



Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) Annual Return and Financial Statements For the period 9th August 2023 to 31st March 2024

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Structure and management

Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) started in November 2015 as a group of concerned local people, initially seeking to support Syrian refugees arriving in Richmond upon Thames through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. We have since broadened our support for sanctuary seekers from all countries, UK government refugee schemes, and people seeking asylum in and around the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Charitable status

Since becoming a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in August 2023, RWinR has operated with a Board of Trustees, together with one non-trustee board observer as our Nominated Safeguarding Lead. Our trustees carry out multiple roles, including administration, befriending, communications, liaison with the Council and other local organisations. The Board meets regularly every six to eight weeks and communicates regularly in between minuted meetings of the Board.

Governing documents, policies and procedures

RWinR operates according to its [Constitution](#), [Business Plan](#), and the public policies and procedures as detailed on the Charity Commission home page.

Board of Trustees

The RWinR Board of Trustees from 9th August 2023 to 31 March 2024 was chaired by **Valerie Booth** with **Susan Murray** as Vice Chair. Other trustees are listed in alphabetical order by surname:

1. **Alistair Blunt** (Housing Officer)
2. **Sarah Collett** (Events and Deputy Safeguarding Officer)
3. **Jon Fayle** (Outreach Officer)
4. **Alexis Hatto** (Admin and Comms Manager)
5. **Olga Pomazan** (Volunteer Manager)
6. **Juliet Thompson** (Treasurer)

Susan Attwood observed the Board as RWinR's Nominated Safeguarding Lead. **Marie-Louise Le Hur** also observed the Board as RWinR's Marketing and Social Media Officer.

Objectives and activities

Our main activities during the year include befriending approximately seven individual sanctuary seekers with varied support in relation to housing, asylum requests, access to legal advice and employment opportunities. We have run a weekly social hub for Ukrainians and other clients at the Vineyard Community Centre. We also operate two WhatsApp groups, one in Ukrainian for local refugees and the other in English for their sponsors.

We work closely with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames providing information and support for anyone arriving in the Borough in need of sanctuary.

The trustees have had regard to the [guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit](#).

For an overview of our latest impacts to date, please visit our website at: <https://refugeeswelcomeinrichmond.org/our-impacts/>

Financial statements

Review of financial position at the end of the period

RWinR has £3810 in cash at 31.3.2024 and the Trustees believe this is sufficient to carry out the charity's purposes in 2024/ 2025.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

RWinR holds reserves of £500 which is sufficient to cover one year's administration costs

Amount of reserves held

£500

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit

N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

N/A



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Refugees Welcome in Richmond CIO

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
9th August 2023

To

Period end date
31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	300	-	-	300	-
Bank interest	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	303	-	-	303	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	303	-	-	303	-
A3 Payments					
Material goods for sanctuary seekers	349	180	-	529	-
Interpretation/translation services		230	-	230	-
Events		274	-	274	-
Administration expenses	214		-	214	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	563	684	-	1,247	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	563	684	-	1,247	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 260	- 684	-	- 944	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds at 9th Aug 2023	2,148	1,904	-	4,052	-
Cash funds this year end	1,888	1,220	-	3,108	-

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	CAF Current Account	1,888	1,220	-
	(restricted fund is for Ukrainian refugees)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,888	1,220	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Valerie Booth Juliet Thompson	Valerie Booth Juliet Thompson	20/01/2025 20/01/2025