Christadelphian Aid to Refugees and Asylum Seekers (CARA) (Charity 1199446)

Annual Report for April 2025 to March 2026

The Trustees of Christadelphian Aid to Refugees and Asylum Seekers ('CARA') are pleased to present their Annual Report of the Charity, for the period to 31 March 2026.

Structure and Governance

The Charity, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation CIO), was approved by the Charity Commission on 24th June 2022, with the registration number 1199446.

The founding Trustees of the Charity were drawn together from the UK Christadelphian community, each of them bringing direct experience of asylum seeker support, wider charity governance expertise and specific skills required to lead a new organisation.

There is now a stable group of Trustees and advisors, including refugees granted Leave to Remain in the UK. We continue to search for Trustees with lived experience as a refugee/Asylum Seeker to provide real insight and balance to our deliberations and decisions, as well as church members with talents that will enhance our Charity.

The Trustees and other committee members met as a Managing Committee once a month, to progress the development and work of the Charity. A considerable amount of work was done via email and Zoom calls between each meeting.

The Managing Committee initiated roles and responsibilities of Trustees in relation to the Charity, and to deploy skills and competencies in relation to the requirements of the Charity and current Charity Commission guidance.

The skills and suitability of applicants for future Trustee roles and committee member roles will be assessed against the anticipated strategic needs of the Charity going forward, a skills matrix and an interview with the trustees. Vacancies will be advertised via appropriate channels through the UK Christadelphian community, to maximise experience and encourage diversity. Prospective trustees and members of the Managing Committee will be encouraged to attend at least two meetings as observers, before formal commitments are made by both the individual and the Charity. Trustee appointments will be on four year terms, and no trustee will serve more than 12 years in total, as per Charity Commission guidance.

The Trustees and other committee members give their time voluntarily and, other than reimbursement of any approved, out of pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other benefits from their role.

Objectives and Activities

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our activities is, as per our registration:

1. The provision of grants and other support to UK Christadelphian ecclesias (churches) so that they may relieve the financial hardship of refugees, asylum seekers and those granted Leave to Remain, and their families, in their locality in particular through the provision of services including but not limited to, English classes, transport costs to and from church activities, food

costs and hospitality associated with church work, purchase of basic essentials, costs of seeking accommodation including transport, a bed, cooking and cleaning materials, and advice and support on education & employment and accessing essential public services.

2. To advance the education of the community in general about the issues relating to refugees, asylum seekers and those granted Leave to Remain, via upkeep of a website, production of bulletins, webinars and online presentations and the provision of support via phone and other media.

3. Integration has been again major objective in the year; we believe that supporting qualifications and providing grants for future employment training is essential to the integration into our church environment and the communities those granted leave to remain live in.

CARA is working to underpin the work of over 100 ecclesias (churches) supporting the numbers of both members and non-members seeking asylum. CARA will focus on those churches which are starting to run short of their own resources. Most seeking asylum arrive with very little, receive strictly limited money and are not allowed to work.

Our churches, now with CARA grants in support where needed, will be able to continue to provide some basics - supplemental food, clothing, essential care and other basic needs for those who have come to us.

CARA is also developing a digital library of resources to assist the support of refugees, and a network of skills and experience in this work to help ecclesias respond to this important work.

Achievements and performance

We are continuing have an impact on our objective to relieve the *financial hardships on the daunting task of navigating a new life in a foreign land.* Over the last year we have:

We have worked with our churches to encourage employment training. This includes funding English classes recognising that a good English is key to obtaining jobs. Funding exam fees for translators, buying tools for engineers, funding training for HGV drivers and supporting a café.

We continue to fund smaller churches where the ratio between members and contacts is a challenge to support with basic needs like food, Clothing and medicine, Including school uniforms.

We continue to develop our website to keep updated with the requirements of our Charity.

We continue to build relationships with our churches to make sure that they are aware that funds are available to assist when needed

The economic and politic landscape within the UK continues to be challenging for our churches and we anticipate deportation, further homelessness and employment issues for our Asylum Seekers/ and Refugees. All these issues have a negative effect on the mental health of the people we support. We are preparing ourselves as Trustees to deal with the challenges and develop plans to continue this necessary work.

Financial Review

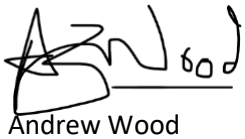
In the period ended 31st March 2026 the Charity received income of £21,126 and made expenditure of £26,668 (£25,966 grants).

As at 31st March 2026 the Charity held net assets of £101,949 represented by bank balances.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report set out above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Andrew Wood

Chair

Date 4th September 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	19 515	-	-	19 515	30 844
BANK INTEREST	1 611	-	-	1 611	1 719
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	21 126	-	-	21 126	32 563
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21 126	-	-	21 126	32 563
A3 Payments					
GRANTS (UK)	25 966	-	-	25 966	9 032
BANK CHARGES	42	-	-	42	88
INTERNET CHARGES	360	-	-	360	
PROGAMING	300	-	-	300	540
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26 668	-	-	26 668	9 660
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26 668	-	-	26 668	9 660
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5 542	-	-	- 5 542	22 903
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	107 491	-	-	107 491	84 588
Cash funds this year end	101 949	-	-	101 949	107 491

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	BANK ACCOUNTS	101 949	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	**101 949**	**-**	**-**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	**RICHARD CHERRY**	**20/07/2026**