



Enfield Refugee Welcome Group

Registered Charity 1175359

Report to Trustees

June 2022

Our Stated Aim

The relief or prevention of poverty and the preservation and protection of health amongst those granted refugee status or who have been granted asylum by the Home Office and who reside or wish to reside in Enfield.

To advance the education and training of those granted refugee status or who have been granted asylum by the Home Office and their dependents who reside or wish to reside in Enfield and are in need thereof so as to assist them to integrate within a new community.

History

Enfield Refugee Welcome Group (ERWG) was started in 2016 by a group of likeminded individuals who felt that action was required by the community in response to the tragedies occurring predominantly in Syria at the time. It was a group made up of people from all and no faiths and remains a true community response.

It was decided to act as a community sponsorship group under the new Home Office Community Sponsorship Scheme. To facilitate this the group initially operated under the auspices of Caritas an existing recognised social action charity. With their help and support the group were able to be recognised by the Home Office and successfully applied under the scheme to be accredited.

We have since built on our experience and have now welcomed a third family.

First Family

Our first family: mum, two sons and a daughter who arrived in July 2017 are now established in Stoke on Trent where they have extended family.

Although we are no longer responsible for the family under the Home Office Scheme we remain in contact. This year has seen the eldest son suffer with his PTSD and he is not receiving the structured learning environment that he was used to in Enfield. Should suitable housing become available they would like to relocate back to Enfield. Mum is now a registered carer for son 1 so the family would not be subject to a benefit cap.



Second Family

Our second family arrived on the 5th March 2020 just ahead of “lockdown”. The family consists of Grandma, Dad & Mum, and Four Children.

We have completed our final two-year assessment with the Home Office and now no longer have any responsibility towards the family. We will naturally, however, continue to support them in any way we can.

During the year we have provided them with a large new fridge, electrical and plumbing services and have provided them with three new laptops.

We have met with them to explain the need to gain employment and I am pleased to say dad is now in part time paid employment. This has helped in maintaining their level of benefits.

Third Family

Our third family came under the Afghanistan Crisis resettlement scheme. They arrived in January 2022, and we were fortunate to source a large three-bedroom semi-detached house with a good size garden at LHA rates. We provided new beds, new bedding, kitchen equipment etc. The landlord specifically wanted the house to go to a refugee family. The family is made up of Dad, Mum and five children ranging from thirteen years old down to under one year. Somewhat surprisingly the family partly arrived in their own car. Dad explained that they would have preferred Ealing as that is where he used to be an Uber driver! He also explained that they were British Passport Holders.

After discussion with the Home Office, it appears that the family initially declared themselves as Afghanistan nationals so entered that resettlement process as opposed to returning British Citizens.

The Home Office have apologised for not ensuring we received a refugee family and have released us from any responsibility for them.

The landlord, however, wishes them to leave the property. They have a valid tenancy agreement so we cannot simply ask them to move.

Finance

All bank statements are attached as is a simplified spreadsheet detailing income and expenditure. The headline figures since the opening of the bank account are:

Opening Balance £16,182.08

Income £7,376.32

Expenditure £14,884.88

Cash at Bank £8,673.52



Alan Jones, a retired chartered accountant, has independently looked at both the bank statements, receipts, and the spreadsheet. He confirms the figures.

We have been very fortunate this year to benefit from regular additions to our funding; a monthly donation of £100 and one-off donations of £1,266.33. We also received a gift aid repayment of £4,078.84 mainly due to the significant single donation we received last year. I have again applied for Gift Aid this year, but the amount will be circa £300 due to the nature of donations.

General

I am stepping down as the project leader for ERWG and am now actively looking for a replacement. Naturally, I will provide an extended hand over period but having been heavily involved since its inception I find I no longer have the time needed to fulfil the role properly.

Conclusion

It has been a challenging and to some degree a disappointing year. We should not lose sight of the fact that family three were in a war zone and had no home to come back to, so our help has been properly given.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Seldon', is positioned above the printed name.

Alan Seldon

26th July 2022

Date	Type	Description	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance	
1/6/21		Opening Balance			16182.08	✓
14/6/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	16282.08	Credit
1/7/21	CR	HMRC CHARITIES		4078.84		Credit
1/7/21	DD	TV LICENCE DDA	159		20201.92	DD
2/7/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun ERWG Rent assistance	250		19951.92	BP
8/7/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun ERWG Rates assistance	250		19701.92	BP
14/7/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	19801.92	Credit
29/7/21	CR	DAVIES S+K GIFT SAM DAVIES		150	19951.92	Credit
16/8/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	20051.92	Credit
31/8/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun ERWG Dentist	60		19991.92	BP
14/9/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	20091.92	Credit
15/9/21	BP	Mr W A Kaisoun Council Tax	211.18		19880.74	BP
30/9/21	BP	D Sheen ERWG	82.75		19797.99	Receipt 1
14/10/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	19897.99	Credit
15/11/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	19997.99	Credit
16/11/21	BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent	2000		17997.99	BP
17/11/21	BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent Deposit	1804.94		16193.05	BP
27/11/21	CR	O Ron Livingstone O/P		368.22	16561.27	Credit
1/12/21	DD	OCTOPUS ENERGY FIRST PAYMENT	178.1		16383.17	Receipt 2
8/12/21	BP	Amber Moves Mr A J ERWG	120		16263.17	Receipt 3
10/12/21	BP	Amber Moves Mr A J ERWG	60		16203.17	Receipt 4
14/12/21	CR	DS Monthly donation		100	16303.17	Credit
20/12/21	BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent	1595.62		14707.55	BP
22/12/21	CR	PALMERS GREEN UNIT PG URC		500	15207.55	Credit
3/1/22	BP	A SELDON F2 New Fridge	371.97		14835.58	Receipt 5
4/1/22	DD	OCTOPUS ENERGY	178.1		14657.48	Receipt 6
5/1/22	CR	SANDHAM D&F DONATION		150	14807.48	Credit
7/1/22	BP	A SELDON F3 Beds Ikea	749		14058.48	Receipt 7
11/1/22	CR	WINCHMORE HILL QUA From WH Quakers		500	14558.48	Credit
12/1/22	CR	PAID IN AT 400521		116.33	14674.81	Credit
14/1/22	CR	DS Monthly donation		100		Credit
14/1/22	BP	D Sheen F3 House Setup	271.76		14503.05	Receipt 8

✓ Bank Statement - agreed.

R - agreed to receipt.

Reviewed / Agreed.
 FCEA (estimated)
 21.7.22

19/1/22 BP	Ms Osnat Ron ERWG Rent	1595.62	12907.43 BP
21/1/22 DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 30DEC2021	5	12902.43 DR
30/1/22 BP	D Sheen F3 House Setup Dunelm	90✓	12812.43 Receipt 9 <i>h</i>
31/1/22 BP	A Sutherland F3 House Setup	715.8✓	12096.63 Receipt 10 <i>h</i>
1/2/22 DD	Octopus Energy	178.1✓	11918.53 Receipt 11 <i>h</i>
1/2/22 BP	A Seldon F3 House Setup	817.89✓	11100.64 Receipt 12 <i>h</i>
1/2/22 BP	A Seldon F3 House Setup Ikea	135✓	10965.64 Receipt 13 <i>h</i>
2/2/22 BP	F2 TV licence	159✓	10806.64 BP
9/2/22 CR	Donation		100✓ 10906.64 Credit
14/2/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓ 11006.64 Credit
16/2/22 BP	Rent Payment F3	1595.62✓	9411.02 BP
16/2/22 BP	A Seldon F3 Lawnmower and lead	122.99✓	9288.03 Receipt 14 <i>h</i>
18/2/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	32.16✓	9255.87 Receipt 15 <i>h</i>
21/2/22 DR	Bank Charges	5.8✓	9250.07 DR
24/2/22 CR	Octopus Energy Refund		212.93✓ 9463 Credit
28/2/22 BP	Zurich Public Liability Insurance	165.48✓	9297.52 Receipt 16 <i>h</i>
1/3/22 BP	M Ramjan electrician F2	100✓	9197.52 Receipt 17 <i>h</i>
2/3/22 BP	C Dascalescu plumber F2	90✓	9107.52 Receipt 18 <i>h</i>
7/3/22 BP	F3 TV Licence	159✓	8948.52 BP
14/3/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓ 9048.52 Credit
18/3/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	20✓	9028.52 Receipt 19 <i>h</i>
21/3/22 DR	Bank Charges	5✓	9023.52 DR
24/3/22 BP	F3 Carpets and fridge payment	500✓	8523.52 BP ✓
14/4/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓ 8623.52 Credit
21/4/22 DR	Bank Charges	5✓	8618.52 DR
22/4/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	20✓	8598.52 Receipt 20 <i>h</i>
16/5/22 CR	DS Monthly donation		100✓ 8698.52 Credit
20/5/22 DD	TalkTalk F3 Broadband	20✓	8678.52 Receipt 21 <i>h</i>
21/5/22 DR	Bank Charges	5✓	8673.52 DR <i>h</i>
	Opening Balance		16182.08
	Total Income	7376.32	7376.32
	Total Expenditure	14884.88	-14884.88
	Closing Balance		8673.52

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21-7-22
FCCA (acting)