

# Refugee Relief Ynys Môn

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# Refugee Relief Ynys Môn Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Period 6 March 2021 to 5 March 2022

## Reference & Administration Details

**Charity Name:** Refugee Relief Ynys Môn

**Other Name(s):** RRYM

**Registered in England and Wales, no. 1184413**

**HMRC Reference Number:** EW41157

**Address** 33 St. Seiriols Road,  
Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 2YT

### Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

Name	Office	Appointed	Resigned
Heulwen Grace Dickinson	Secretary	05/03/2016	NA
Barry Dickinson	Chair	12/05/2016	NA
Mary Elizabeth Williams	Trustee	11/02/2019	NA
Neil Gavin Bannigan	Trustee	11/02/2019	21/10/2021
Carys Thomas	Trustee	03/03/2020	NA

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## Structure, Governance & Management

### **Type of Governing Document:**

Constitution,

### **How the Charity is Constituted:**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

### **Trustee Selection Methods:**

**Elected by existing Trustees**

### **How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:**

All Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution, Annual Reports, Financial Statements and Minutes of recent meetings.

## Objects

The prevention or relief of poverty anywhere in the world by providing: grants and items to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Our mission is to supply regular shipments of food, warm clothes and other life essentials.

### **Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit**

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

## Executive Summary

We use Social Media to keep in regular contact with volunteers and organisations working on the ground in the countries we support. This gives us an insight into exactly what is needed and where. It also enables us to confirm to our donors that the aid we send reaches the correct destination.

A list of the "People We Support" can be found at the end of this document.

We hold regular meetings and work alongside several other charities and groups from Cheshire, Merseyside and North Wales. This enables us to make informed decisions on when and where to provide aid and to make the best use of our limited resources.

Although most of the aid we supply is sent from the UK, it is sometimes more economical for us to grant funds to charities and groups operating in the areas we support. This money is then used to purchase food and essential items locally, reducing transport costs and supporting their local economy. We obtain original receipts for such purchases whenever possible.

### **Activities, Achievements & Performance**

At the beginning of March, 2021, Barry and Heulwen moved to their new home in Llandudno as planned. All donated items had been sent out to organisations various or offered to local charities

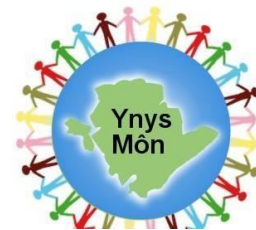
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prior to their move, which made the task of packing much easier. Since then we have had two of our four trustees, Betty Williams and Carys Thomas continuing to collect and pack donations on Anglesey, with the other two trustees, Barry and Heulwen Dickinson working from Llandudno. The fact that Heulwen has been obliged to receive chemotherapy treatment on a regular basis means that Carys has stepped up to take care of most of the packing duties, with Betty continuing to play a major role in receiving donations at her home. Our charity continues to work efficiently despite the miles between us. We have been holding our meetings online, including our AGM which was held on 22/11/2021.

In October 2021, our wonderful friend and fellow trustee, Neil Bannigan, sadly lost his battle against cancer. To say that he has been sorely missed by us all is a massive understatement. We wrote to the Charity Commission at the time to inform them of Neil's passing.

Between March 2021 and March 2022, we did not ship any boxes of aid to other countries. Customs duties ETC have continued to pose multiple problems which have yet to be resolved. We have kept monitoring the situation in the hope that things may change for the better, but I fear this has been more in hope than expectation. Not to be totally thwarted in our attempts to provide aid to those who so desperately need it, we came to an arrangement with several other charities that allowed us to send aid to their depots in the UK. From there it is put on to pallets or loaded on to containers for shipping abroad.

In December 2021, Barry and Heulwen were invited to take the charity stall to a Christmas fair in Llandudno. We were able to raise a modest amount through the sale of donated items which were not suitable for shipping abroad. We have yet to set up regular fundraising events similar to those we organised on Anglesey. If we decide to do so in the future it will certainly need to involve the recruitment of more volunteers in order to make manning the stall feasible.

