



Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered charity number 1178647

Trustees' Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021



The trustees are pleased to present their annual report, together with the accounts of Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship (KCRS or the charity). These are the accounts for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 prepared to meet the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity as set out in its constitution, for the public benefit, are:

"The relief of poverty and the preservation and protection of health of those seeking asylum or granted leave to remain in the UK who reside or wish to reside temporarily or permanently in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames or the surrounding area by providing aid, accommodation, support and education and by facilitating the integration of refugees and asylum seekers into the wider community."

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that in managing all our activities, the KCRS trustees have had regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. In order to achieve our objects we will seek to

1. Assist in the provision of accommodation and other requirements essential for security and wellbeing of our beneficiaries (as set out above in our charitable objects).
2. Work in a way that protects them and minimises the possibility of harm, exploitation or abuse.
3. Ensure their access to education, English language tuition and training leading to their fulfilment, skills and employment.
4. Address health issues, working to develop wellbeing plans, to help them integrate and thrive.
5. Provide opportunities for volunteering and other social activities leading to their social integration.
6. Promote social inclusion through sharing of knowledge and skills, culture, art, goods and friendship.
7. Work with and support other organisations sharing any or all of the above charitable purposes.

Achievements and performance

Main achievements and performance from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

KCRS was founded in April 2018. During the 2020/2021 reporting period, the charity has concentrated on the following:

- continuing fundraising to the point where our free reserves now comfortably exceed the upper limit of our expected costs of supporting a refugee family;
- obtaining Local Authority and Home Office approval for us to proceed with resettling a refugee family;
- continuing to search for accommodation and build connections with potential landlords in the area.

We are awaiting the recommencement of resettlement flights following the Covid-19 pandemic, and obtaining Home Office approval.

Structure, governance and management

KCRS is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees. Its activities and remits are governed by its constitution, adopted by the KCRS trustees at its Trustee Meeting on 17 April 2018.

We recruit our trustees by election by the AGM of members or by appointment.

During this reporting period, the trustees' meetings have typically been held once or twice per month.

Reference and administrative information

The principal address: c/o All Saints Church 14-16 Market Place Kingston KT1 1JP

Name: the charity's registered name is Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship. The charity is also known as KCRS.

Registration: KCRS became a body corporate, a CIO, on 5 June 2018, charity number 1178647.

Trustees

The trustees who served during this reporting period were:

Dr Frederick Scott Ashmore
Reverend Sandra Anne Cragg
Professor Vincent David Daly (Chair)
Gillian Mary Holdsworth (Hon. Secretary)
Rashid Ali Ismail Laher
Isobel Joan Robinson
Reverend Karl Aidan Rutledge (Hon. Treasurer)
Grant Frederick Vanstone

Rashid Ali Ismail Laher retired due to health reasons at the end the reporting period.

Honorary Independent Examiner

Rebecca Singerman-Knight, 19 Sydney Road, Teddington, TW11 8PQ

Bankers: Reliance Bank Limited, Faith House, 26-3-24 Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EB

Financial review

KCRS began this reporting period with free reserves of £18,937, exceeding the minimum threshold required by the Home Office when considering whether to approve a Community Sponsorship group. By the end of the reporting period this sum had risen to £19,606, thus matching trustees' expectations for the maximum sum that might be required to support a refugee family.

Financial Summary

Our receipts were £807 (2020: £4,570)

- Membership subscriptions were £150 (2020: £480)

Because of the charity's satisfactory financial position, the trustees decided to extend individual memberships until the end of the 2020 before seeking further subscriptions. This explains the lower figure compared to 2020.

- Donations were £529 (2020: £2,877)

This figure resulted from many generous personal donations, for which we are grateful.

- Fundraising Events raised £0 (2020: £630)

Given the charity's satisfactory financial position and the restrictions on events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no fundraising events were held this year. However, meetings to enable relationships with members to be maintained were held.

- Gift Aid receipts via Local Giving £128 (2020: £583)

KCRS subscribes to Local Giving, an online fund raising platform. Services provided include a Local Giving "Donate" button accessible via the KCRS website. This allows members to pay their KCRS annual subscriptions and allows other benefactors to make donations.

As part of their service, Local Giving also reclaim for KCRS, from HM Revenue & Customs, any applicable Gift Aid on donations made through their platform.

Local Giving retains processing charges of (i) a fixed 10p "Payment_Provider_Fee" plus (ii) a 5% "Donation_Commission" on each donation and (iii) a 5% "Gift_Aid_Commission" on applicable Gift Aid reclaimed on behalf of KCRS. Donations made via the Local Giving platform are credited to KCRS, as also is applicable Gift Aid, where appropriate, and after deducting the Local Giving processing charges.

Our payments were £138 (2020: £174)

- Local Giving membership fee £96 (2020: £96)

The annual membership fee became payable during the current reporting period.

- Other expenditure £42 (2020: £78)

Other costs were for safeguarding registration with an independent safeguarding body (ThirtyOne:Eight), events and banking charges.

Policy on reserves

All KCRS funds are unrestricted. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted funds less the net book value of any fixed assets held. As at 31 March 2021, KCRS had free reserves of £19,605 (2020 £18,937).

KCRS reserve policy is to set a minimum free reserve in order to facilitate future sustainability of the charity's activities. This minimum free reserve is currently set at £3,100.

The trustees have set out their intended use of the KCRS free reserves in note 5 on page 9 to the accounts. KCRS reserve policy will be reviewed annually, or more frequently if major changes of circumstance require this.

Delayed AGM

The trustees initially decided to delay the AGM in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, particularly for the demographic that typifies the charity's trustees and a large part of its membership. In the event, such opportunity showed no sign of occurring within a reasonable time-frame so the trustees then decided to conduct the AGM online.

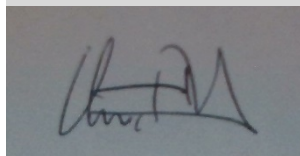
Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and for ensuring that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the KCRS constitution.

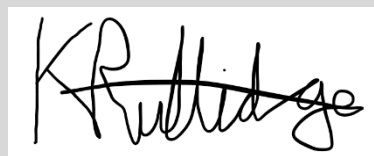
The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or any other irregularities.

The trustees have determined that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vince Daly', on a light blue background.

Trustee Vince Daly
Position Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Rutlidge', on a white background.

Trustee Rev Karl Rutlidge
Position Treasurer

7 June 2021

Report of the independent examiner

To the trustees of Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 10 below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

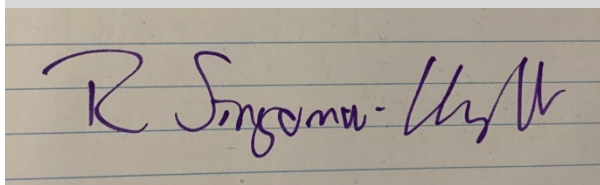
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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).

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.



Rebecca Singerman-Knight

19 Sydney Road, Teddington, TW11 8PQ

28th May 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

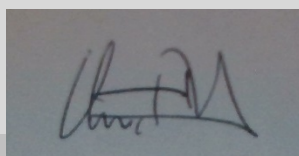
	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations	2	529	529	2,877
Subscriptions				
- from individuals		50	50	180
- concession		-	-	-
- organisation		100	100	300
Events income		0	0	630
Gift Aid via Local Giving		128	128	583
Other income		-	-	-
Total receipts		807	807	4,570
Payments				
Local Giving fees		96	96	96
Events, room hire etc		0	0	42
Printing and publicity		0	0	12
Postage and stationery		-	-	-
Bank charges		10	10	24
Safeguardng registration		32	-	-
Total payments		138	138	174
Net of receipts / (payments)		669	669	4,396
Cash funds at 1 April		18,937	18,937	-
Cash funds at 31 March		19,605	19,605	18,937

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts.

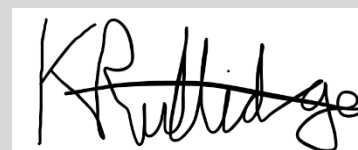
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2020

		2021	2020
		£	£
	Details	Unrestricted Funds	
Cash funds	Reliance Bank Limited	19,605	18,937
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	19,605	18,937
Other monetary assets	Gift aid receivable		
	• Local Giving	0	-
	• HMRC	0	-
Investment assets		none	none
Assets retained for the charity's own use		none	none
Liabilities		none	none

Approved by the trustees on 7 June 2021
and signed on their behalf



Vince Daly
Trustee



Rev Karl Rutledge
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of preparation

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted for charitable incorporated organisations with gross income of £250,000 or less per annum.

2 Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Faith Community & Individual Supporters:-</i>		
Private Individuals	529	1,999
New Malden Methodist Church	-	500
St Matthew's, Surbiton	-	300
GLP London Southwest	-	78
Kingston Quakers	-	-
Anglican Deanery	-	-
	<u>529</u>	<u>2,877</u>

3 Independent examiner fees

The independent examiner provides her services free of charge and receives no other remuneration from the charity.

4 Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no amounts paid to trustees for remuneration.

	2021	2020
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0	1
<u>Nature of the expenses:</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Charity formation & administrative expenses	-	-
KCRS publicity materials	-	12
Total amount paid	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>

5 Allocation of reserves

	2021	2020
	£	£
Resettlement reserve	10,500	10,500
General reserves		
- Of which the minimum free reserve is £3,100	9,105	8,437
	<u>19,605</u>	<u>18,937</u>

Resettlement reserve: the trustees expect £7,000 to cover the remaining typical resettlement costs for any sponsored families currently present or expected to arrive within the next 12 months and a further £3,500 as contingency to mitigate financial risks attaching to sponsorship.

General reserve: KCRS will treat 50% of any large donation as a contribution to a minimum free reserve in order to smooth income flow and so facilitate future sustainability of the charity's activities. Minimum free reserve was unchanged at £3,100 as at 31 March 2021 (2020 £3,100).