

CHILTERN WELCOMES

England & Wales · Charity number 1200328

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-09-12

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE GRANTED AND SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN THE CHILTERN HILLS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE GRANTED AND SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY.(3) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ON ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM.

Activities: The main objective of Chiltern Welcomes is to work with local authority and relevant organisations to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers have access to, and are provided with, the appropriate services, in the Amersham and Chesham area of the Chilterns, South Buckinghamshire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,904	£1,623	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,081	£450	-	-
2023-03-31	£466	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbra Georgellis		2021-12-16
Mark Andrew Roberts		2021-12-16
Nozomi Okuyama		2021-12-16

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	06	April	2024r	To	05	April	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Chiltern Welcomes

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1200328

Charity's principal address

5th Floor
 167-169 Great Portland Street
 London
Postcode **W1W5PF**

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	Mark Roberts			
2	Nozomi Okuyama			
3	Clare Freeman		Resigned May 2024	
4	Barbra Georgellis			
5	Michele Christensen			
6	Lindsey Powell		Resigned June 2024	
7	Sejal Sachdev		Appointed August 2024	
8	Maura Brady		Appointed August 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	<i>Constitution</i>
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	<i>CIO-Foundation</i>
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<i>Appointed by existing trustees</i>

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p><i>Policies in Place:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Volunteer</i> <i>Safeguarding (plus training for all)</i> <i>Bullying and Harassment</i> <i>Code of Conduct</i> <i>Complaints</i> <i>Concern Register</i> <i>Data Protection</i> <i>Digital Safety</i> <i>Equality Diversity and inclusion</i> <i>Fundraising</i> <i>Health and Safety</i> <i>Lone Working Policy and Log</i> <i>Policies Overview</i> <i>Recruitment of ex-offenders policy</i>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: (1) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE GRANTED AND SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN THE CHILTERN HILLS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. (2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE GRANTED AND SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY. (3) TO ADVANCE THE

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Main activities for financial year 24/25

Raffle – Collected goods/prizes and sold tickets to raise funds. Had a stall at the local market to raise awareness and sell tickets. Winners drawn at Refugee week event. Raised approx. £1000 for Chiltern Welcomes activities after costs. (Spring 2024)

Amersham Refugee Week Event: Helped organise event celebrating refugees in our local area and their stories. CW had a cake sale to fundraise with approx £350 raised. A refugee was hired as the photographer, allowing him to advertise his photography business and raise funds for his family. Raised awareness through our presence at the event, speaking to local people. Children's activities included games and craft activities. A representative from the Council joined the event and funded the craft activities. (June 2024)

Peace in the Park – Mainly focused on raising awareness and fostering compassion for refugee plight and refugee families housed in our local area. A small amount of CW funds raised through cake/food sales (under £100) but Syrian and Ukrainian refugees joined us to sell traditional foods to raise funds for their own families. Children's crafts drew in local people to find out more about the charity. (Sept 2024)

Film Night – Showed the film *Midnight Traveller*, a documentary made by an Afghan family, travelling across land to Europe. Filmed entirely on mobile phones. We also invited a former Afghan journalist targeted by the Taliban, now working for the BBC and living in the local area, to be our keynote speaker. She spoke about her life and journey as a refugee. Raised significant funds through ticket sales, Christmas card sales (handmade by a supporter) and sales of drinks that had been donated. A local Syrian family provided snack boxes with Syrian delicacies, which allowed them to earn some income for their family. We were pleased this event achieved numerous objectives – to raise awareness, fundraise and directly support a refugee families. Approx £600 was raised after costs. (Nov 2024)

Attempts to Source a local property – We spent considerable time and energy working with Bucks council to try to find a suitable property and bring a refugee family from Afghanistan into the local community. In this endeavour, we began working with Citizens UK, the organisation tasked by the UK government to help house Afghan resettlement refugees. Citizens UK processed all CW DBS checks and provided safeguarding training for our trustees and volunteers. Finding housing proved very difficult, due to high demand and low supply in the area driving up prices, despite fostering close links with local estate agents, A key objective of the charity, and the local council, is that any property sourced must be sustainable in light of the LHA rate, local job opportunities and wages. Achieving this proved very difficult and we lost several potential properties due to the lag between finding the property and being allocated a family by the Home Office.

When the council brought in a large Afghan family in February 2025 (housed in a council purchased property), our focus switched to helping this family settle into the local area, furnish their property and access local services.

Iftar dinner – a dinner was held at a local Lebanese restaurant for CW trustees, volunteers and the families we support. This was sponsored by a philanthropic donor and offered families the chance to feel part of a community. (March 2025)

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Family support

1) In October, we began to support a large Afghan family that had been housed in Princes Risborough. Provided support in furnishing their property sufficiently, accessing services and through donations of clothing for the children in particular. Throughout the year we provided a wide range of practical and emotional support for the family (in conjunction with the council and their case workers) including:

- Helping with food provision prior to the family being able to access universal benefit top-ups. Coordination with local food banks and direct donation of food goods.
- Organising Christmas gifts for the children through the Chiltern Toy Bank and decorations(with the family's permission)
- Sourcing a driving instructor and coordinating with him to provide driving lessons to the husband/father of the family. He needed to drive due to complex family issues and, eventually, a workplace that he could not access by public transport. We launched a specific appeal to 'sponsor a driving lesson' to raise funds for his lessons, theory and practical tests, in addition to using funds raised via the raffle and other events. We were pleased when he passed his test first time in May 2025.
- Sourcing a sewing machine, overlocker and material for the mother/wife. She was a seamstress back home, and this allowed her to sew for the family and potentially make handmade goods to sell.
- Helping the mother/wife access local English language lessons.
- Providing legal support and advice.

