

**Walking With in North Tyneside**

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**CIO number 1202661**

**Trustees Report and Financial Statement  
for the year ending 31 March 2025**

## **Legal and Administrative Information**

Name: Walking With in North Tyneside

Registered Charity ( CIO ) number: 1202661

Trustees:        Martin Hood (Chair)  
                     Enid Gordon  
                     Valerie Jamieson  
                     Maureen Madden  
                     Malcolm Railton (treasurer to 11 February 2025, remains trustee)  
                     Robert Wylie  
                     Gwyn McKenzie  
                     Elizabeth Thompson  
                     Richard Mawer ( trustee and treasurer from 11 February 2025)

Address:        Church House  
                     Hugh Street  
                     Wallsend  
                     Tyne and Wear  
                     NE28 6RL

Bankers:        Unity Bank  
                     Nine Brindley Place  
                     Birmingham  
                     B1 2HB

Independent examiner:  
                     Alexander Robinson FCCA  
                     Essell Accountants Ltd.  
                     29 Howard Street  
                     North Shields  
                     Tyne and Wear  
                     NE30 1AR

## Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the, immediately following below, financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements and the requirements of the charity's governing document.

### Objectives and Activities

The Objectives of the charity are:

- The promotion of health and well-being, and the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking asylum in the United Kingdom, or who are refugees, and who reside in North Tyneside.
- The promotion of social inclusion and community integration for the public benefit among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
  - Such support as is necessary to increase the physical and emotional well-being of the client group;
  - Education and training in the English language;
  - Social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community;
  - Access to local and national support dedicated to the welfare of the asylum seeker and refugee community.
- The prevention or relief of poverty in North Tyneside by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need at the discretion of the trustees
- The three areas of work are grouped into three graphical pillars, illustrated in the full-page figure below:

## SUPPORT

- Re-settlement
- Food
- Clothes
- Health and schools
- Bikes
- Befriending linked to Host Nation
- Social support and drop-in
- Shared meal
- 121 support
- Signposting to relevant support - RISE/MEARS/Migrant Help/Red Cross etc

## EMPOWER

- A voice in the community
- Community Forums in the Walking With centre
- Campaigning - Lift the Ban / Anti-Refugee Bill
- Wellbeing / health / Fit and Well
- Employment (Education Development Trust and links with local employers) and work experience
- Volunteering roles (VODA, roles within the center and links to other organisations)
- Council of Sanctuary
- Engagement with other agencies

## EDUCATE

- Everyday English sessions
- Training for organisations about asylum issues
- Wellbeing knowledge
- Education bursaries
- University and college support
- Volunteer / staff training
- School of Sanctuary / Engagement with schools
- Raising awareness across the community

## Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees have control of the charity and its property and funds.

Trustees are elected for a period of three years. After this period Trustees are eligible for re-election for a further two periods of three years. The chair and treasurer are elected by the Board of Trustees from its membership. Periods of service for these officers are the same as for other Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has the following powers in the administration of the charity:

- To appoint honorary officers including chair and treasurer;
- To delegate any of their functions to sub-committees consisting of two or more persons appointed by the Board, and in which case at least one member of each sub-committee must be a Trustee, and proceedings of such sub-committee must be reported promptly to the Trustees;
- To make standing orders consistent with this charity's constitution to govern proceedings at meetings;
- To make rules consistent with this constitution about the Board of Trustees and sub-committees;
- To make regulations consistent with this constitution about the running of the charity, including the operation of bank accounts and the commitment of funds;
- To resolve or establish procedures to assist the resolution of disputes within the charity;
- To adopt procedures governing complaints and conduct.

