Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

Charity number 1197764

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2026

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Laura Beesley	Chair	
Bilikisu Eleyinmi		Resigned 8 August 2026
Rebekah Ann Hellewell		
Christopher James Foley	Treasurer	
May Htut Pan Moe		Appointed 6 May 2025
Lin Gao		Resigned 15 April 2026
Christopher David Collier		
Stela Namazzi		
Hina Gillani		
Theja Manoharie Godakande Arachchi		
Folashade Ganiyat Ifekoya		Resigned 13 April 2025

Charity number 1197764 Registered in England and Wales

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Independent examiner
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 2 February 2022 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2026

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To advance equality and diversity for the public benefit for people seeking sanctuary by collaborating as a network of individuals and organisations and promoting activities that foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and welcome people who have made Calderdale their home.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people in Calderdale from becoming socially excluded, and relieving the needs of those people within Calderdale who are socially excluded by reason of their refugee or asylum seeker status and assisting them to integrate into society.

The charity's main activities

Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary has continued to facilitate, enable and grow the network of organisations and residents who support our aim to make Calderdale a place of welcome for people seeking asylum and refugees.

This has been achieved through a variety of methods including creating videos demonstrating what our members do to welcome people seeking sanctuary, Creating a video focussing on the strengths of people seeking sanctuary, taking part in campaigns to highlight the huge challenges that the current political and legal system presents to those seeking asylum, raising awareness locally of these issues and connecting members to create events which have a greater and wider impact.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit

Achievements and performance

Appointed Director of Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary to provide a strategic focus for the organisation and attend multi-agency Borough partnerships.

Became a Living Wage employer showing our commitment to pay a fair wage for our staff.

6 of our member organisations achieved the prestigious Sanctuary Award status demonstrating how they are delivering an inclusive and welcoming service for people seeking sanctuary.

Our monthly newsletter continued to keep our members and supporters informed about the work of our members and others organisations across Calderdale. In addition we have a monthly feature in a magazine which is delivered to 45,000 households across Calderdale enabling us to reach a new audience.

We co-ordinated Refugee Week 2025 with events and activities delivered across the Borough including the launch of our Mythbuster Asylum cards which set out the facts about people seeking asylum in the UK.

Our staff and trustees produced a beautiful tapestry as part of our ‘Stitching home’ project with embroidery artist Elnaz Yazdani. This will now be used as the basis for our work to ensure CVoS feels like home for everyone in the team.

We met with our local MPs to see how we can work together to support people seeking sanctuary in our Borough, participated in national campaigns eg lift the ban to enable asylum seekers to work and responded to the proposed changes to the asylum system currently being discussed to create a compassionate response.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £22,331, including net receipts of £822 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £21,509 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £2,295(although of this, we have yet to determine the amount that should be ring-fenced for redundancy payments).

Our reserves policy takes into consideration that we raise the vast majority of our funding through grant funding where we clearly articulate where the funds will be spent.

Reserves are maintained at a level that enables the charity to manage financial risk, ensuring that financial commitments can be met as they fall due.

1) Maintain an appropriate cash forecast

We will maintain a minimum 12 month rolling cash forecast, detailing the spend across all donor trusts, whether restricted or unrestricted, ensuring that the charity can continue to meet its financial obligations.

2) Restricted Funding

We will ensure that each tranche of restricted funding is regularly monitored to ensure that the funds are fully utilised in the areas that were specified in the grant application.

3) Unrestricted Funding

We will look to build up an unrestricted funding reserve of up to £1,000 so that we can respond to any opportunities that present themselves at short notice, after ensuring that reserves are sufficient to make redundancy payments to employees should the charity plan to cease trading.

Funds or subsidiary undertakings materially in deficit

Leeds University funding for “Our Home” project. The monies were required to be spent prior to submitting the final claim for the funding to be paid from Leeds University. At the end of March 2026, CVoS had paid out £1,325.05 on this project but were awaiting reimbursement from Leeds University. The funding was received by CVoS on 2nd April 2026 and amounted to £2,000. This surplus funding is unrestricted, and will be added to the unrestricted reserves

Approved by the board of trustees on 09/07/2026

Signed: ……. (Trustee)

Name: Laura Beesley

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: M Westmoreland ..... Name: Michelle Westmoreland ACMA

09/07/2026

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	822	57,067	57,889	33,198
Total receipts		822	57,067	57,889	33,198
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		-	22,750	22,750	17,498
Subcontractors		-	-	-	5,489
Professional fees		-	1,544	1,544	450
Payroll fees		-	360	360	288
Room hire		-	-	-	300
Staff expenses		-	987	987	657
Trustee expenses		-	1,489	1,489	1,183
Marketing, website and publicity		-	1,519	1,519	1,414
Refugee week		-	1,918	1,918	855
Design and print costs		-	590	590	476
Training		-	1,326	1,326	4,150
Events and activities		-	33	33	370
Running costs		-	2,424	2,424	2,187
Equipment		-	-	-	29
Independent examination		-	600	600	600
Volunteer costs		-	18	18	584
Total payments		-	35,558	35,558	36,530
Net receipts / (payments)		822	21,509	22,331	(3,332)
Fund balances brought forward		1,473	10,351	11,824	15,156
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	2,295	31,860	34,155	11,824

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2026

	2026 Unrestricted £	2026 Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	2,295	31,860	34,155	11,824
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	2,295	31,860	34,155	11,824

Debtors and prepayments

	2026 £
Accrued income	2,000
	2,000

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Laptop
Sony Vlog video camera with accessories
ASVS X415 Laptop
Apple iPhone SE
Mobile Phone
Laptop for Membership Engagement Lead

Liabilities

	2026 £
Accruals	600
Other creditors	86
	686

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 09/07/2026

Signed: ..... (Trustee)

Name: Laura Beesley

Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting
The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2026

2 Grants and donations

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
	-			
Brelms Trust	-	5,000	5,000	6,000
Community Foundation for Calderdale (CFFC)	-	5,275	5,275	7,315
Lloyds	-	6,892	6,892	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	24,900	24,900	18,001
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
Locala Community	-	-	-	1,423
Other donations	822	-	822	459
	822	57,067	57,889	33,198

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Brelms Trust	4,232	5,000	3,707	-	5,525
CFFC General Grant	2,332	275	2,607	-	-
CFFC Director	-	5,000	4,446	-	554
The Lottery Community Fund	3,787	24,900	23,396	-	5,291
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Leeds University	-	-	1,325	-	(1,325)
Lloyds	-	6,892	-	-	6,892
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	5,000	77	-	4,923
	10,351	57,067	35,558	-	31,860

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Brelms Trust	To cover the core costs of the organisation.
CFFC General Grant	To deliver specific activities as part of refugee week.
CFFC Director	To expand and build upon the initial success of the Writers Refuge.
The Lottery Community Fund	Working with EdShift to provide Brave Boxes to young migrants.
The Wharfedale Foundation	To develop networks and partnerships with our members and supporters.
Leeds University	To develop networks and partnerships with our members and supporters.
Lloyds	To cover the core costs of the organisation and fund specific projects.
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	Deliver mentoring to writers who are seeking sanctuary.

4 Related party transactions

Donations from trustees and related parties
The total aggregate value of unconditional donations to the charity from the trustees or related parties was £72.20 (2025: £0).

Trustee expenses
During the year 6 trustees were paid a total of £1,201, in respect of travel £315, telephone and internet £758, Refreshments £125 and Postage £2 (previous year: 4 trustees, £1,159 - £279 travel, £880 telephone and internet).

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.