the gross income of the charity is less than £25,000.



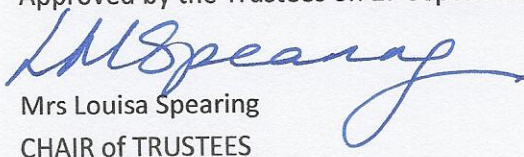
Mrs Louisa Spearing
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

Ukraine to Chilterns Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Year ended 31 March 2025			Year ended 31 March 2024		
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	1,000	-	1,000	5,700	7,200	12,900
Donations	866	1,328	2,194	1,887	-	1,887
Fundraising	-	-	-	1,671	-	1,671
Gift Aid	800	-	800	-	-	-
Interest	135	-	135	127	-	127
	<u>2,801</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>4,129</u>	<u>9,385</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>16,585</u>
Payments						
Individual grants	3,560	1,775	5,335	2,335	6,030	8,365
Entertainment	500	-	500	421	-	421
Gifts	-	-	-	222	-	222
Goods and services	174	-	174	635	1,200	1,835
Ukrainian business support	74	-	74	60	-	60
Clothes barn	-	-	-	3	-	3
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	347	-	347
	<u>4,308</u>	<u>1,775</u>	<u>6,083</u>	<u>4,023</u>	<u>7,230</u>	<u>11,253</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>(1,507)</u>	<u>(447)</u>	<u>(1,954)</u>	<u>5,362</u>	<u>(30)</u>	<u>5,332</u>
Transfer between funds	75	(75)	-	(430)	430	-
Net funds at 1 April	<u>9,884</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>11,284</u>	<u>4,952</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,952</u>
Net Funds at 31 March	<u>8,452</u>	<u>878</u>	<u>9,330</u>	<u>9,884</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>11,284</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 17 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Mrs Louisa Spearing
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

Ukraine to Chilterns Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Statement of Asset and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Monetary Assets			
NatWest Business Current account	1,141	-	1,141
NatWest Business Reserve account	7,311	205	7,516
Other monetary assets	-	673	673
TOTAL	8,452	878	9,330

Statement of Asset and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Monetary Assets			
NatWest Business Current account	903	-	903
NatWest Business Reserve account	8,981	1,400	10,381
TOTAL	9,884	1,400	11,284

Ukraine to Chilterns Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the Constitution.

The movement in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Film Night proceeds	-	878	-		878
NARIC certificate	-	450	(450)	-	-
Independent Living	400		(400)	-	-
TESOL Qualification	1,000		(925)	(75)	-
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,328</u>	<u>(1,775)</u>	<u>(75)</u>	<u>878</u>

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3. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions at 31 March 2025 (2024: None)

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Review of achievements

Our area represents the second largest group of sponsors and their Ukrainian guests in Buckinghamshire. As the war in Ukraine entered its second year, one of the major issues facing the charity was that of finding alternative accommodation for families who need to move elsewhere after their initial hosting period came to an end. A lack of available rental properties combined with the long waiting list for social housing continues to make this a significant challenge. We have worked hard to either re-match our guests with new hosts or to support guests to greater financial and personal independence.

Welfare

The charity has worked with the community to co-ordinate the provision of welfare

Education: Many of our local schools have taken Ukrainian children into their classrooms and are providing English language support and a solid education to these young people. The children are rising to the challenges that learning in a new language poses for them and their English continues to improve immeasurably.

Clothing: The Clothes Barn, run by a team of volunteers, continues to be a terrific success. The barn, use of which is generously donated free of charge, provides a space for donated and new items of clothing to be collected, tried on and distributed among Ukrainian families.

Summer holidays: For a second year, The Beacon School, along with Super Camps provided 30 of our Ukrainian children from ages 5-12 with two weeks of activities and fun in the 2023 summer holidays. The children enjoyed swimming, water fights, play and nature walks, while allowing their parents to continue to work. Ukraine to Chilterns have presented a commemorative artwork to the school, acknowledging their outstanding support of Ukrainian child refugees.

The Mothers Union sponsored an amazing day of 'Go Ape' fun at Wendover Woods in which over 15 families took part. A day trip to Cliveden was also well attended. Motts coaches generously supplied

transport and Cliveden offered a chance for the guests to see a fascinating part of English heritage, as well as an opportunity to take in the views of the beautiful Thames Valley and surrounding Chiltern

Vigil: On the 24th of February, the charity marked the second year of war in Ukraine with a memorial service at St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough. It was truly heartwarming to welcome over 200 local people and Ukrainian guests to the service and, later, to a 'bring and share' reception at St Mary's Church Hall. The mood was sombre, as one would expect, but the service was beautiful all the same. A welcome was offered by Reverend Canon, David Williams and Andy Ball, Town Mayor and Councillor, spoke, offering words of support from the town community. Prayers of Peace and Hope were offered by Reverend Canon, Tony Bundock and, after a minute's silence, the Ukrainian Guests sang their National Anthem. One of our Ukrainian guests gave a generous speech of thanks and highlighted the guests sincere gratitude to the British community here, in providing a sanctuary and welcoming our guests with kindness and love.

Financial Support

Financial support has been offered by the award of Independence grants either to support Ukrainians in moving into and furnishing independent accommodation or in seeking to establish their own businesses. Assistance has also been awarded to allow Ukrainian children to pursue interests such as drama classes and theatre trips.

Financial Review

The charity was established in the Spring of 2022 following the announcement of the governments Homes for Ukraine Scheme with being funds raised and distributed. The charity was registered with the Charities Commission on 31 August 2022. The accounts represent the year ended 31 March 2023 with the comparative amounts representing the period from the date of registration to the Charity's first financial year end, 31 March 2023. Amounts transferred in from activities prior to incorporation are analysed in a note to the accounts for information.

The overall result for the period was a surplus on the general fund of £4,952. Income was achieved through a combination of grants, donations and fundraising and we are immensely grateful to all who have supported us. Significant fundraising events included a golf day, a barn dance and an art exhibition and auction.

We have forged strong links with many of the local community groups and are especially grateful to The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough and Bucks County Council.

Numerous donations from individuals and groups have been received. In addition, a donation of £1,160 was made to cover a shortfall in rental expenditure for one Ukrainian family and this amount is accordingly restricted to those rental payments.

Amounts raised have been utilised for Independence Grants, welfare events and business support.

Unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023 amounted to £9,884 with a further £1,400 being held in the restricted fund. All funds are held at National Westminster Bank.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £1,000. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that welfare support and governance costs can be covered.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue to support guests to greater financial and personal independence and to continue with all the other welfare activities outlined above subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Mrs Louisa Spearing
CHAIR of TRUSTEES



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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Year ended 31 March 2024			31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023		
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Grants	5,700	7,200	12,900	2,377	-	2,377
Donations	1,887		1,887	4,179	1,160	5,339
Fundraising	1,671	-	1,671	672	-	672
Interest	127	-	127	4	-	4
	<u>9,385</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>16,585</u>	<u>7,232</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>8,392</u>
Payments						
Individual grants	2,335	6,030	8,365	3,550	160	3,710
Entertainment	421	-	421	1,158	-	1,158
Gifts	222	-	222	1,277	-	1,277
Goods and services	635	1,200	1,835	1,394	-	1,394
Ukrainian business support	60	-	60	442	-	442
Clothes barn	3	-	3	1,081	-	1,081
Fundraising expenses	347	-	347	18	-	18
	<u>4,023</u>	<u>7,230</u>	<u>11,253</u>	<u>8,920</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>9,080</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>5,362</u>	<u>(30)</u>	<u>5,332</u>	<u>(1,688)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(688)</u>
Funds transferred on registration	-	-	-	6,640	-	6,640
Transfer between funds	(430)	430	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank 1 April	<u>4,952</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,952</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash at bank 31 March	<u>9,884</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>11,284</u>	<u>4,952</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,952</u>
Represented by:						
Cash at Bank			<u>11,284</u>			<u>5,952</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 5 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


