# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

# WORTHING 4 REFUGEES

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1169912**
**WORTHING 4 REFUGEES**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

**The trustees present their report on the accounts of Worthing 4 Refugees** (registered charity number 1169912) **for the year 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026.**

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number: 1169912

Start of financial year: 1st April 2025

End of financial year: 31st March 2026

## TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2026

Andrew Fadoju

Dermot Casey

Catherine Glynn-Davies

Timothy Ransley

Phillip Rugg

Rebecca Sellens

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the organisation's governing instrument.

There were two additions to the Board of Trustees - see “Governance Update” on page 12.

## GOVERNING INSTRUMENT CIO - FOUNDATION

Registered 26th October 2016

## CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Worthing 4 Refugees
% Maybridge Community Church
77 The Strand
Worthing, BN12 6DR

**PRIMARY BANKERS**
**The Cooperative Bank**
**Head office**
1 Balloon Street
Manchester M60 4EP

## OBJECTS

The objects of the CIO are:

(a) The relief of financial hardship amongst those granted refugee status and those seeking asylum and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Worthing and the surrounding area.

(b) To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those granted refugee status and those seeking asylum and their dependants.

(c) To advance the education and training of those granted refugee status and those seeking asylum and their dependents in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.

(d) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.

## Objectives and Activities

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to fulfilling the objects of the charity are as follows:

## Relief of Financial Hardship

Throughout the year, we continued our commitment to supporting refugees settling in our community. Our efforts included both direct assistance and referrals to trusted local partners:

- We continued to partner with a local Roman Catholic charity that provides free household furniture and items to those in financial need and we referred several people to them throughout the year. In a reciprocal arrangement, if we are offered household items that we do not know of an immediate need for, we direct people to this charity to donate items to.
- Several refugee families were referred to local food banks to help meet immediate food needs.
- We continue to share details of local initiatives such as free cafés and ‘warm spaces’—particularly valuable during the colder months—to families experiencing financial hardship.

- We have continued our relationship with the local leisure services and have referred several people, including teenagers, to receive complimentary 3 month gym and leisure facility membership which helps improve their physical and mental health at a time when they could not afford to cover membership fees themselves.
- At our Christmas party, each family received a Tesco voucher worth £20 to help them towards the extra costs of Christmas. In addition, every child received a Christmas gift valued at around £5.

These acts of solidarity and kindness were made possible through the continued generosity of our donors, volunteers, and community partners.

**Promote and Protect Physical and Mental Health**

We continue to place strong emphasis on supporting both the physical and mental wellbeing of the refugee families we support. Our work includes regular personal contact, supporting access to healthcare, mental health referrals, and community-building activities that foster a sense of belonging and stability.

- **Regular Wellbeing Check-ins**
  Volunteers made regular visits to families throughout the year to check on their physical and mental wellbeing, offer friendship, and support their specific needs.

- **Reducing Social Isolation**
  We actively arranged social connections for families, recognising the vital link between social engagement and mental health. We arranged a programme of events to reduce social isolation, encourage integration, and improve wellbeing.

- **Fostering Positive Community Relationships**
  We encouraged appropriate, natural friendships between volunteers and refugees, always within safeguarding guidelines. Many of our volunteers offered their time to take children to the park, accompany people for walks, take people on outings, and generally help refugees and asylum seekers to build meaningful local relationships.

- **Facilitating Access to Healthcare**
  We supported many individuals in attending hospital, medical, and dental appointments, often providing transport, translators, and volunteer companions to ensure accessibility and understanding.

- **Community Celebration and Emotional Support**
  In April we hosted a very special party to celebrate one of our Syrian families being successful in obtaining British citizenship. This was attended by other families and many of our volunteers who had supported and befriended the family over the years.

  In December we hosted a very successful Christmas festive celebration attended by many of the families we support plus many of our volunteers. This was an opportunity to share in celebration and togetherness as well as to help provide some financial assistance to families who would be struggling more than usual during the holiday period.

Through these initiatives, we continued to uphold our commitment to comprehensive and integrated support, ensuring refugees can access the care, relationships, and services they need to thrive.

