BATH WELCOMES REFUGEES

Trustees Report
and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended
30 June 2026

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CHAIR'S REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the Refugee Convention: an international agreement designed to provide some security for those forcibly displaced from their homes. Sadly, the reality is that the past year has again seen rising public hostility to refugees fuelled by harsh and increasingly racist political rhetoric and horrifying public disorder, which in turn has fed government initiatives which have the effect of making refugees and those seeking asylum fearful for their future here.

So the work of Bath Welcomes Refugees becomes ever more important both at the simple human level of demonstrating humanity and compassion as well as practically in terms of support, encouragement and solidarity. Refugees are welcome here!

Bath has a long tradition of welcoming refugees from the Huguenots in the 15th century through to Belgians in World War 1 or His Imperial Majesty, Halie Selassie, in the 1930s as well as today's arrivals from wars in Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine and those no longer feeling safe in Hong Kong. That tradition continues through the work of BWR and our close collaboration with the Resettlement Team of Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES)

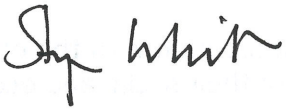
Everyone who is outside their country of nationality and unable to return due to a "well-founded fear of being persecuted" is protected by the Convention and has the right to claim asylum. It is therefore **not illegal to claim asylum** if you are fearful of persecution because of your race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or membership of a political group.

We now have two people with living experience on the trustee board, and their insights have fed into our strategy and policy making, and an Advisory Group drawn from those we support has met regularly and fed in ideas around measuring our impact, the events for Refugee Week and providing the people we support with the best insights we can find on changes to Government policy.

You can read more of the detail in the rest of this report and in our Impact Report (www.bathwelcomesrefugees.org.uk). The task remains huge in helping people feel safe and strengthening their connection to the wider community, but BWR is ready for the challenge.

We are able to do so much as a result of the work of our many volunteers, the various team leaders and our staff, now led by a Head of Charity, Hattie Hansen. This has brought additional focus to our work, improved our impact monitoring and strengthened our strategic approach. We owe a special debt of thanks to Sara Barna, who has chaired the Management Committee, and who has done do much over the years to develop BWR's approach with such care and compassion.

Many thanks to everyone who makes it happen including our partners in B&NES and the many different community organisations and supporters who make it possible for us to enable people to feel safe and welcome in Bath and able to build new lives.



Chair
Stephen Whittle OBE

Registered Company Number 10245232 (England and Wales), Registered Charity Number 1171442

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Reference and Administrative Details

Bath Welcomes Refugees a Limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006, Registered Number 10245232(England and Wales). It is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales under number 1171442.

Details of the Trustees can be found on page 13.

Details of the Registered Office can be found on page 13.

Details of the Independent Examiner can be found on page 13.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bath Welcomes Refugees is governed by its Memorandum and Articles Incorporated 22 June 2016 as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 25 January 2017 and as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 13 September 2024. The Trustees are supported by a staff team and a Management Committee and who cover practical support including Language provision, Befriending and Resettlement, Social activities, Fundraising, Benefits and Financial advice and Communications.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The charity's objects

To relieve the needs of refugees, asylum seekers, or those displaced from their home country by reason of war, persecution, oppression , discrimination, natural disasters or other like causes, and their dependents , in particular but not exclusively seeking refuge within Bath and North East Somerset or the surrounding area (the Beneficiaries), who are in conditions of need, hardship, or distress in particular but without limitation by:

- Providing or arranging for their education and training and the provision of support services including guidance, representation, translation and interpretation and other assistance to enable them to live independently, improve their life chances and settle into and participate fully in community life;
- The relief of financial hardship;
- Providing activities to preserve and protect their physical and mental health.

The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the Beneficiaries by reason of their social and economic circumstances; and

To advance the education of the general public about issues relating to migration, refugees and those seeking asylum.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

BWR has one simple aim:

To bring to safety and security in the UK those people persecuted and in danger in their own countries and homelands, and in particular to help them settle in Bath or the surrounding area.

