

FRIENDS WITHOUT BORDERS (PORTSMOUTH)



Winter food distribution at All Saint's Church

Annual Report for the year 2020
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number 1080187

Trustees 2020:

Alan Fair	John Gordon
Bosco Nyombi (Treasurer to March)	Lia Deyal
Bryony Whitmarsh (co-opted March, Joint Chair from November)	Michael Woolley (Chairman to November, Treasurer Mar to Nov)
Charles Leddy Owen (A to J)	Sharon Brooks
Coleen Le (Deputy Chair)	Yenga Ikuse
Geoff Wilson (co-opted July, Treasurer from November)	Veronica Dunne (co-opted and Joint Chair from November)

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

Purposes for which the charity is established:

Relief of immigrants or refugees who are suffering hardship or distress or are in need, with particular reference, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to those who are imprisoned or detained by the Immigration Services of the United Kingdom whether in Holding Centres, Detention Centres, Prisons or Police Stations. There have been no changes in the aims since the charity was registered.

Organisation: The charity is managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the trustees, which meets every two months. Day to day management is by the Chair.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit. a) Friends Without Borders has relieved poverty through the provision of payments to meet particular needs, granting allowances to destitute clients for limited periods and assistance with travelling expenses and hostel beds. b) Friends Without Borders has also provided free legal advice, regulated by the OISC, on immigration matters. c) Public Benefit has also been served by the education of the general public through the use of social media, and collaboration with the local press

Chair's Report on 2020

Honorary Chairman

We can't start a report on the year 2020 without paying tribute to Michael Woolley who led Friends Without Borders for over 25 years. As our outgoing chairman, for many of us Michael is synonymous with Friends Without Borders and we hope that he will accept this title as a token of our ongoing friendship and affection for him.

Our Deputy Chair wrote a tribute to Michael in our Dec Newsletter, and we have incorporated that within this Annual Report, so that it forms a formal part of our Charity's records. You can find this on pages 12-13.

Thank you, Michael, for all that you have done for so many and for all the support that you continue to offer.

Covid-19

2020 has been a year where we have had to adapt the services that we offer and you will see this reflected in the accounts from our volunteers on pages 8-9. When we were forced to close the Drop In at All Saints Church in 2020, in response to the risks presented by Covid-19, Michael with typical tenacity, encouraged our volunteers to take on the role of befriender to those who are most vulnerable and in receipt of our destitution funds. Befriending has become such an integral part of the way that we support people now that we have a volunteer working with us to develop a befriending framework. We hope that in addition to providing to the people seeking asylum that we support, this will open up opportunities for more people to

volunteer, as it won't be linked to the opening times of the Drop In.

A number of our volunteers have continued to support people to improve their English language competency, by running conversation classes online in partnership with Anita David – these classes have helped to bring people together,

We also had to rethink the way in which we distribute our destitution payments, in order to ensure the safety of our clients and volunteers, see Veronica's report below.

The impacts of Covid-19 have been disproportionate and people seeking asylum have been some of those most severely affected. As a reminder, people seeking asylum in the UK are effectively banned from working, which means they are forced onto asylum support whilst they wait for a decision on their asylum claim (£5.66 per day).

Three examples of the ways that we supported our clients are: Firstly, through the distribution of a number of computers, to enable children to access their learning from home. This was made possible with funds from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Fund. Secondly, with the continued generosity of our donors we were also able to extend the temporary increase in the amount of our weekly destitution payments made possible by Lia's New Years' Day swim on 1st Jan 2020. This increase from £20 to £25 per week has enabled people to live with some dignity and is something we hope to be able to continue. Thirdly, we worked with the King's Church Food Bank to distribute winter food parcels to over 20 of our most needy clients. This activity was also supported by Sainsbury's who

donated plastic bags, the Southern Cooperative who donated some chocolate treats for families with children, the Sisters of Bethany who created beautiful hand sewn bags containing basic toiletries, Churches Homeless Action who donated a number of £5 vouchers and All Saints Church who allowed us to distribute from the Church.

We have also participated in research led by the University of Portsmouth, University of Sussex and St Mungo's, the homelessness charity on migrant homelessness during the Covid-19 pandemic. A number of our clients found themselves less able to rely on the and found themselves in a more precarious position. A full report will be produced at the end of the research project, including recommendations for measures that can be taken across the UK and elsewhere to support migrant groups facing homelessness, during times of crisis.

We can't achieve any of this without the generosity of our supporters, and for this we thank each and every one of you. Thank you.

Bryony Whitmarsh
Joint Chair

2020 has certainly been a year to remember in so many ways, and it has been a challenge, however it has brought about changes which have opened Friends without Borders up to thinking and doing things in different ways, which has been a really useful process to go through. As the saying goes, when you get lemons, let's make lemonade. This is how the Friends Without Borders team have worked through the challenges of 2020, with a smile on our faces.

When lockdown was announced in March 2020 it instantly presented us the problem of no longer being able to see our clients to assist them with payments, food vouchers and casework. So, Michael thought about things and established for money to be sent via BACS payments into friends of the asylum seekers bank accounts. This is due to the fact that most asylum seekers are not able to open bank accounts in their own names. This worked except for a few clients whom our Treasurer would drive to on a weekly basis and pay them in cash their money. As mentioned, due to Lia's swim we have been able to uplift the payments by £5 per week, as we believed that the pressures of Covid necessitated this.

Another wonderful addition to our services is that of telephone befriending, which also grew out of our drop in being closed. Volunteers were given clients to ring and speak with weekly for a chat, how they are doing, if they needed assistance with anything, and some lasting friendships have evolved over the year. It prevented clients who are already isolated to feel part of a community that cares for them, and mutually assisted us all get through the challenges of lockdown.

Clients and volunteers have, when permitted met for coffee and a walk, and this is something which we plan to keep running going forward. It is an opportunity for volunteers who are not able to attend the drop in during working hours on a Thursday, can still support the charity and the clients at a time which suits them better.

Veronica Dunne
Joint Chair

Financial Report 2020

Geoff Wilson our recently appointed Treasurer is pleased to provide the Financial Report for 2020. Points to note are:

- It was a satisfactory financial performance that saw us eat into our reserves in order to continue to support our clients through the Covid-19 pandemic. Our funds reduced from £28,049 on 31 Dec 2019 to £22,601 on 31 Dec 2020.
- The reduction in our income was due to the receipt of fewer large donations.
- Our regular and unique donations have both held up well in a difficult year and again we extremely thankful to our very supportive donors
- We paid out more money to our clients in part by increasing our weekly destitution payments to £25 to help address the difficult circumstances many were facing
- Our overheads (rent, admin, phone and volunteer travel) decreased due to closing our drop in for much of the year.
- We ceased our pilot hostel scheme which eliminated this cost item

<u>INCOMING</u>		2020	2019
Donations			
	Regular (under £500)	21,991	19,931
	Unique Donations	12,974	11,626
	Legacies etc (over £500)	18,197	27,533
	Gift Aid	5,446	5,597
Bank Interest		7	31
<u>TOTAL INCOMING</u>		58,608	64,718
<u>OUTGOING</u>			
Grants & Direct Support			
	Destitute Clients	44,746	39,138
	Client travel	3,529	7,968
	Client hostel	0	12,257
	Client legal fees	533	250
	Laptops	6,070	0
	Total	54,878	59,673
Other expenditure			
	Volunteer travel	1,379	3,342
	Rent	3,663	6,280
	Phone and admin	2,074	2,495
	Insurance	564	556
Fund raising Costs			
	Just Giving Fees	216	216
<u>TOTAL OUTGOING</u>		62,774	72,562
Net receipts for the year		(4,159)	(7,844)

Thank you! Michael Woolley handed over the reins to Geoff Wilson in October 2020. Very many thanks to Michael. We also thank Trevor James a volunteer who has inspected, examined and signed off our accounts and again supported us with his wise counsel.

Access to Justice Report 2020

Charles Leddy-Owen reports on our Access to Justice Project

Access to Justice provides basic legal advice and case work regarding immigration law. The extraordinary juggling of childcare and work commitments enforced upon me by the first lockdown meant that we were effectively closed to all new clients from March 2020. We did, however, continue to provide support with a handful of ongoing cases, all of which have now been successfully completed. The most notable of these involved further leave to remain being confirmed for a family of six, and we also helped out with two UK citizenship applications. It was a challenge to complete the lengthy Home Office forms, and particularly to check documents, in 'virtual' meetings, but we managed, as so many have in other contexts.



Image credit: Garry Knight

Access to Justice reopened to new clients in March 2021. Historically almost all of our referrals came from the drop-in, so business has been quite slow. However, we have struck an arrangement with the local Citizens Advice Bureau who have been sending us some case work. Of particular interest, and gathering urgency, are applications relating to the EU Settlement Scheme. This is the scheme by which citizens of EU states are required to confirm their eligibility to remain in the UK following Brexit. The deadline for applying is the end of June 2021, and although the majority of EU citizens in Britain have now completed this process, there are unknown numbers (potentially in the tens of thousands) who have not. The University of Oxford's Migration Observatory research centre has suggested that this population is disproportionately made up of the marginalised and vulnerable (such as the homeless, the unwell, children and victims of domestic abuse). If these individuals and families do not complete the paperwork in time, then their employment status, access to state funds, and legal residency could all be jeopardised.

Unfortunately, many such people are 'hard to reach' or 'seldom heard', often lacking internet access at home and unable to speak English. Communicating a message about the urgency of their situation, and offering our assistance in making the necessary legal application, is therefore a very tricky task, but is nevertheless something we will be working on achieving as the June deadline approaches. Several charities and campaign organisations have warned of an imminent repeat of the 'Windrush scandal', though on a potentially much larger scale, involving thousands of EU citizens left stranded without the correct paperwork. It will be interesting to see whether some of the consequences of this immigration time-bomb are reflected in next year's Access to Justice report.

Charles Leddy-Owen
Access to Justice

Friends Without Borders gets computers to families seeking asylum in Portsmouth

On 1st May we were given £6,000 by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation to buy laptops for asylum-seeking children.

A volunteer had told us the Foundation was giving out funds in the Covid emergency.

We pitched for money for computers for the children of asylum-seeking families who were all, of course, being home schooled. For obvious reasons they are less likely to have computers than other children and a computer is tremendous for education.

Everyone pitched in. Our computer Guru advised about models and prices. A message went out on our WhatsApp group as to which families would benefit and our volunteers came up with some names. The Red Cross prepared a list of seven families. Our volunteers also organised themselves into work groups, combing through our database and files, making phone calls and finally coming up with a definitive list of 22 families.

When we first started distribution we used Amazon but there were some problems. Each had to be ordered individually, some models ran out, most sellers did not allow an order of more than two. Amazon itself cancelled some of our later orders thinking we'd been hacked. That put everything on hold for a few days until we got the refunds. Over a weekend we analysed exactly what had been delivered and what refunds we had received - we had just enough money left for four more machines. All told we supplied 26 home-

schoolers with laptops at a total cost of just over £6,000.

We replaced our Dropin machines with three brand new ones. We also spent about £300 on buying WiFi equipment for those of our clients who did not have it.

The laptops we gave the home-schoolers are not like the Microsoft ones used in the Dropin, but "Chromebooks". The technology is a little different and we have taken the opportunity to try it out - in some ways it is better for dropin purposes than our existing Windows models.

So we took the opportunity of the programme to give one or two people our secondhand machines. Some actually prefer a second hand Windows machine to a new Chromebook - one young man studying technology at Portsmouth College specifically requested one - but he's 18 and doing high-powered technical stuff.

So when we go back there will be twenty six children and students with their own computers and we shall have for the Dropin a brand new set of laptops better suited to our needs. And it won't have cost Friends Without Borders a penny.

Michael Woolley
Honorary Chairman



Volunteering during the Covid-19 pandemic

This year would not have been possible without the generosity and support of our volunteers. Here, they share their experiences of volunteering during the pandemic – the highs and the lows.

“During Covid I have maintained telephone contact with two clients. I have also continued to help with the admin side of volunteer recruitment. Sending out an application form and Volunteer Handbook to each enquiry. Then following up references and forwarding them on to Bryony and Veronica for further follow up.

It has been interesting and encouraging to see the developments which this temporary closure has provided, and being a part of this process.”

Sue Adeyemo

“I would describe volunteering over the past year as quite a rollercoaster which I would not wish to have missed. It has been heart-breaking to come face to face with some sad situations which clients are managing on a day-to-day basis, but it has been uplifting to see the kindness of the human spirit to shine through. To give you just one example: A client was moved to Portsmouth and despite having a disabled elderly relative and a small child with Downs Syndrome, the Government in their wisdom placed them in a 2nd floor flat with no lift. This left the family housebound, with no wheelchair for the elderly relative, or a pushchair for the small child who could not walk. Not only that but they spoke little English and had no contacts in the city. Fortunately, they were referred to Friends without Borders and I organised a doctor for the family and asked for them to be referred to the social prescribers, contacted Portsmouth Down’s syndrome society, registered the older child for a school place,

and reached out in my local community if anyone had a spare wheelchair so that the family could get outside. Within 2 days I had an offer of a wheel chair and took this to the family which was met with tears of joy. Now the whole family get outside for walks along the beach. This is just the start of their journey and this is why I volunteer for Friends without Borders, because every little act of kindness has a ripple effect and helps society become a better place to live in.”

Veronica Dunne

“Shortly after the Drop-in closed Michael got in touch and asked me to support two clients. I knew the clients but still felt quite nervous about this new form of advocacy. As it turned out supporting one client was quite easy. He felt a bit isolated and lonely because he couldn’t meet his friends so I hope my phone calls helped. Happily, he received his ‘Right to Remain’ and it became clear that he no longer needed my support. Supporting the second client was more time consuming. As he was street homeless, I wanted to be certain that he was able to access the food bank and any extra food parcels that Friends Without Borders provided. I also arranged donations of some basic clothing when non-essential shops were closed. Fortunately, this client is now back in the asylum system. Unfortunately, he is no longer in Portsmouth and I have lost contact with him which is frustrating and disappointing.”

Clare Mach

"My name is Catherine and I have been volunteering for 'Friends Without Borders' teaching English with my fellow teachers and friends, always trying to find the right lessons to give to all our Friends coming from so many shores, having suffered great experiences of trauma."

Catherine Williams

"The last 15 months have shown most of us a number of things including the fragility of our lives, how dependent we are on others and yet how difficult it can be sometimes to get through to the right person or organisation to get help. This has been especially true of those seeking sanctuary as they struggle with the language, a lack of computer skills and equipment, limited or no banking facilities and the reliance on individuals with whom they have been sofa surfing to continue to offer them accommodation. In those situations and more it has been a privilege to reach out to help our clients cope with their various problems. Some simple examples of the way that we have been able to help are: ensuring that those with no recourse to public funds get a basic amount every week in their hands; helping them progress their claim sometimes by helping them write letters to the HO or their solicitors or other agencies; helping them pursue their entitlement to Universal Credit when the only means they have of contacting them is through their online account which you manage for them; helping them find accommodation when they have been asked to leave their previous residence and from time to time handing out to them food or clothing which has been donated. All of the above makes you realise how thankful we should be for how much we have when some others have so little."

Geoff Wilson

Client Support

A key element of the Friends Without Borders offers above the social and friendship element to the drop in, but also the casework which we assist the clients to do. Many clients are not fluent English language speakers, and so not being able to see clients face to face, forced us to come up with imaginative methods to communicate! I can only thank the internet and google translation apps, which although not perfect, definitely helped.

Casework also continued, although the constraints of Data Protection did put another obstacle in the way, making what would have been a simple phone call to an agency whilst the client is present to confirm they are ok to share their data with us, to necessitating forms to be signed going back and forth, before any action could be permitted. But on the positive side, the Government policy of “All In” at last got all our homeless clients with a roof over their heads, all be it temporary.

We continued all through lockdown to support clients with accessing medical support, applying for school places for their children, sign posting to online English classes, (which many of our volunteers were delivering), and many phone calls to Migrant help and other agencies to refer on asylum case issues. Food banks sprang into action and would deliver food hampers when required to clients in need. It has been a very busy time, but proved that with a little lateral thinking, anything can be achieved.

Veronica Dunne



Image credit: Geralt, Pixabay

AGM 22 June 2021

Following the cancellation of last year's AGM, this year we are delighted to welcome as our AGM speaker, Mary Sutton with Pious. They will together give us a flavour of how "Refugee Tales" runs. "Refugee Tales" is an outreach project of Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group inspired by the Canterbury Tales.

Prior to the spread of Covid-19 a group of refugees and their English friends would go on a long walk – sleep, like pilgrims of old, in church halls and schools. Every night there is an evening event with music and a refugee's tale is told. During Covid-19 they have opened out their walks to form an online community inquiry, enabling everyone to join the conversation. They are also bringing together walkers across the world, sharing the tales of people held in immigration detention and those who work with them.



Lia has made plans for us to join them for a worldwide walk on 3rd July in Gosport, ending with a picnic. Please contact coordinator@friendswithoutborders.org.uk if you are interested in joining us.



Refugee Tales

MICHAEL WOOLLEY, HONORARY CHAIRMAN (copy from Dec 2020

Occasional News)

"Dear Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and coping with life's restrictions.

As you are aware our big news is that our long standing Chairperson, Michael Woolley, has retired due to ill health. I would like to say a few words about Michael and also give him thanks.

Michael began with Friends Without Borders nearly 27 years ago, when the organisation was known as Haslar Visitors Group. At that stage the main aim of the organisation was to visit and support men detained in Haslar Immigration Removal Centre.

When the charity which ran the drop in at All Saints Church had to disband, Michael manfully took on the drop in with some volunteers, until the Red Cross joined him. The organisation became known as Friends Without Borders after the detention centre closed.

I have had the pleasure of working with Michael for many years. However, it was not until he retired that I fully appreciated just how much Michael truly undertook for the the organisation and everybody involved with it. Michael has been a rock for me and many others.

Michael has an innate ability to care for people. His concern was always to make people feel valued and this showed in his interactions with clients, supporters and volunteers.

Michael not only made the drop in a place of safety and place to socialise and make

friendships for our clients, he enabled FWB to give help in many practical ways.

One of the things I have always admired about Michael, was that even after 26 years he could still come up with new ideas and kept his passion for the work. He entered fully into the extra activities we put on. He made the perfect Father Christmas! From organising football teams to taking 70 plus clients, including their children, on a wonderful day out organised by the Quakers in Chichester. When visiting the detention centre he was key in securing the release of 12 Zimbabwean men who were being detained illegally. On a lighter note he also made it possible for all the men to have their own underwear! Important for self respect.

The words that come to mind when I think about Michael are all positive. A gentleman who is kind, compassionate and considerate. Hard working and supportive of others. During my last conversation about handing over FWB he asked me to be sure that we made our supporters feel precious. This was said with concern and sincerity.

Michael, for all the above I give you my heartfelt thanks, love and blessings. You were an inspiration to work with. Our clients often called you, with love and respect, Mr. Michael. We have had many messages from them saying how much they will miss you. Your name will always be synonymous with Friends Without Borders.

Finally, thank you for welcoming Bryony Whitmarsh and Veronica Dunne as joint chairpersons, and helping us all with the handover so that your good work continues.

Michael, do make the most of your much deserved retirement. I will pray for good health. ALL of us thank you unreservedly for

the above and so much more. You will be missed so very much.”

Coleen Le, Deputy Coordinator

Looking forward to 2021

Social activities

We have a number of social activities planned throughout the year, and have applied for funding to bring clients, volunteers and members of the community together over the construction of a wood fired oven in the garden of All Saints Church – wish us luck!



A day was spent out in the woods with clients from British Red Cross and Friends Without Borders, learning woodworking skills being taught by Ivan. The day started with coffee and biscuits and a walk around the grounds, passing the site outdoor where, if the weather had been kinder, we would have been able to have stayed. However, given it was blowing a gale and raining we returned to the barn. On the way we saw a yurt which is available to rent. The first skill which was shown was how to split the log into segments, from which a spatula was to be carved. This brought out the cave man in us all as we swung the mallet into the axe. Then it was a case of shaving down the rectangular slice of wood, so that it was the correct width for the

spatula, then drawing the spatula shape and carving this also. Finally, the wood was steamed and then curved in a vice. Sprinkled throughout the day was amazing food, and cakes and hot drinks and conversation within such a relaxing atmosphere. A truly amazing, informative and wonderful day out.

Portsmouth High School – Head Girls Team

We are also extremely proud to have the support of the Head Girls team at Portsmouth High School, who have selected Friends Without Borders as their sixth form charity to support over the coming year.

Annalee Macfarlane, Head Girl writes: “We chose Friends Without Borders because the work they do is so important to give asylum seekers and refugees a place to go in order to access help locally. We feel the charity is making a real difference to people’s lives and we wanted to help contribute to this significant cause.”

We’re looking forward to working with all the girls who are keen to get involved with volunteering.



Veronica Dunne and Bryony Whitmarsh

Friends Without Borders

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This is a multi-purpose form. Please fill in such parts as are relevant.

Count me in as a Supporter

Please add me to your supporters list to receive the Occasional Newsletter.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

I agree to be contacted by Friends Without Borders by post and email for fundraising purposes ☐

I give consent to Friends Without Borders to keep my personal information (as above) for the purpose of administering our supporters mailing list, in accordance with our privacy policy. ☐

I give consent to Friends Without Borders contacting me by post and email with, for example, the Occasional News and Annual Report. ☐

I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time by contacting coordinator@friendswithoutborders.org.uk ☐

Gift Aid Certificate

- Donations from UK taxpayers are supplemented by a grant from the Treasury.
- Our Treasurer will make the claim, the only thing needed of the donor is their address and signature below that they are paying income tax.

I am a UK taxpayer paying tax at least equivalent to this claim and claim Gift Aid on this and all future donations to Friends Without Borders. I have given my address above and understand that this information will be kept by Friends Without Borders for 6 years, from the date of my last donation.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Standing Order

To the Manager: Please pay Friends Without Borders the sum below by standing order until further notice. Friends Without Borders account is with Lloyds, Waterloooville. Sort code 30-99-20. Account number: 00985875.

Monthly amount in figures: £ _____ in words: _____

Date of first payment: _____ My bank: _____

My sort code: _____ My account number: _____

My account name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to:

Friends Without Borders, All Saints Church, Commercial Road, Portsmouth, PO1 4BT

Friends Without Borders

We are a completely independent, all-volunteer charity which has served asylum seekers and refugees in Portsmouth for the last 27 years. We have NO Government contracts (which means we can challenge Government) and rely almost entirely for support on the contributions of local people.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Become a Supporter

Email: coordinator@friendswithoutborders.org.uk and we'll send you an occasional newsletter.

Give Money for Grants

Asylum seekers still only get £39.63 a week – enough to live but any small emergency becomes a crisis. We typically pay over £1,000 a week in small grants to needy asylum seekers.

Make out a Standing Order

One of our strengths is a network of local supporters who pay small (whatever you like but £5 to £25 is typical) amounts each month - giving us staying power.

Remember to add Gift Aid

Gift Aid adds 25p to every £1 you give so anybody who pays income tax and donates should sign the form overleaf. We got £5,446 in Gift Aid in 2020

Leave a Legacy

One of our supporters left us a legacy that will come to us in 2021, though generous donors stepped in and saved the day. Legacies enable us to plan to plan for the future. They helped us run our hostel for homeless people seeking asylum for nine months in 2019 and we hope to offer more social activities going forward.

Volunteer Yourself

We need volunteer case workers. We also need volunteers to do various other jobs. The asylum-seekers themselves do much of the hum-drum work but it's good to have a team of steady volunteers. Email: chair@friendswithoutborders.org.uk

And finally to all those of you supporting the work already be assured that we will spend your money wisely and

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends Without Borders
(Registered charity number 1080187) on the accounts for the year ended
31 December 2020**

This report is made solely to the trustees of Friends Without Borders, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the trustees of Friends Without Borders those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Friends Without Borders you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Act. You consider that the audit requirements of the Act do not apply.

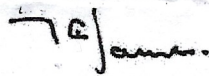
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts of Friends Without Borders for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on the attached pages carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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.



Trevor James FCA DChA
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9 March 2021

Friends Without Borders

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019
	£	£	£	£
Income Receipts				
From Voluntary Sources				
Regular Donations	21,991	-	21,991	19,931
Unique Donations	12,974	-	12,974	11,626
Legacies and Major Donations	18,197	-	18,197	27,533
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5,446	-	5,446	5,597
	<u>58,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,608</u>	<u>64,687</u>
Fund Raising	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Bank Interest	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>31</u>
Total Receipts	<u>58,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,615</u>	<u>64,718</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Grants and Direct Support				
Destitute Asylum Seekers	44,746	-	44,746	39,198
Client Travel	3,529	-	3,529	7,968
Hostel	-	-	-	12,257
Legal Fees	533	-	533	250
Laptops	6,070	-	6,070	-
	<u>54,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,878</u>	<u>59,673</u>
Other expenditure				
Staff Costs	-	-	-	-
Volunteer Travel and Expenses	1,379	-	1,379	3,342
Rent	3,663	-	3,663	6,280
Telephone and other administration costs	2,074	-	2,074	2,495
Insurance	564	-	564	556
	<u>7,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,680</u>	<u>12,673</u>
Fund-raising costs				
Just Giving fees	216	-	216	216
	<u>216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
Other Payments				
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Total payments	<u>62,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,774</u>	<u>72,562</u>
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	<u>730</u>	<u>443</u>
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Approved by the Trustees of Friends Without Borders

on 22 MARCH 2021 and signed on their behalf by:-

Chairperson Veronica Dunne

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Friends Without Borders
(Registered charity number 1080187) on the accounts for the year ended
31 December 2020**

This report is made solely to the trustees of Friends Without Borders, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the trustees of Friends Without Borders those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Friends Without Borders you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Act. You consider that the audit requirements of the Act do not apply.

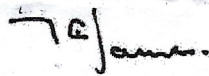
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts of Friends Without Borders for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on the attached pages carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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.



Trevor James FCA DChA
Dormer Cottage
West Broyle
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 3PR
9 March 2021

Friends Without Borders

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019
	£	£	£	£
Income Receipts				
From Voluntary Sources				
Regular Donations	21,991	-	21,991	19,931
Unique Donations	12,974	-	12,974	11,626
Legacies and Major Donations	18,197	-	18,197	27,533
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5,446	-	5,446	5,597
	<u>58,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,608</u>	<u>64,687</u>
 Fund Raising	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
 Bank Interest	 <u>7</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>7</u>	 <u>31</u>
 Total Receipts	 <u>58,615</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>58,615</u>	 <u>64,718</u>
 Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Grants and Direct Support				
Destitute Asylum Seekers	44,746	-	44,746	39,198
Client Travel	3,529	-	3,529	7,968
Hostel	-	-	-	12,257
Legal Fees	533	-	533	250
Laptops	6,070	-	6,070	-
	<u>54,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,878</u>	<u>59,673</u>
 Other expenditure				
Staff Costs	-	-	-	-
Volunteer Travel and Expenses	1,379	-	1,379	3,342
Rent	3,663	-	3,663	6,280
Telephone and other administration costs	2,074	-	2,074	2,495
Insurance	564	-	564	556
	<u>7,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,680</u>	<u>12,673</u>
 Fund-raising costs				
Just Giving fees	216	-	216	216
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