**Advance Education and Training**

We remain deeply committed to advancing education and training opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers of all ages. This year, we have continued to provide both informal English classes and support into formal education, helping individuals gain the skills and qualifications needed to fully take part in society.

- **English Language Support**
  We continued to offer informal English teaching to all refugees and asylum seekers who need or request it and who are unable to attend classes - this is in the form of one-to-one English tuition in people's homes, at a time that is convenient to them, and we have a team of volunteer ESOL teachers who give their time to provide this. In addition, we support formal English learning at local colleges for any refugees or asylum seekers who are taking college courses.

- **Collaborating with ESOL Providers**
  We liaised closely with other ESOL providers in the area to ensure continuity and accessibility of formal language classes for refugees.

- **Our Own BECC Programme**
  Following the successful trial period last year, we have continued our own developed curriculum to provide Basic English for Conversation classes that run for 50 weeks a year, and during this year we opened a further two classes in partnership with another church (in January 2025).

These classes are:

- Free for refugees and asylum seekers
- Open access, with no registration required and no waiting for classes to begin
- Welcoming of other (non-refugee or asylum seeker) learners with a small fee (for sustainability)
- Flexible—available weekly, 50 weeks a year, with no term-based restrictions

We hold regular meetings with the teachers and teaching assistants to review the classes. They have been well attended and are running successfully.

- **Education Advocacy and Individual Support**
  - We supported an excluded refugee child, liaising with their school and other providers to ensure continued access to appropriate support.
  - We continued to support an Afghan student to access Further Education and helped them to secure a place at art classes while waiting for an education place.

  Our work in education continues to be guided by principles of inclusion, accessibility, and long-term empowerment, giving refugees and asylum seekers the tools they need to build stable, independent futures.

**Provision of Facilities for Recreation and Leisure to Improve Conditions of Life**

We believe that access to leisure, recreation, and shared social experience plays a vital role in promoting wellbeing, encouraging a sense of community, and improving general quality of life for refugees and asylum seekers. This year, we offered a programme of events giving opportunities for social connection, relaxation, and recreation.

- **Family Half-Term Trip**
  We organised a May half-term trip to Aldingbourne Country Centre for families with young children, providing transport where needed. Families enjoyed visiting

the animals and sharing a picnic lunch, creating a memorable and joyful day out.

- **Refugee Week Activities**
  During Refugee Week in June 2025, we organised the screening of a feature film on the subject of refugees, working with a local church to provide the venue and our volunteers to provide refreshments. We advertised the event locally and over 90 people attended, including several of the people we support. The event brought together refugees and people from the local community, helping to increase mutual understanding and build community.

- **Support for the Ukrainian Community**
  We identified that the Ukrainian refugees no longer had a full-time local co-ordinator so in July we organised a coffee morning and brought together many from the Ukrainian community.

- **Summer Family Picnic**
  During the summer holidays in August we organised an impromptu picnic on a local beach green space and the day was enjoyed by 18 people - adults and children - including refugee families from Syria, Ukraine, an asylum seeking family, and volunteers.

- **Access to Physical Activity and Fitness**
  We worked with Southdowns Leisure to refer refugees and asylum seekers so they could enjoy free three-month gym and swimming memberships at Worthing Leisure Centres.

- **Worthing Mayor's Chosen Charity**
  The Mayor of Worthing for 2025-2026 chose Worthing 4 Refugees as one of her 3 designated charities, meaning that we became involved in organising several fundraising and social events with the Mayor and received a portion of the funds raised. We took part in organising a portrait competition for local primary schools, and a very successful art show at the Town Hall which some of our families attended along with hundreds from the local community. In December we helped organise a talk on the author Jane Austen at the Town Hall and just before Christmas we took a group of ten refugees and asylum seekers for a tour of the Town Hall and a very enjoyable afternoon tea with the Mayor. One of the refugees who attended said, *"It's been fascinating to see how local government works in the UK, and I felt so welcomed and valued by the Mayor, it meant such a lot to me".*

- **Christmas Event**
  In December we hosted a very successful Christmas event in a local church hall, attended by more than 50 of the people we support with 21 children. The event offered not only a festive celebration but also an important opportunity for emotional connection, shared joy, and community bonding. Fifteen of our volunteers also attended to help ensure the families felt welcomed and had an enjoyable time. We provided crafts, music, games, refreshments, a Santa's Grotto for the children and a professional photographer to take family portraits that could then be shared with family back home.