## Risk Management

The Trustees believe that the following reserves should be held to allow necessary confidence for the continued financial stability of the charity:

- Designated funds and general reserves representing a minimum of three months of General Expenditure, including contracted services and salaries; and at least six months of rental costs

### **Walking With in North Tyneside Reserves Policy**

Definitions are drawn from the Charity Commission guidance:

'Reserves are that part of a charity's unrestricted funds that is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. The starting point for calculating the amount of reserves held is therefore the amount of unrestricted funds held by a charity. However, some or all of the unrestricted funds of a charity may not be readily available for spending. This is because spending those funds may adversely impact on the charity's ability to deliver its aims. The items that should be excluded from reserves are:

- tangible fixed assets used to carry out the charity's activities, such as land and buildings

- social investments
- designated funds set aside to meet essential future spending, such as funding a project that could not be met from future income
- commitments that have not been provided for as a liability in the accounts

### *Restricted funds*

Restricted funds fall outside the definition of reserves, but the nature and amount of such funds may have an impact on a charity's reserves policy. Where significant amounts are held as restricted funds the nature of the restriction should be considered, as such funds may reduce the need for reserves in particular areas of the charity's work.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-reserves-cc19/charities-and-reserves>  
[accessed June 2024]

The Trustees aim to have a secure funding stream for a year ahead to cover essential items/ core costs, and any additional projects.

As a minimum, Trustees aim to have funds in place which approximates to 3 months total running costs, but ensures that contractual obligations (including staff costs, rent and utilities) can be met, including - in the worst case scenario - of having to wind-up/ dissolve the charity.

Much of the core/ essential costs will be, at any one time, covered by restricted funds (from grant making bodies), or designated funds, which the charity has allocated to cover such costs. The balance of such funds and cash flow will be under constant review, at least at every Trustee Board meeting. The budget allows for 5% contingencies (unforeseen/ non-budgeted items)

The policy will be reviewed annually.

## Serious Matters or Incidents

The Trustees confirm that there were no serious matters or incidents to advise the Charity Commissioners during the year.

## Volunteers

Volunteers make a significant contribution to the work of Walking With. Their commitment and on-going support throughout the year is gratefully acknowledged by the Trustees.

All volunteers are appropriately trained, supported and supervised by our Operations Manager on an on-going basis. This post received funding from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. At the end of the year volunteers numbered 58 (including 22 service users). No monetary value is included in the accounts in relation to the unpaid services provided by volunteers, however we are indebted to the volunteers for their support that ensures the success of Walking With.

## Statement of Activities

Walking With in North Tyneside supports over 650 people in North Tyneside who have been displaced from their home countries. We support people who are seeking asylum here in the UK, and those who have been granted leave to remain and continue to live in this area as refugees. We support these service-users by providing:

welcome,  
food,  
clothing,

household items,  
English lessons and practice,  
social and sporting activities,  
signposting to other partners and services,  
and general supportive-advocacy, including opportunities to integrate with the local community,  
especially through work with local school becoming 'Schools of Sanctuary'.

Regular service-user community fora have enabled users to voice their needs and aspirations, and these comments continue to influence the type of provisions of support offered by the charity. Many service-users have been enabled to act as volunteers within the Walking With community, under supervision, bringing their lived experience to other service-users.

We have supportive partnerships with North Tyneside Council and the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (which then transitioned into the new Integrated Care System, ICS), as well as the local football club and other charitable organisations and grant-making bodies. Visits to schools and colleges, and some voluntary work-placement positions at the centre, have been enabled, as well meetings with the local MP. We are a key agent in supporting the developing of Schools of Sanctuary, locally, which includes exchange visits and sharing of experiences between service-users and local school-children.

We are indebted to the following funders who have supported our work during the year:

- Albany Furniture
- ASDA foundation
- Barbour Foundation
- Caro
- Comic Relief: Groundworks
- Community foundation
- Grassroots
- Greggs Foundation
- Hadrian Trust
- HAF Travel
- Hilden Charitable Trust
- Karbon Homes
- Lowes (Financial Advisers)
- Newcastle Building Society (Community Funding)
- NHS : Integrated Care System
- North Tyneside Council: Ukrainian Fund; Winter Support
- RC North East and Cumbria Region
- Ringtons Pantry Fund
- Screwfix
- The Squires Foundation
- The National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for All, and Reaching Communities Fund
- 29th May 1961 Trust

as well as many individuals and groups, including schools and churches.