2) In February, we began to support a second family of 8, who were housed by the council in Chesham. The needs of this family were more complex due to the lack of English language skills and were in need of a wide range of furnishings/toys/clothing, practical support accessing local services, English language support and bikes for transportation.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Main Achievements in 2024-2025**

Continued raising of awareness about refugee issues amongst the local community through community events such as refugee week, Peace in the Park and film nights.

Came to the conclusion that it would be very difficult to source refugee accommodation ourselves due to high costs of local rent, making private rental unaffordable for families on UC and unsustainable in the long-term without a top up. Our focus was therefore better placed on supporting our existing families to integrate into the community, access the job market and learn English.

Providing concrete, practical support for two local refugee families.

Through regular visits to the families, Christmas activities and events such as the Iftar dinner. Through these events, we also helped the families begin to feel part of a community, knowing they had support they could call on when needed.

We raised funds to support the families. These funds allowed us to not only provide crucial necessities such as food packages on occasion but also allowed us to help one husband/father gain his driving license, essential for him to access the job market (and gain employment which would allow him to access UC top up) and help provide English lessons for the other family, amongst other things.

Provided opportunities for local refugees to earn some additional income for their families through the selling of homemade baked goods under the CW stall at Peace in the Park, Refugee Week and our Film night, as well as one refugee working as official CW photographer at Refugee Week.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves held in 2024-2025 tax year were the result of donations and fundraising. Our policy for reserves is to ensure we have sufficient funds in case of emergency needs of a local refugee family.

Formal reserve policy still to be written and approved.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We returned the philanthropist fund (£7500) this year, specifically earmarked for 6 months housing, which we had received in tax year 2023-2024.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funding come from fundraising events and donations direct to bank account and via CAF.

The expenses in 2024-2025 were administrative, including third party insurance, business card printing, and screening rights for our film night.

Section F

Other optional information


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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nozomi Okuyama	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	26 January 2026	



Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/24		05/04/25

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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	1,676	-	-	1,676
RAHMAN WASIM Wasim Donation	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising	2,228	-	-	2,228
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,904	-	-	3,904
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,904	-	-	3,904
A3 Payments				
Fundraising costs	294	-	-	294
Administration costs	266	-	-	266
RAHMAN WASIM Wasim Refund of Donation	-	7,500	-	7,500
Refugee support	1,063	-	-	1,063
	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,623	7,500	-	9,123
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,623	7,500	9,123 #	9,123
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,281 #	- 7,500 #	- 9,123	9,123 #
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,085	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,866	-	-	4,866 #

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	4,866	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	4,866	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	09	April	2023		05	April	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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6	John Christensen		Resigned 31/10/2023	
7	Lindsey Powell			
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Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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<p>Policies in Place:</p> <p>Volunteer Safeguarding (plus training for all) Bullying and Harassment Code of Conduct Complaints Concern Register Data Protection Digital Safety Equality Diversity and inclusion Fundraising Health and Safety Lone Working Policy and Log Policies Overview Recruitment of ex-offenders policy</p>

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Main activities for financial year 23/24 involved:

- Charity Launch – Speakers Dr Nooralhaq Nasimi MBE, director of Afghanistan and Central Asian Association & Laura Kyrke-Smith, Community Sponsorship Programme with Syrian family. 40+ attendees.
- Inaugural Amersham Refugee Week Event – Children’s activities including scavenger hunt featuring famous refugees, flags, colouring etc. Worked with other local organisations to plan the event and raised money for Care4Calais. We helped collect and display local refugee stories. A well-attended event, held in our local high street square.
- Lee Flower Show – Stall to raise awareness
- Peace in the Park, Chesham - Fundraising / awareness building via kites “Patungs for Peace”. Kite-making /decorating and flying them with local experts. Organised opportunity for local Syrian and Ukrainian refugee families to raise money for themselves and Chiltern Welcomes through selling savouries and sweet dishes from their own countries. Raising awareness by talking to attendees about refugee plight and our work. 1000+ attendees
- Film Night – Screened Ken Loach’s The Old Oak – Fundraising / awareness building. Sponsored Syrian family to provide snack boxes to attendees of traditional Syrian food. 70+ attendees

Other activities

- Working with Council - Liaised with Buckinghamshire Council from May 2023 with the aim of settling a family in the local area. The Council had pledged to house 32 Afghan families and imminent bridging hotels closures made the issue urgent. Secured the offer of a top up of rent (difference between housing allowance and market rate) for three years for three families by a local philanthropist. Began actively searching for appropriate local housing, fostering links with local estate agents. Secured a property in November which then fell through due to delays in the family allocation process. Proved difficult to secure housing in the local area due to high rents and high demand on rental properties. But the aim was to continue looking.
- Website renewal – Web designer recruited through Reach Volunteering in June - revamp of the website completed. Training completed for several trustees in maintaining website.
- Fundraising - Planning begun for fundraising via raffle to be held in June 2024 at Refugee week event. Ordered tickets and began collecting prizes from local businesses and organisations.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Achievements:

Raising awareness through participating in a variety of local events, highlighting the plight of refugees in the UK and abroad, as well as providing the public the opportunity to interact and support local refugee families.