- **Ongoing Leisure and Theatre Partnerships**
  During this year our valued partnership with The Lighthouse at Offington Park Methodist Church continued to offer free access to soft play sessions and special school holiday activities for children. Our partnership with local theatres enabled us to provide free tickets for families to attend the Christmas Pantomime, and through our relationship with volunteers involved in a theatre company, we were able to offer several families free tickets for the Spongebob Musical at a local theatre.

- **Days out in Nature**
  During the year we have developed a valuable partnership with the Lost Woods Project, which provides opportunities for volunteering in the local countryside. In January 2026 our first joint project was a Woodland Management Day at the Wiston Estate in which 15 refugees took part. The day provided training and gave them the chance to find out about woodland management, learn new skills, make new friends (and practice their English conversation skills) and also gave them the opportunity to give something back - to contribute to the local environment in a purposeful way.

These recreational activities play a crucial role in promoting relaxation, building resilience, and creating a sense of belonging in the community. We are grateful to our partners, volunteers, and donors who make these experiences possible.

**Significant Achievements**

We continued to employ a part-time Project Manager.

As mentioned previously, we were chosen as a designated charity by the Mayor of Worthing which enabled us to engage more widely in the community, offer some

valuable activities for refugees, and raise our profile locally, as well as raise funds for the charity.

We applied and were successful to be chosen by local Co-op stores as one of their designated charities for the year. This has given Co-op customers the opportunity to select Worthing 4 Refugees to benefit from funds earned through their use of Co-op Stores and has enabled us to take part in local social activities with the Co-op and other charities.

We successfully applied for a grant from the Sussex Community Foundation which provided £5,340 to cover much of the costs of the teachers fees for our English classes for the year 2025-26.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees of the charity have had due regard for the guidance on public benefit as issued by the Charity Commission when making decisions or exercising any powers in relation to the Objects of the Charity and the activities that the charity undertakes. The trustees have agreed the following statement: “We the Trustees of Worthing 4 Refugees have had due regard to the Commission’s Public Benefit Guidance when preparing this report”.

**Volunteer Contribution**

With only one paid part-time member of staff, much of the work of Worthing 4 Refugees work is undertaken by volunteers. This includes the CEO, trustees, planning group, ESOL teachers, caseworkers, translators (we have access to Arabic, Farsi, Dari, Pashto, Ukrainian and Russian translators), befrienders, and other general volunteers. The contribution made by these volunteers is immense. For the refugee families and people seeking asylum in Worthing, they help to enable their empowerment and independence, integration and contribution to the community, a sense of belonging, security and safety, hope for the future, and the ability to become a fully functioning member of society. This is not an easy task for refugees or asylum seekers who have fled war, have had an uncertain time waiting to be resettled, and then face all the cultural changes and learning the language when they arrive in the UK. The volunteers who work with these families are tireless in their acceptance of them; warm, welcoming, accommodating, empowering and caring. They have on many occasions gone ‘the extra mile’, and as a result, refugees and asylum seekers report that they feel secure, safe,

loved and accepted into the community. Without the work of these volunteers, integration and resettlement would be vastly more difficult.

**Additional Activities**

- **Exploring property purchase - this venture is on hold**
  Housing needs continue to be a significant barrier to integration, particularly for the Homes for Ukraine scheme, therefore much discussion has been had about sustainable solutions, and we have continued to liaise with county and borough councils and other interested groups. Whilst a partnership with another charity to provide housing is a possibility for the future, due to the cost of property in the South East of England and the very high costs of living in this area, we have decided to put on hold any immediate plans for a property purchase.

- **Ongoing Support for Ukrainian Families and Hosts**
  The post of Ukraine Co-ordinator, for which we were contributing payment of wages, concluded during the year, but we continued to offer support to the post holder through friendship and sharing of ideas for local activities. We have also continued to provide support to local Ukrainian families and their host households, offering practical guidance, emotional support, social activities, and signposting to local resources.