In addition to the routine activities, indicated above, some highlights in the year were:

- Celebrating International Women's Day in Spring, and supporting Refugee Week in the Summer.
- Service users meeting local MPs Alan Campbell and Mary Glindon.
- We regularly host placement volunteers, from local schools/ colleges, which aids their learning about asylum and sanctuary.
- Ongoing expansion of schools registered as Schools of Sanctuary.
- Involvement with the 'we-are-all-from-somewhere' exhibition at the Baltic Art Centre.

[Inspected accounts are in the pages below]



**Walking With in North Tyneside**

**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Charity number 1202661**

**Legal & Administrative Information**

Trustees	Chair	Martin Hood
	Treasurer	Rev Malcolm Railton
	Members	Rev Enid Gordon Valerie Jamieson Gwyn McKenzie Maureen Madden Elizabeth Thompson Robert Wylie Dr Hamde Nazar (Appointed 10 April 2025) Richard Mawer (Appointed 11 February 2025)
	Address	Church House Hugh Street Wallsend Newcastle upon Tyne NE28 6RL
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	Independent Examiner	Mr Alexander Robinson FCCA Essell Accountants Ltd 29 Howard Street North Shields NE30 1AR

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Report to the  
trustees of**

**Walking With in North Tyneside**

**On accounts for the  
period ended**

**31-Mar-25 Charity no 1202661**

**Set out on pages**

**4 to 8**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under

**Independent  
examiner's  
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the

**Signed:**



**Date:** 03/12/2025

**Name:** Mr Alexander Robinson FCCA

**Address:** Essell Accountants Ltd  
29 Howard Street  
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**Statement of Financial Activities**

		Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>NOTES</b>				
Grants	3	0	129,213	129,213	101,177
Donations		25,219	0	25,219	14,677
Other Income		212	0	212	8,576
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>25,431</b>	<b>129,213</b>	<b>154,644</b>	<b>124,410</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries	4	(2,648)	95,153	92,505	85,384
Fundraising		181	60	241	228
Utility Costs		5,608	582	6,190	0
Travel & Entertainment		81	308	389	277
Telephone & Internet		187	1,248	1,434	1,613
Post, Stationery & IT		771	253	1,024	2,407
Accountancy	5	0	0	0	360
Insurance		1,471	0	1,471	1,388
Resources		1,104	19,455	20,559	16,764
Training		226	0	226	90
Refreshments		0	0	0	471
Professional fees		5,020	390	5,410	1,172
Premises expense		638	6,978	7,616	14,856
Office Equipment, fixtures & fittings		0	0	0	245
Hire & Lease		467	0	467	298
Bank Charges		286	0	286	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>13,392</b>	<b>124,426</b>	<b>137,818</b>	<b>125,547</b>
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>12,039</b>	<b>4,787</b>	<b>16,826</b>	<b>(1,128)</b>
Cash Funds at 01 April 2024		23,972	74,860	98,832	0
Transfer funds from Charity		0	0	0	99,960
Cash Funds at 31 March 2025		<b>36,011</b>	<b>79,647</b>	<b>115,658</b>	<b>98,832</b>

Walking With in North Tyneside

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Balance Sheet for the year end 31 March 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
	NOTES		
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank & in hand		115,809	100,837
Debtors	6	<u>200</u>	<u>22</u>
Total current assets		<u>116,009</u>	<u>100,859</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	350	2,026
Net Current Assets		115,659	98,833
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	7	0	0
Net Assets at 31 March		<u>115,659</u>	<u>98,833</u>
Represented by:-			
Restricted Funds	8	79,647	68,716
Unrestricted Funds		<u>36,012</u>	<u>30,117</u>
		<u>115,659</u>	<u>98,833</u>

Signed: M / Position: Chair  
MARTIN HOOD

Signed: J. Hought Position: Chief Executive officer  
JEAN HOULT

Date: 10-12-25

Walking With in North Tyneside

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number 1202661

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. Basis of Preparation

#### Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011

### 2. Accounting Policies

#### INCOME

##### Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

##### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

##### Tax reclaim on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

##### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### EXPENDITURE

##### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

##### Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

##### Pension Cost

The charity operates a defined contributions plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable

##### Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000 and are valued at cost

##### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

##### Short term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no interest rate which are receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any loss arising from impairment are recognised immediately in profit and loss.

##### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash in hand and current balances with banks or other institutions, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to insignificant risk of change in value.

3	Analysis of income	Restricted 2025	Unrestricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Grants	129,213	0	129,213	101,171
	Donations	0	25,219	25,219	14,671
	Other Income	0	212	212	8,576
		<u>129,213</u>	<u>25,431</u>	<u>154,644</u>	<u>124,418</u>

4	Trustees & Staff	2025	2024
	Total staff costs for the year		
	Salaries and wages	88,278	83,663
	Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	4,227	1,721
		<u>92,505</u>	<u>85,384</u>
	Average headcount in the year	2025	2024
	Charitable Activities	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

5. **Costs of financial services**  
The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £350.

6	Debtors and prepayments	2025	2024
	Debtors	200	0
	Prepayments	0	22
		<u>200</u>	<u>22</u>

7	Creditors and accruals	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling after more than one year	
		2025	2024	2025	2024
	Accruals	350	350	0	0
	Taxation & Social security	0	1,339	0	0
	Pension scheme	0	336	0	0
		<u>350</u>	<u>2,025</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8	Restricted Funds balances 31 March 2025	Balance at 01-Apr-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31-Mar-25
	Rent	8,353	0	0		8,353
	Greggs Foundation	3,343	20,000	(23,343)		0
	Food Fund	16,713	0	0		16,713
	Screwfix	1,034	0	0		1,034
	NHS ICS	16,767	0	(9,753)		7,014
	NTC Ukrainian Fund	8,024	0	0		8,024
	HAF Travel	122	0	0		122
	RC North East & Cumbria Region	11,181	0	0		11,181
	Ringtons Pantry Fund	4,761	0	(5,000)		(239)
	NTC Winter Support	1,890	0	0		1,890
	Lowes Finance	1,740	0	(626)		1,114
	Community Foundation	933	0	0		933
	Community Foundation - CARO	0	5,000	(5)		4,995
	Community Foundation - Grassroots	0	3,000	(3,000)		0
	29th May 1961	0	3,000	0		3,000
	ASDA Foundation	0	1,000	(1,000)		0
	Albany Furniture	0	300	(300)		0
	Barbour Foundation	0	2,000	(2,000)		0
	Groundwork - Comic Relief	0	2,500	(1,236)		1,264
	Hadrian Trust	0	1,000	(1,000)		0
	Hilden Charitable Fund	0	5,000	(5,000)		0
	Karbon Homes	0	300	0		300
	NL - Awards for All	0	19,578	(7,802)		11,776
	NL - Reaching Communities	0	66,535	(64,360)		2,175
		<u>74,860</u>	<u>129,213</u>	<u>(124,426)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79,647</u>

#### Restricted Funds balances 31 March 2024

	Balance at 01-Apr-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31-Mar-24
Rent	14,603	0	(6,250)		8,353
Greggs Foundation	2,192	20,000	(18,849)		3,343
Food Fund	(0)	20,066	(3,353)		16,713
Screwfix	1,304	0	(270)		1,034
NHS ICS	8,673	19,420	(11,326)		16,767
NTC Ukrainian Fund	8,274	0	(250)		8,024
HAF Travel	300	0	(178)		122
Grow and Eat	706	0	(706)		0
RC North East & Cumbria Region	0	32,751	(21,570)		11,181
Ringtons Pantry Fund	0	5,000	(239)		4,761
NTC Winter Support	0	2,000	(110)		1,890
Lowes Finance	0	2,000	(260)		1,740
Community Foundation	0	15,000	(14,067)		933
Community Food Support Group	0	7,000	(7,000)		0
	<u>36,051</u>	<u>123,237</u>	<u>(84,428)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,860</u>

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