Our activities include:

Locating and preparing housing, fundraising, befriending/resettlement support, English language teaching, social activities and more.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

This year marked a major milestone for BWR which celebrated a decade of resettling displaced families, providing English language education, and fostering a compassionate, inclusive community. Since its foundation, BWR has supported over 800 individuals seeking safety in the local area and built a stronger and more welcoming community in Bath. Celebrations were held across our various social and education groups.

The main celebration at Oasis Church bought together supporters, professional partners, some of those we support, volunteers past and present plus staff, for an uplifting night of food, music and shared memories. The Anniversary provided us with the opportunity to reflect on how much BWR has accomplished and grown over the years.

Today's landscape brings new challenges with both Government policy and public hostility feeding fear and vulnerability We are publishing myth busters describing the reality for refugees and asylum seekers and building partnerships across the city to demonstrate our commitment to a fairer society for all. So we are working with the Community Kitchen, the Climate Hub and taking part in national initiatives such A Million Acts of Hope together with refugee organisations such as Together with Refugees and Refugees at Home.

A positive indicator of the mood in Bath is that BWR continues to receive a high number of enquiries from potential volunteers, local residents and businesses who want to stand with us and the families we support.

Following the consultancy project we undertook in 2025 to identify the structural and strategic changes needed to maximise BWR's impact and future proof its work we appointed a Head of Charity, Hattie Hansen, who joined us in September. Hattie has worked in the civil society sector for many years, specialising in issues of homelessness. She has already made an enormous difference to our work.

We also completed a skills audit of the Trustee Board which identified areas of experience that we lacked, in particular those with living experience of being an asylum seeker or refugee. With the help of the University of Bath and through advertisements, we have been fortunate to find three people who had the time, skills and readiness to contribute: Negina Barai, an Afghan with a background in resettlement and policy engagement; Sam Alshoabi, a data scientist from Yemen with a commercial background; and Yaaseir Ahrafarth, a graduating pharmacy student from Rohingya. (Negina subsequently had to stand down for health reasons,)

In addition, we recruited six people with lived experience to join an Advisory Group to reflect the concerns of the various communities from which they come and to ensure that their voice is heard as we both deliver and develop our programme and policies.

The challenges we set ourselves for 2025/2026 were to:

- **To work even harder to make Bath a welcome place for refugees by raising awareness of the situation of those forced Bath to flee their homelands**

  Over the past year we have expanded our Beyond Bath Events to enable people understand the reality of what it means to be a refugee.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

In September, an audience of 70 came to hear Bekele Woyecha of the campaigning organisation Together with Refugees share his personal story of the UK asylum system and discuss ways in which sharing stories like his can contribute to changing the narrative around asylum.

November focused on the conflict in Palestine and featured moving stories from people with lived experience of displacement, and from those working to support Palestine refugees on the ground.

Coffee Conversations, a new initiative, held in cafes and community spaces provide a more relaxed informal to chat, ask questions, and explore the topics people are curious about, publishing myth busters around refugees and asylum seekers, and building partnerships across the city to demonstrate our commitment to a fairer society for everyone.

- **Finding accommodation to support another refugee family from Afghanistan**

  Thanks to the generosity of a supporter, we have been able to offer a home to our third Community Sponsorship family, this time from Afghanistan. They arrive in August 2026. A support team will assist in all aspects of their arrival and settlement from ensuring the house is properly equipped to a welcome meal and ongoing support as the family navigate their new life in Bath.

- **Continue to improve our understanding of our impact through the involvement of people with lived experience in our decision-making and strengthen the feedback loop**

  The Advisory Group is drawn from those we support and who come from Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia, Syria, Ukraine. The group will be chaired in turn by members of the group. They bring the insights of living experience but also a wealth of other knowledge and skills which strengthen our planning and decision making as well as how we evaluate both our impact and effectiveness.

  We have also established an Impact Monitoring Working Group to better capture the impact of our work. We are working with a theory of change to help us measure decreasing feelings of social isolation as well as how we build confidence and improve feedback mechanisms across all BWR services to drive continual improvement. Our data collection practices have been reviewed, and systems have been streamlined with the help of a trustee. QR code feedback forms are now distributed at all our social groups, in-person ESOL classes, and are displayed at our Beyond Bath events.