- **Ukraine Anniversary**
  In February, we organised a prayer event at a local church to mark the 4th anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, which around 45 people attended. We arranged for this to be followed by tea and cake in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall, and a tour of the council chambers was also offered to whoever wished to take part.

- **Citizenship Celebration Party**
  As mentioned above, we hosted a joyful party to celebrate with one of our Syrian families who obtained British citizenship and to recognise the contribution they have made to British life and to the local community.

- **Ukrainian Impact Day**
  Our Charity Lead gave a speech at a locally organised event to celebrate the positive impact Ukrainian refugees have had within the local community. Through our relationship with a sponsor, we were able to provide a cream tea to participants which was much enjoyed by all and was an opportunity for social

engagement and conversation.

- **Bishop's Reception**
  In July our Charity Lead, Project Manager, and some of our volunteers attended a Reception by the Bishop of Chichester in the garden of the Bishop's Palace. The event was to thank charities for their support of refugees and people seeking safety and was an opportunity for connecting with other groups.

- **Referrals from other agencies**
  Throughout the year we have received many more referrals for asylum seeker support from agencies including the police and health providers such as mental health services, social prescribers and health visitors.

- **Support into Employment**
  We have given friendly and practical support to refugees looking for work including accompanying people to job centre interviews, helping filling in forms, and giving general support and advice on seeking employment.

- **Increase in Volunteers**
  During this year we had a noticeable increase in the number of people contacting us through our website to offer their time as volunteers to help and support refugees. Many of those who got in touch with us said they had wanted to do so because they were shocked and saddened by the negative comments about refugees and asylum seekers in local and national media.

- **Refugee Week Celebrations**
  To support International Refugee Week, we issued a communication to our supporters and volunteers and shared resources via our website. This included highlighting national Refugee Week activities and local events taking place in Worthing. Our own event was a very successful film screening in a local church, which more than 90 people attended.

- **Therapy**
  A local therapist offered the charity 10 free therapy sessions on a rolling basis for any refugee or asylum seeker we refer, and this was taken up by some of the people we support.

- **Christmas Appeal and Celebration**
  Our Christmas fundraising appeal raised funds to deliver a festive party and provide gifts and food vouchers for refugee families. We arranged for a

professional photographer to take family portraits so they could send the pictures to their wider family at home for Christmas. The event brought together over 50 people with their families, and was a joyful and inclusive celebration. We received the following message afterwards from one of our volunteers: “I just wanted to say thank you for yesterday - it was such a lovely occasion and everyone enjoyed it and felt special. My neighbours really had a great time and the children loved it. On the way home Mohammed (the father) said to me several times; 'today is a very good day’ - thank you!”

- **Volunteer and Staff Training**

    - In May 2025 our Charity Lead attended webinar training to learn about PTSD in refugees.
    - In August 2025 we organised a “Trauma Informed” workshop led by an expert in trauma and attended by our Charity Lead, Project Manager, and our English teachers. The workshop looked at recognising and responding to signs of trauma and creating safe and trauma-informed environments.
    - In November 2025 our Charity Lead and Project Manager both attended Active Bystander training, an interactive workshop to empower participants to respond safely and effectively to prejudice and hate.
    - In January 2026 our Charity Lead attended an online “Introduction to AI” course.
    - In October our Project Manager attended an online Fundraising Course.
    - In February our Project Manager attended the Refugee Week Conference titled “Courage” to network with other refugee charities and organisations and to plan events for Refugee Week 2026.

- **Governance Update**
  There were two additions to the Board of Trustees with the appointment of Catherine Glynn-Davies and Dermot Casey, who were both appointed on 22nd May 2025.

These additional activities and developments have strengthened our operational capacity, deepened volunteer knowledge, and supported our continued commitment to excellence in refugee support.

**Financial Review**

In the financial year, the charity received a total income of £17,424 with a total expenditure of £27,166. The main items of expenditure are the salary of a part-time

Project Manager which ensures governance and the smooth operation of the activities of the charity as detailed in this report, and also the fees of qualified teachers to provide English language classes specifically aimed for the needs of the people the charity supports.

The charity continued to benefit from the generosity of members of the public and local churches, who give regular and one-off donations to support our work.