Giving local refugee families the opportunity to raise income and share their culture and cuisine with the local community.

Establishing a good working relationship with the Local Authority Refugee Officer and agreeing working protocols.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All reserves held in 2023-2024 tax year were the result of donations, fundraising and a philanthropist fund specifically earmarked for 6 months' housing.

Our policy for reserves is to ensure we have sufficient funds in case of emergency needs of a local refugee family.

Our policy regarding the philanthropist funds was to agree a time frame after which we would return the funds, if they could not be deployed for the specified purpose. This money was returned after 9 months when we were unable to secure a property.

Formal reserve policy still to be written and approved.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information


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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06/04/23	To	Period end date 05/04/24
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	891	-	-	891
RAHMAN WASIM Wasim Rehman Housing	-	7,500	-	7,500
Fund Raising	1,690	-	-	1,690
Adjust opening balance 2023	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</i>	2,581	7,500	-	10,081
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	2,581	7,500	-	10,081
A3 Payments				
Fundraising costs	354	-	-	354
Insurance policy	96	-	-	96
	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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<i>Sub total</i>	450	-	-	450
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	450	-	-	450
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	2,131	7,500	-	9,631
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	454	-	-	454
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	2,585	7,500	-	10,085

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
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B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	10,085	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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3	Clare Freeman			
4	Barbra Georgellis			
5	Michele Christensen			
6	John Christensen			
7	Lindsey Powell		appointed 26/06/2022	
8	Catherine Bunting		resigned 01/02/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO-Foundation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p>Policies in Place:</p> <p>Volunteer Safeguarding (plus training for all) Bullying and Harassment Code of Conduct Complaints Concern Register Data Protection Digital Safety Equality Diversity and inclusion Fundraising Health and Safety Lone Working Policy and Log Policies Overview Recruitment of ex-offenders policy</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: (1) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST THOSE GRANTED AND SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LIVING (TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY) IN THE CHILTERN HILLS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. (2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THOSE GRANTED AND SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN NEED THEREOF SO AS TO ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY. (3) TO ADVANCE THE

EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ON ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM.

The main objective of Chiltern Welcomes is to work with local authority and relevant organisations to ensure that refugees and asylum seekers have access to, and are provided with, the appropriate services, in the Amersham and Chesham area of the Chilterns, South Buckinghamshire.

Chiltern Welcomes became a CIO on 12 Sept 2022

Main activities involved setting up and planning the launch of the charity.

Sept 2022-April 2023 was spent:

- completion of CIO registration
- dealing with administrative requirements for the charity, including setting up a bank account and registering with HMRC
- reaching out to organisations in our local community such as local estate agents to source housing and the local religious communities.
- setting up an email account and google drive for charity documentation
- creating a logo, website, Facebook group/page, information leaflets and business cards to provide information to the public, market the charity to the wider community and raise awareness of the plight of refugees in the UK and local area
- setting up a CAF donation account and QR code for donations

A significant amount of time was spent planning a launch event which took place on 27 April 2023.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main focus was setting up the charity and preparing for its launch (see above)

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All reserves held in 2022-2023 tax year were the result of initial donations provided by trustees. All expenses were covered by trustees.

Currently the charity has no policy for reserve but one will be written in the 2023-24 tax year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funding come from trustee donations direct to bank account and via CAF.

The only expenses in 2022-2023 were linked to initial set-up of the charity including website domain purchase, sim card purchase (for registration), business cards, etc. All of these were covered by trustees.

Section F Other optional information

As the charity was in its infancy, the major focus of trustee activity was initial set-up needs, creating public awareness of our existence and mission and the creation of necessary policies (e.g. safeguarding, volunteer, etc). We had not yet begun fundraising. However, a number of events were planned for 2023-2024, including a launch with distinguished speaker, participation Amersham Refugee Week Event and participation in Peace in the Park in Chesham. Activities planned to foster public awareness about our charity and its mission, refugees in our community, local refugee history, different cultures, famous refugees and their accomplishments, etc.

Our other objective was to try to source accommodation to house a refugee family. This is the greatest challenge due to shortage of housing in the area and the cost of housing vs housing benefit levels. Towards this aim, we began to make contact with local estate agents to let them know of our mission and encourage them to propose renting to a refugee family to landlords on their books.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start 12/09/22	To	Period end date 05/04/23
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
	466	-	-	466	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	466	-	-	466	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	466	-	-	466	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	466	-	-	466	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	466	-	-	466	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	466	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	466	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval