

**Ukraine to Chilterns
Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

Annual Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity Number 1200220

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Ukraine to Chilterns Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity registration number: 1200220

Registered Office:

Green Pastures
Lower Road
Loosley Row
Princes Risborough
Buckinghamshire
HP27 0PF

Trustees:

Mrs Louisa Spearing (Chair)
Mrs Louise Brooks-Usher (Secretary)
Mrs Catherine Collet-Fenson
Mrs Ola Cross
Mrs Caroline Gulliver (Treasurer)
Mrs Marie Louise Morley
Mrs Elizabeth Thomas-Davies
His Honour Christopher Tyrer DL

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 2024. 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

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

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 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

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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

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.

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

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 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