



# **Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) Annual Return and Financial Statements For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

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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. In order to fulfill our purposes more effectively we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 9th August 2023.

## **Charitable status**

Since becoming a CIO, RWinR has operated with a Board of Trustees, together with one non-trustee board observer as our Nominated Safeguarding Lead. The Board meets regularly every six to eight weeks and communicates regularly in between minuted meetings of the Board. Some of our trustees have additional roles delivering the work of the charity.

## Governing documents, policies and procedures

RWinR operates according to its [Constitution](#) and the public policies and procedures as detailed on the Charity Commission website.

## Board of Trustees

The RWinR Board of Trustees (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025) was chaired by:

- **Valerie Booth** (appointed 8 August 2023, resigned 20 January 2025)
- **Susan Murray** (appointed 20 January 2025)

With the role of vice chair held by:

- **Susan Murray** (appointed 8 August 2023, resigned 20 January 2025)
- **Alexis Hatto** (appointed 20 January 2025)

With the role of treasurer held by:

- **Juliet Thompson** (appointed 8 August 2023)

And the following trustees listed in alphabetical order by last name:

- **Alistair Blunt** (appointed 8 July 2024)
- **Sarah Collett** (appointed 8 August 2023)
- **Jon Fayle** (appointed 8 March 2024)
- **Alexis Hatto** (appointed 8 August 2023)
- **Olga Pomazan** (appointed 8 July 2024, resigned 4 November 2024)

**Susan Attwood** observed the Board as RWinR's Nominated Safeguarding Lead.

## Objectives and activities

The main purpose of RWinR is the promotion of social inclusion and improved well-being for the public benefit for sanctuary seekers in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and surrounding areas.

We aim to achieve the above by providing:

- a local befriending network that encourages and enables these individuals to participate more effectively with the wider community;
- social and recreational support and events involving the local community;
- advocacy and general support through services relating to employment, housing, health and wellbeing;

- education and training in English language and in vocational skills;
- food and other essential items;
- signposting to other charities and agencies for services beyond this charity's remit;
- raising public awareness of issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

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

## Achievements and performance

Our main activities during the reporting year have included befriending 10 individual sanctuary seekers providing a range of 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 in Richmond. Of the 43 sessions delivered 28 gave access to and interpretation for Citizens Advice, one session offered employment advice from WorkMatch and 9 therapeutic clay workshops were provided.

We have worked closely with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. As Richmond is a Borough of Sanctuary we are members of the Richmond Sanctuary Partnership. Working with their new department for Refugees Services, we have provided information and support for anyone arriving in the Borough in need of sanctuary. This has included helping the council host an accommodation information evening to advise Ukrainians in search of rental accommodation.

Additional integration activities have included working with Turner's House to enable a women's art project, working with Cooking-Up to offer workshops about eating and cooking on a tight budget, providing access to places at Kew Park Rangers football summer school for sanctuary seeking children, running cultural tours for Ukrainians, access to English lessons and vouchers for bicycles from the Barnes Bike Sale.

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 £5,994 in cash at 31 March 2025 and the Trustees believe this is sufficient to carry out the charity's purposes in 2025/2026.

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## 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



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Refugees Welcome in Richmond CIO

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st April 2024

To

Period end date  
31st March 2025

### 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 8 months to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,543	-	-	2,543	300
Gift Aid	458	-	-	458	-
Grant	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Interest	10	-	-	10	3
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Material goods for sanctuary seekers	1,110	-	-	1,110	529
Interpretation/translation services	-	625	-	625	230
Events	-	-	-	-	274
Administrative expenses	390	-	-	390	214
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>1,247</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>1,247</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>- 625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>- 944</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,108</b>	<b>4,052</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,399</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,994</b>	<b>3,108</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Current Account	5,399	595	-
	(Restricted fund is for Ukrainian refugees)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	5,399	595	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

*S. C. Murray*  
*J. L. G. Thompson*

Print Name

Susan Murray  
Juliet Thompson

Date of approval

12.1.26  
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