- **Support our volunteers to be ever more effective in their work**

  We now have a volunteer strategy in place together with a Volunteer Handbook which sets out the requirements of the role as well as our policy and behavioural expectations. Our volunteer coordinator meets volunteers on regular basis to monitor their progress and identify any areas which may need to be addressed to improve their experience in their individual roles. We regularly collect feedback on their assessment of achievement and satisfaction.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

Almost a third of our volunteers completed a recent survey. Their sense of reward was palpable:

- **Witnessing progress, growth & independence**

"Seeing the progress of my students towards greater fluency"

"Seeing the students' confidence grow and take part in community activities"

- **Building meaningful connections**

"Building a relationship with a young person and seeing them become more confident with their studies and their language skills improve"

- **Community and belonging**

"Watching the charity become ever more effective and having contact with those we support"

"The sense of being part of a community which feels welcomed and supported"

- **Feeling useful**

"Knowing that you make a tangible difference which is disproportionate to the effort involved"

All the volunteers take part in induction training as well as refresher updates from time to time. Coffee mornings are held on a regular basis giving them the chance to meet other volunteers, exchange experiences and make suggestions for the future. We provide training and development support when required. They receive a monthly update of all current activities as well as the quarterly newsletter.

- **Work to ensure a sustainable financial future**

As with all small charities in the current funding environment, this remains a challenge. We are fortunate to have a contract with B&NES to support our resettlement work. But it becomes ever harder to balance our existing funds with our ongoing activities. Like everyone else, we experience the reduction in the availability of grants to fund core costs which not only make any work possible but also help secure long-term stability. We have a strong base of regular donors. We monitor possible grant givers and explore different fund-raising event prospects each year. We have had various sponsored events this year including runners in the Bath Half and a swim across Coniston Water.

- **Develop plans for Refugee Week 2026 with the communities we support**

Refugee Week is the world's largest arts and cultural festival, now celebrated across 20 different countries throughout the world. This year BWR marked the week with a much larger range of activities than evet before. to honour this year's theme of 'Courage'. It was a testament to the partnerships we have forged across Bath, BWR teamed up with Bath Abbey who hosted 'The Refugee's Gift' photography exhibition. Women from different communities embroidered textiles for an exhibition at the Victoria Art Gallery. A trustee who is a Mayor's Guide led a guided walk focusing on Bath's history of offering sanctuary, the Oasis Hub hosted a community film screening featuring the reality of life in an asylum detention centre and a Beyond Bath discussion featured two refugees talking about Courage.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

Bath Artists' Studios offered a clay modelling and storytelling workshop, and Bath Community Kitchen provided a community feast in Twerton cooked by local Afghan women refugees. A highlight of the week was Mi Abdullah Mir's collective poem on the meaning of Courage composed from the voices of those who have fled their countries which was read at the Festival held at Fairfield House, which featured music, talks, activities, arts and crafts and food.

- **Welcome the new Head of Charity and provide all necessary support to ensure a successful start to the role**

The appointment of Hattie Hansen, our Head of Chrity has bought additional focus to our work, improved monitoring and strengthened our strategic approach. Through the work of our many volunteers and staff she has grown our community partners to include Bath Community Kitchen, Bath Spa University, Bath Share and Repair, Cortado Café, Together with Refugees, the Climate Hub and London Marathon Events in Bath.

As well as the challenges we set ourselves, specialist teams of volunteers continued to provide

- **Language Support**

Through our English language classes, we support the wider refugee community to improve their English and enable them to settle and work in their new surroundings. Our classes are free and open to all displaced people: refugees, asylum seekers, and the victims of trafficking and modern slavery. Those we support may not be literate in their own language whilst others wish to improve their English to a standard which would allow them to attend University courses or take up a professional qualification. We work closely with many churches in Bath, the public libraries and local organisations who provide accessible venues and we have close working relationships with the City of Bath College and the University of Bath as well as networks of the South West councils and Bristol ESOL networks.

Over the years we have provided support to 21 different nationalities covering every continent. Our volunteer pool is similarly diverse. We also provide a creche for our five Tuesday group class allowing women with young children the opportunity of uninterrupted learning.