Mrs Louisa Spearing
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

Ukraine to Chilterns Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Statement of Asset and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Monetary Assets			
NatWest Business Current account	903	-	903
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TOTAL	9,884	1,400	11,284

Statement of Asset and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Monetary Assets			
NatWest Business Current account	448	-	448
NatWest Business Reserve account	4,398	1,106	5,504
TOTAL	4,846	1,106	5,952

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Notes to the Accounts

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2. Funds

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The movement in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Rental payments	1,000	-	(1,430)	430	-
Creative Conversation	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Independent Living	-	5,000	(4,600)	-	400
TESOL Qualification	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
	1,000	7,200	(7,230)	430	1,400

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3. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions at 31 March 2024 (2023: None)

4. Funds transferred on registration comprise receipts and payments prior to the registration of the charity and comprised:

General Funds	
	£
RECEIPTS	
Grants	2,115
Donations	3,378
Fundraising	8,139
	13,632
Payments	
Individual grants	5,771
Clothes barn	512
Travel expenses	559
Gifts	150
	6,992
	6,640

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Review of achievements

Our area represents the second largest group of sponsors and their Ukrainian guests in Buckinghamshire, currently comprising over 100 host families and over 200 Ukrainian families and individuals, although this number is fluid as some guests return home and more arrive. The charity has raised funds for the purpose of ensuring the welfare of Ukrainian guests as well as providing financial support.

Welfare

The charity has worked with the community to co-ordinate the provision of welfare

Education: Many of our local schools have taken Ukrainian children into their classrooms and are providing English language support and a solid education to these young people. The children are rising to the challenges that learning in a new language poses for them and their English continues to improve immeasurably.

Bucks adult education is also providing free English conversation classes to adults on a weekly basis attended by over 40 Ukrainian adults.

Risborough Churches: St John's Church in Lacey Green has welcomed all Ukrainians at numerous special services, including a welcoming service and services on other significant days such as Christmas, Easter and Ukrainian independence day. These services include readings in both English and Ukrainian, Ukrainian songs and often the Ukrainian national anthem. St John's Church also provided space for the weekly adult education classes in its upper room.

Coffee mornings have been held weekly at St Theresa's Church, which also acted as a collection point for donated items, and also distributed welcome packs for all new arrivals.

Elim Church offered fellowship by way of 'pudding parties' and has also generously allowed its space to be used for weekly Creative Conversation classes (which provide an opportunity for fellowship and language acquisition whilst learning new crafts), as well as a hugely successful Ukrainian Christmas party.

Clothing: The Clothes Barn, run by a team of volunteers, has been a terrific success. The barn, use of which is generously donated free of charge, provides a space for donated and new items of clothing to be collected, tried on and distributed among Ukrainian families. The Princess Risborough Rotary Club generously funded the purchase of new items such as underwear, shoes and school uniform.

Summer holidays: The Beacon School, along with Super Camps provided Ukrainian children from ages 5-13 with two weeks of activities and fun in the 2022 summer holidays. The children enjoyed this immensely and English learning improved immeasurably. Trips to a variety of heritage sites were also arranged over the summer for families, with grateful thanks to volunteers and Motts Travel for the provision of coaches.

Vigil: The first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine was marked with a candlelight vigil in Duke Street Gardens Princes Risborough. Many attended to show solidarity alongside Ukrainian guests who, poignantly, sang in Ukrainian while messages of support and love were tied to a 'Garland of Hope'. The vigil was opened by the town mayor and attended by other dignitaries, faith leaders, the community of the town are many more besides, all wholeheartedly expressing their support for Ukraine.

Financial Support

Financial support was initially offered by way of a 'Safe Arrival Grant' allocated to each host family to help them settle their guests into their homes and the community and assist with incidental expenses of helping them with all necessary UK registrations.

With the passage of time, Ukrainians have strived to become more self-sufficient and 'Independence Grants' have been awarded, either to support Ukrainians in moving into and furnishing independent accommodation or in seeking to establish their own businesses.