The Board is committed to ensuring the most effective and mission-aligned ways to utilise the funds we receive. Currently, we are funding two professional English teachers to run weekly English classes tailored to the specific needs of refugees and asylum seekers, and this remains an important area for continued investment. In addition, we intend to focus on initiatives that support refugees in gaining confidence and increasing wellbeing as this leads to better social integration, more chances of employment, or of securing more suitable or sustainable work, as we have identified these areas as significant barriers to achieving financial independence. This approach reflects our plans for responsibly and purposefully utilising the funds entrusted to us.

**Designated Funds:**

£10,000 was designated by the board of trustees for Future Community Sponsorship in the financial year 22-23. At the trustee's meeting in February 2024 the purpose of this designated fund was extended to cover housing for existing community sponsorship families. To date there has been no spend on this fund and plans to explore a property purchase has been put on hold for the time being. The option remains to release this money into the General Fund if Trustees deem it financially wise to do so.

**Restricted Funds:**

**Household Goods is for the purchase of household goods for refugee families:** There was no spend in 2025-26 mostly due to our relationship with the charity SVP which accepts donations of household goods/clothes, etc. So we refer any offers of donated items to them as they have storage space in East Worthing, and when we receive a request for something, we refer to SVP to obtain that item.

**WSCC ESOL is for a grant from WSCC:** The balance on this fund was used to pay for one of the ESOL teacher's costs.

**Christmas Fund is an annual fund raise for presents for the families and also to cover the costs of the Christmas party:** £878 was raised before Christmas 2025 and £433 of this was used for gifts, vouchers and the Christmas event. The balance of £445 was transferred to the General fund as indicated at the time of donation.

**Ukrainian Families is a fund created due to substantial donations received that are restricted to Ukrainian families:** The balance on this fund was transferred to the General fund on the basis that it could legitimately be used towards the salary paid to the Ukraine Co-ordinator.

**Basic English Conversation Classes:** Any costs relating to the provision of English classes to refugees. We receive donations from a local church into this restricted fund towards the teacher's costs and we also received a grant of £5,340 in January 2026 towards the costs of these classes for the year. The budget for the cost of the English classes is in our General Fund so the independent examiner of our accounts recommended that we post the expenses according to the budget (in the General Fund) and then transfer funds from this restricted fund to the General Fund to cover this. Accordingly we have transferred all the local church donations for this financial year from this restricted fund to the General fund and also transferred sufficient funds from the grant to cover the English class costs for the period 5th January 2026 to the end of the financial year, being the period that the grant is intended for in this financial year.

## Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold 3 months of operational costs. Our 2025-26 expenditure totalled £25,352 after deducting gifts in kind, giving a reserves target amount of £6,338. At 31st March 2026 we held £30,389 in unrestricted bank and cash balances so we are well in excess of our reserves policy. In order to reduce our free reserves we have set a deficit budget for 2026-2027 which will be followed by reduced deficit budgets in subsequent years. This will allow us to bring our reserves to an appropriate level in a planned and sustainable way over the next few years, with the exact timescale depending on our success in increasing income. All spending will be directed toward advancing our charitable aims and strengthening our impact. At the same time, we will focus on steadily increasing our income year on year to maintain a healthy financial position and avoid any future imbalance between income and expenditure. This approach will support both responsible stewardship and the charity's long-term stability.

## Risk Assessment

Worthing 4 Refugees maintains a Risk Register which is reviewed annually, or more often if the need arises.  The principal risks facing the charity relate to the vital importance of recruiting sufficient appropriate volunteers to enable the work of the charity to continue, and to the funds to maintain the work of the charity being generated through donations and grants.

## Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees through a process of personal recommendation, informal interview and trustees' vote.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the charity's Constitution and given access to past meeting minutes which includes financial updating. Trustees are also made aware of the charity's policies including the Safeguarding Policy and procedures (this includes the safe recruitment of volunteers), the Complaints Policy, and the GDPR policy and procedures. The charity is a member of Trust Advice, which supports charities to remain compliant with all aspects of the law relating to charity status.

There were two appointments of new Trustees in this financial year - Dermot Casey and Catherine Glynn-Davies were both appointed to the Board of Trustees on 22nd May 2025.