A total of 235 ESOL classes have been delivered across Bath, and Keynsham with online classes for Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. Also further and higher education advice sessions .

26 young people aged 5-18 have attended our Tuesday Study Club over the last year for help with homework, educational support and direction.

We also hold a weekly Conversation Club, which provides a less formal setting to help encourage fluency and confidence.

We would not be able to do this without our team of 58 qualified volunteer teachers and other volunteer helpers. They provide on average of 40 hrs of supported learning each week.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

- **Employability Support**

  A major milestone towards independence for many of to those we support is getting their driving licence and the theory test poses a significant challenge for them. They have to learn some very specific English vocabulary which is even a struggle for native peakers. . A volunteer hosted four dedicated driving theory support sessions, helping seven participants prepare for their tests.

  During the year our Employability team has assisted six clients with employment support including CV-writing and assistance looking for suitable job and volunteering opportunities. The team is also working with local employers and other organisations that can identify potential job opportunities or work experience.

- **Advice**

  The BWR Advice Desk held over 100 appointments during the year, helping clients with a range of issues from completing government forms, registering for course placements, accessing prescriptions, writing and translating/ interpreting letters as well as passing them onto other BWR specialist teams.

- **Communication Partnership**

  BWR has partnered with Bath Spa University on two projects. BWR's communications needs were pitched to a cohort of Promotional Media students. Nine teams chose to partner with us to design social media templates and create website content. They have presented their final presentations and BWR has chosen the elements of their presentations that we can work with in the next academic year. Our other project was with an intern for three weeks who completed three important pieces of work including a user guide to services available in BANES and doing focus group work with our volunteers. (See the Survey reported earlier.)

- **Social Groups**

  Social group activities are designed to enable the different communities to meet in a shared and welcoming space where they can, share experiences and celebrate their heritage as well as meet each other and other local people, foster peer support, friendship, and exchange local information. These positive interactions support wellbeing and address some of the critical determinants for mental health.

  Syrian families were the first people BWR supported, and a monthly social group was set up in 2016. Over the years, the children have grown up, and some have moved on, but for others it continues to be a valued opportunity to meet.

  The Ukrainian group meets monthly and is currently the largest and is very well supported.

  The newest group is the Afghan Women's group. The groups are facilitated by volunteers with input from the participants.

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

Each group is organised on similar lines with a broad set of activities which include arts and crafts with activities for adults and children, food sharing, singing and games for the children. Volunteers are on hand to discuss concerns and signpost people for further support to services, including housing support, health care and educational services.

ESG

BWR seeks to maintain a low carbon foot print, keeping files and documents in the Cloud and working with Share and Repair to reuse all forms of equipment and clothing.

Beyond Bath also teamed up with the Climate Hub to present a community screening of the film *Thank you For The Rain*, which was shown at the Climate & Migration Film Festival, which aims to share powerful stories at the intersection of climate and migration.

The World Bank estimates that by 2050, up to 216 million people could be forced to move within their own countries due to the impact of climate- change. In March we were joined by Dr Alice Venn, Senior Lecturer in Climate Law specialising in climate justice and human rights and Grace Wiltshire a Trustee of Climate Hub.

THE FUTURE

Over the past ten years BWR has gained in experience and expertise and professionalised its systems and processes. We now have a Head of Charity and a focus on outcomes and impact. Our Strategy is regularly updated to reflect the new challenges as they arise.

We have identified the following challenges for 2026/2027:

- To work even harder to make Bath a welcome place for refugees by raising awareness of the situation of those forced to flee their homelands and countering the myths that feed the current rise in hostility
- Provide those we support with accurate and helpful information on the changes due in Government policy in relation to refugees and asylum seekers
- Ensure our English language teaching provision enables as many as possible to achieve the higher levels of requirement for settled status
- Support our volunteers to be ever more effective in their work by improved communication, information and training opportunities as well as promoting an understanding of the cultural challenges
- Improve awareness of our work
- Find increasing opportunities for connection and contribution so as to bring the wider community and refugee community closer together
- Seek a sustainable financial future by increasing our fundraising efforts

TRUSTEES' REPORT for the Year Ended 30 June 2026 continued

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income from all sources in the year ending 30 June 2026 was £108,803 , a reduction of 13% (£15,828) compared with £124,631 in 2025. Donations include continued support from local organisations, churches , schools and individuals as well as income generated by events such as boutique and jumble sales, BWR Runs Bath Half. Total donation income was £33,020, compared with £65,282 in 2025. The year-on-year reduction is mainly due to the £25,000 Postcode Local Trust donation received in 2025, together with several significant individual donations that were not repeated in 2026.

Income from Charitable activities amounted to £68,652 (2025: £54,860), an increase of 25%.This income is mainly in respect of services provided to Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) representing year one of a two-year contract and additional language provision in respect Hong Kong (British Nationals Overseas) which has now come to an end.

Restricted income amounted to £2,750 (2025: nil) which includes a Community Grant from Bath Building Society.

Total expenditure in the year rose by 13% to £ 126,129 (2025: £111,441) with 92% spent in direct support of our charitable activities. This represents a 30% increase from £89,735 in 2025 to £116,569 in 2026.

In 2025 Governance and Administration expenses amounted to £15,584 primarily for external consultancy advice including the work on structural and strategic changes and the decision to appoint a Head of Charity. Other than the balance of recruitment fees for the Head of Charity there has not been any additional requirement for consultancy advice during 2026 so expenditure was £6,940 in the year.

There were no major fundraising events this year which incurred expenses , like those for a feast , as a result total expenditure in the year amounted to £2,620 (2025: £6,122). These expenses include registration fees for the Fundraising Regulator and processing fees for Local Giving and SumUp.

General expenditure in the year totalling £123,377 (2025: £110,920) exceed income of £106,053 (2025; £124,631) generated a deficit of £17,324 (2025: surplus £13,711) in the year. We were able to absorb a deficit in the year because we had free reserves of £130,500 at 30 June 2025. Our total general funds at 30 June 2026 were of£145,676 (2025:£163,000).

Reserves

Bath Welcomes Refugees aims to retain sufficient reserves to ensure that the ongoing commitments of the charity can be met in the event that it was unable to secure further funding during the year. As the charity has a full time Head of Charity and 2 part time employees and other contractual arrangements the trustees have concluded that for the coming year unrestricted free reserves of £30,000 should be retained. The continued appropriateness of this policy is reviewed annually by the trustees.

Free reserves available for use by Bath Welcomes Refugees are those that are readily realisable, less funds whose use are restricted or have been designated for particular purposes.

As at 30 June 2026 our free reserves amounted to £108,176 (2025: £130,500) these are in excess of the current reserve policy. With these reserves we are able to sustain the

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direct support of our families and individuals in the coming year. Based on our Plans and expectations for 2026/2027 we anticipate that the level of free reserves will be significantly reduced during the 2026/2027 year.

Designated Funds

Based on recent experience, Trustees have decided to retain designated funds which had been allocated to enable an individual to pursue training towards employment opportunities (up to £500 person) at £2,500, and the Emergency Fund to be utilised where there is a potential significant impact on health, well-being or quality of life has also been retained at £5,000.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

BATH WELCOMES REFUGEES

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bath Welcomes Refugees ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5), (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Matthew Chard FCCA
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Date: 11 August 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		30,270	2,750	**33,020**	**65,282**
Charitable Activities		68,652	-	**68,652**	**54,860**
Investment income		7,131	-	**7,131**	**4,489**
TOTAL		**106,053**	**2,750**	**108,803**	**124,631**
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising Funds		2,620	-	**2,620**	**6,122**
Charitable Activities					
Direct support services		113,817	2,752	**116,569**	**89,735**
Governance & Admin		6,940	-	**6,940**	**15,584**
TOTAL		**123,377**	**2,752**	**126,129**	**111,441**
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		**(17,324)**	**(2)**	**(17,326)**	**13,190**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**163,000**	**1,758**	**164,758**	**151,568**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**145,676**	**1,756**	**147,432**	**164,758**

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-	-	8,500
Cash at bank and in hand		146,130	1,756	147,886	156,617
CURRENT ASSETS		**146,130**	**1,756**	**147,886**	**165,117**
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors (due within one year)		454	-	454	359
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**145,676**	**1,756**	**147,432**	**164,758**
NET ASSETS		**145,676**	**1,756**	**147,432**	**164,758**
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		145,676	-	145,676	163,000
Restricted funds		-	1,756	1,756	1,758
TOTAL FUNDS		**145,676**	**1,756**	**147,432**	**164,758**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of its the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 August 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Stephen Whittle OBE - Chair of the Board of Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)'. Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income will be recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised a soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable Activities

Direct Support Services represent the costs directly attributable to activities to support those granted refugee status or those seeking asylum, which include preparing housing, resettlement support, English language teaching, befriending, assistance with employment and education as well as social activities and managing the volunteers who support the families and individuals.

Governance & Administration costs include the direct costs of the administration Bath Welcomes Refugees and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. These costs include, employment, accountancy, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with Board meetings.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided in equal annual instalments over the useful lives of the assets subject to a cost threshold of £500.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds - these are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Board of Trustees in the furtherance of Bath Welcomes Refugees Object.

Designated Funds - these funds have been set aside out of Unrestricted funds, at the discretion of the Trustees, for specific purposes. The Trustees review the status and adequacy of the individual designated funds in relation to the achievement of Bath Welcomes Refugees charitable objectives. The purposes and uses of these funds are set out on page 18 in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted Funds - these funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors. The purposes and uses of these funds are set out on page 18 in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 continued

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 30.6.26	Year Ended 30.6.25
Deposit account interest	£7,131	£4,489

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2026 nor for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Trustees' expenses

Trustee expenses paid in the year ended 30 June 2026 amounted to £665 (2025: £1,095).

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	65,282	-	**65,282**
Charitable Activities	54,860	-	**54,860**
Investment income	4,489	-	**4,489**
TOTAL	**124,631**	**-**	**124,631**
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising Funds	6,122	-	**6,122**
Charitable activities			
Direct support services	89,214	521	**89,735**
Governance & Admin	15,584	-	**15,584**
TOTAL	**110,920**	**521**	**111,441**
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	**13,711**	**(521)**	**13,190**
Transfer between funds	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total funds brought forward	**149,289**	**2,279**	**151,568**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**163,000**	**1,758**	**164,758**

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.25 £	Net movement in Funds £	At 30.6.26 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	155,500	(17,324)	**138,176**
Designated Funds	7,500	-	**7,500**
	163,000	**(17,324)**	**145,676**
Restricted Funds			
Community Sponsorship	1,758	(1,758)	**-**
Educational Fund	-	728	**728**
Bath Building Society	-	1,028	**1,028**
	1,758	**(2)**	**1,756**
TOTAL FUNDS	**164,758**	**(17,326)**	**147,432**

Net movement in funds, included above.

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	105,553	122,877	**(17,324)**
Designated Funds	500	500	**-**
	106,053	**123,377**	**(17,324)**
Restricted Funds			
Community Sponsorship	-	(1,758)	**(1,758)**
Educational Fund	1,500	(772)	**728**
Bath Building Society	1,250	(222)	**1,028**
	2,750	**(2,752)**	**(2)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**108,803**	**(126,129)**	**(17,326)**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.24	Movement in Funds	At 30.6.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	134,289	21,211	**155,500**
Designated Funds	15,000	(7,500)	**7,500**
	122,817	**26,472**	**163,000**
Restricted Funds			
Community Sponsorship	2,279	(521)	**1,758**
			-
	2,279	**(521)**	**1,758**
TOTAL FUNDS	**151,568**	**13,190**	**164,758**

Comparatives for movement in funds shown above

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	132,131	(110,920)	**13,711**
Designated Funds		(7,500)	**(7,500)**
	132,131	**(118,420)**	**13,711**
Restricted Funds			
Community Sponsorship	-	(521)	**(521)**
	-	**(521)**	**(521)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**132,131**	**(118,941)**	**13,190**

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2026.