Financial Review

The charity was established in the Spring of 2022 following the announcement of the governments Homes for Ukraine Scheme with being funds raised and distributed. The charity was registered with the Charities Commission on 31 August 2022. Accordingly, the accounts are prepared for the period from the date of registration to its first financial year end, 31 March 2023. Amounts transferred in from activities prior to incorporation are analysed in a note to the accounts for information.

The overall result for the period was a surplus on the general fund of £4,952. Income was achieved through a combination of grants, donations and fundraising and we are immensely grateful to all who have supported us. Significant fundraising events included a golf day, a barn dance and an art exhibition and auction.

We have forged strong links with many of the local community groups and are especially grateful to The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough and Bucks County Council.

Numerous donations from individuals and groups have been received. In addition, a donation of £1,160 was made to cover a shortfall in rental expenditure for one Ukrainian family and this amount is accordingly restricted to those rental payments.

Amounts raised have been utilised for Independence Grants, welfare events and business support.

Unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023 amounted to £4,952 with a further £1,000 being held in the restricted fund. All funds are held at National Westminster Bank.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds of at least £1,000. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that welfare support and governance costs can be covered.

Plans for future periods

One of the major issues facing the charity is that of finding alternative accommodation for families who need to move elsewhere after their initial hosting period comes to an end. A lack of available rental properties combined with the long waiting list for social housing makes this a significant challenge. One solution is to re-match our guests with new hosts. The benefits are clear and we will continue to actively work on this. We will also continue to support guests to greater financial and personal independence.

The charity plans to continue with all the other welfare activities outlined above subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document: The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation registered as a charity on 31 August 2022 and governed by its Constitution.

Charity Trustees:

The first charity Trustees and their periods of appointment are as follows:

Mrs Louisa Spearing (Chair)	4 years
Mrs Louise Brooks-Usher (Secretary)	4 years
Mrs Catherine Collet-Fenson	3 years
Mrs Caroline Gulliver (Treasurer)	3 years
Mrs Elizabeth Thomas-Davies	2 years
His Honour Christopher Tyrer DL	2 years

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees having regard to skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the CIO. New trustees serve for a period of three years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. Mrs Ola Cross and Mrs Marie Louise Morley were appointed at a meeting of the Trustees on 3 November 2022 for a period of 3 years.

The Trustees consider themselves as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling its activities and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

The Trustees consider that neither an audit nor an independent examination is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 as the gross income of the charity is less than £25,000.

Mrs Louisa Spearing
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

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Receipts and Payments Account

for the period from 31 August 2022 (date of registration) to 31 March 2023

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Grants	2,377	-	2,377
Donations	4,179	1,160	5,339
Fundraising	672	-	672
Interest	4	-	4
	7,232	1,160	8,392
Payments			
Individual grants	3,550	160	3,710
Entertainment	1,158	-	1,158
Gifts	1,277	-	1,277
Goods and services	1,394	-	1,394
Ukrainian business support	442	-	442
Clothes barn	1,081	-	1,081
Fundraising expenses	18	-	18
	8,920	160	9,080
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,688)	1,000	(688)
Funds transferred on registration	6,640	-	6,640
Balance at 31 March 2023	4,952	1,000	5,952
Represented by:			
Cash at Bank			5,952

Approved by the Trustees on 27 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Louisa Spearing
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

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Statement of Asset and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Monetary Assets			
NatWest Business Current account	448	-	448
NatWest Business Reserve account	4,398	1,106	5,504
TOTAL	4,846	1,106	5,952

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the Constitution. There is a single restricted fund, relating to a donation to be used for rental payments of an individual Ukrainian to supplement an Independence Grant made by the charity.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, create a fund for a specific purpose. There are currently no designated funds.

3. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions at 31 March 2023

4. Funds transferred on registration comprise receipts and payments prior to the registration of the charity and comprised:

	General Funds
	£
RECEIPTS	
Grants	2,115
Donations	3,378
Fundraising	8,139
	13,632
 Payments	
Individual grants	5,771
Clothes barn	512
Travel expenses	559
Gifts	150
	6,992
	6,640