## Organisation

Worthing 4 Refugees is led by a CEO who was a founder member of the charity and was a trustee until 2021. She attends trustee meetings, working closely with trustees, and is committed to developing relationships with the families being supported, and in training and overseeing the work of the many volunteers that are integral to the success of the charity. The charity CEO also ensures that all databases and procedures are audited annually to confirm that they are compliant with GDPR law, with reporting on GDPR a standing item at all trustee meetings and takes responsibility for the regular monitoring of policies and procedures related to data, ensuring that all new trustees are aware of these policies. Since March 2023 the charity has employed a part time Project Manager, to whom the CEO delegates some of the operational side of the work. The Project Manager also plans and organises regular events and special events for Refugee Week, manages fundraising through regular donations and one-off projects, applies for grants and maintains day to day communications for the charity.

Trustees hold three planned meetings per year together with the CEO and the Project Manager. The meetings are minuted with action points noted, and the minutes are distributed to all parties after the meeting. A hard copy of the minutes of the previous meeting is signed by a Trustee at the beginning of the subsequent meeting. In addition, email or WhatsApp correspondence is used when issues need to be addressed urgently and/or extra meetings are arranged. Notes from any decisions made over Email or WhatsApp are added to the minutes of the next Trustee meeting before they are signed.

The trustees have appointed a planning group of people with experience relevant to the work and objects of the charity. They also hold meetings approximately every three months throughout the year. This group also includes a trustee and is empowered to make day to day decisions relating to the wellbeing of those being supported by the

charity. All meetings are minuted with action points noted and the minutes are distributed to the group after the meeting.

**Relationships with Other Parties**

Worthing 4 Refugees liaises closely with West Sussex County Council's resettlement team and Adur and Worthing Borough Council. The charity is also a member of Community Works (local support for the voluntary sector), and as such has connections with other local charities and voluntary groups.

Worthing 4 Refugees is affiliated with City of Sanctuary which is a national charity and has a connection with many national and local refugee charities. Worthing 4 Refugees is supported by many Worthing churches both through individual members of congregations and the church as a whole, and by the local mosque.

Worthing 4 Refugees also liaises closely with adult education providers and MET Northbrook College, and accepts referrals from the Job Centre and the local Police.

Worthing 4 Refugees is a member of the organisation "Together with Refugees" which is the largest pro-refugee coalition in British history, dedicated to campaigning for a fair plan for refugees and asylum seekers. We also continue to liaise with the Refugee Council and access their resources where helpful. In addition, we work with support groups for Ukrainian refugees in the local area, and national charities which support refugees and people seeking asylum.

During this year we developed a valued partnership with a local company that wishes to donate some of its resources to provide humanitarian support to refugees and asylum seekers. We have therefore been able to secure sponsorship from them to help local refugee families with specific needs and also to provide items for events, such as the cream tea enjoyed at the Ukrainian Impact Day mentioned above.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

**WORTHING4REFUGEES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026**

| | | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | **Total 31-Mar-26** | **Total 31-Mar-25** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Notes** | £ | £ | £ | **£** | **£** |
| **Income from:** | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Donations and Legacies | 1a | 7,915 | - | 8,210 | 16,124 | 27,879 |
| Other Income | 1b | 1,300 | - | - | 1,300 | 1,280 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 9,215 | - | 8,210 | 17,424 | 29,159 |
| | | | | | | |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | 2a | 25,662 | - | 764 | 26,426 | 25,628 |
| Governance Costs | 2b | 660 | - | - | 660 | - |
| Professional Fees | 2c | 80 | - | - | 80 | 72 |
| | | | | | | |
| **Total Expenditure** | | 26,402 | - | 764 | 27,166 | 25,700 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| **NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS** | | (17,187) | - | 7,445 | (9,742) | 3,460 |
| | | | | | | |
| Transfers between funds | | 4,535 | - | (4,535) | 0 | - |
| | | | | | | |
| **Net Movement in Funds** | | (12,652) | - | 2,911 | (9,742) | 3,460 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 32,520 | 10,000 | 1,020 | 43,540 | 40,080 |
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| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 19,868 | 10,000 | 3,931 | 33,798 | 43,540 |
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| Movements on all reserves and recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing. | | | | | | |
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| The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these financial statements. | | | | | | |

**WORTHING4REFUGEES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026**

| **ASSETS** | | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | **Total 31-Mar-26** | **Total 31-Mar-25** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Notes** | £ | £ | £ | **£** | **£** |
| **Cash Funds:** | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Bank and Cash | | 20,389 | 10,000 | 3,410 | 33,798 | 43,540 |
| Prepayments | | 697 | | | 697 | 697 |
| Loans | | 3,350 | | | 3,350 | 4,650 |
| HMRC Gift Aid | | 5,770 | | 80 | 5,850 | 5,400 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 30,206 | 10,000 | 3,490 | 43,696 | 54,287 |
| | | | | | | |
| **Liabilities** | | | | | | |
| Independent Examiners Fee | | - | | | - | 660 |
| Creditors falling due within 1 year | | 490 | | | 490 | 880 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 490 | - | - | 490 | 1,540 |
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| **TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** | | | | | | |
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| Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 17 to 18.. | | | | | | |
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| Signed on their behalf by | | | Trustee | | | |
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| Signature: | | | | | | |
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| Print Name: | | | | | | |
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| Date of approval: | | | | | | |

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the going concern basis. The financial statements have been in accordance with accounting standards and comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102); Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011. The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

### Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### Income

***Recognition of Income***

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

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

***Income with Related Expenditure***

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

***Grants and Donations***

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

***Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts***

Income from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA when they are received.

***Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants***

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

***Donated Services and Facilities***
These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

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

***Investment Income***
This is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

***Liability Recognition***
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

***Governance Costs***
Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

***Grants with Performance Conditions***
Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

***Grants Payable without Performance Conditions***
These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

***Support Costs***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

***Changes in Accounting Policies and Previous Accounts***

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year, and no changes to the previous accounts.

***Fixed Assets***

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

## 2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The charity did not hold any fixed assets in this or the previous financial year.

| **3. RECEIPTS** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | **Total 2026** | **Total 2025** |
| | **Notes** | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | | | | | |
| a) Voluntary Receipts | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Gifts and Donations | | 7915 | - | | 7,915 | 26,393 |
| Restricted Donations | | - | - | 8,210 | 8,210 | 1,487 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 7,915 | - | 8,210 | 16,124 | 27,879 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| b) Other Income | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Trading Income | | | - | - | - | - |
| Other Income | | 1,300 | | | 1,300 | 1,280 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 1,300 | - | - | 1,300 | 1,280 |

| **4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Restricted Funds | **Total 2026** | **Total 2025** |
| | **Notes** | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | | | | | |
| a) Charitable Activities | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Administration and Office | | 1,760 | - | - | 1,760 | 1,718 |
| Events | | 229 | - | 433 | 663 | 1,620 |
| People Support | | 9,967 | - | 331 | 10,297 | 8,970 |
| Volunteers and Staff | | 13,706 | - | - | 13,706 | 13,319 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 25,662 | - | 764 | 26,426 | 25,628 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| b) Governance Costs | | 660 | - | - | 660 | - |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 660 | - | - | 660 | - |
| | | | | | | |
| c) Professional fees | | 80 | - | - | 80 | 72 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 80 | - | - | 80 | 72 |

**5. LOAN**

Two loans have been made to refugee families and are being repaid along similar lines to student loan repayments

| | 31-Mar-25 |
|---|---|
| | £ |
| Outstanding Loan Amount 1 | 0 |
| Outstanding Loan Amount 2 | 3350 |
| | 3350 |

In the 2026-2027 financial year, a repayment of £3,000 and a donation of £350 were received towards the second loan which is now completely paid off.

## 6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

## 7. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During 2025-2026 one trustee (2024-2025: one) was reimbursed a total of £120.95 (2024-2025: £16.14) for expenses incurred.

## 8. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

## 7. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has a reserves policy in operation. The Worthing 4 Refugees Reserves Policy is as follows: To hold 3 months of operational costs. Annually, the Trustees will review the policy and the figure required to be in reserve, depending on the situation at hand and bearing in mind projected budgets

## 8. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.