## Cash Donations and Collections

We showcase the work of our charity and request public donations on our Website <https://RRYM.UK> and on our Facebook page [refugeereliefynysmon](https://www.facebook.com/refugeereliefynysmon).

This year we have received Donations of **£4,816** and Other income of £166.

This includes £360 from our Facebook "Gaza Desalination Plant Appeal".

## Fundraising activity

Items which have been donated but which are not required by the displaced people we support are sold either at local events or on social media to raise funds.

## Talks and Presentations

Only one event was held this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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## shipping costs

Due to problems exporting to the EU following Brexit, together with Covid-19 restrictions, we have been able to ship far fewer donated items for distribution to refugees in Europe and beyond.

As a result, our expenditure this year on shipping costs was reduced to £335.

We posted 31 20kg boxes of clothes, some going to Athens, others to Lebanon, all courtesy of UK charities.

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## Purchasing Aid

Our main expenditure this year has been purchasing essential items and funding local support projects.

Some items are purchased in the UK and shipped in the boxes and containers, but most are purchased on our behalf by trusted volunteers in the countries we support.

These totalled £3,700, which included £1,133 towards the Gaza Desalination Plant and £1,350 to Global Helping Hands to purchase food baskets for families living in the Aarsal refugee camps.

For an explanation of these items and details of their recipients, please refer to the accompanying "People We Support" document.

## The people we support

Occasionally we are able to supply aid directly to displaced people, either in the UK or in refugee camps, who have been referred to us by a trusted volunteer or group.

However as we are such a small charity with few volunteers, most of the aid we collect is shipped to one of the organisations described in the accompanying "People We Support" document, who we trust to distribute the aid on our behalf. We receive frequent photographs of these distributions, which we show on our Facebook page and Website as evidence to our donors that the aid has reached its intended recipients.

## Financial Review

### Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

We try to hold at least £1,000 in reserve.

We need this so that we can respond to emergency calls for help.

### Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

### State of the Charity's Finances

Bank Balance plus Petty Cash as of 5 March 2021: £2,731.79.

Total income this year: £9,131.

Total spending this year: £8,494.

Bank Balance plus Petty Cash as of 5 March 2022: £3,383.14.

please refer to the accompanying "RRYM Balance Sheet21" Excel Worksheet for a fully itemised breakdown of the charity's income and expenditure.

### Restricted Funds

No funds have been restricted for particular purposes.

### Designated Funds

No funds have been designated for particular purposes.

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## **Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity**

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

## **Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt**

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

## **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf by the secretary.

## **The people we support**

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### **Hand in Hand for Aid and Development, Birmingham**

We were able to Send another eight boxes of hand knitted and crocheted items to HIHFAAD before customs rules were tightened even further on the Turkish/Syrian border. Unfortunately we have been unable to send further parcels for the last few months due to customs constraints.

### **Freeshop Lebanon container**

We have continued sending aid by way of clothes, footwear and blankets to the Free Shop, Lebanon, providing them with nine large boxes of aid during the past year. Our boxes are sent to their warehouse in Coventry, from where all in-coming aid is sorted into categories and put on to containers ready for transporting to Lebanon.

### **Sussex Aid Refugees**

Sussex Aid have been instrumental in providing clothes and footwear for Afghan refugees residing in local hotels. We have been able to help them in their efforts by providing them with nine boxes of same..

### **Katy Last Parcel for Ukraine**

At the beginning of March, 2022, we sent a large box of nappies, wet wipes, toiletries and sanitary towels to a fellow humanitarian living in Derbyshire. She was collecting these items to send out to Ukraine, courtesy of a local organisation.

Infant Medication for Turkish Border

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In April 2021 we sent £300 to a trusted friend living on the Turkish border, in order to help him purchase special lotion for three young boys with a serious hereditary skin condition.

### **Heulwen Lebanon Potato Project**

In February the charity donated £100 towards an agricultural project that Heulwen had helped establish in Aarsal, Lebanon. The Refugee families were able to rent a plot of land on which they planted potatoes, beans, aubergines, tomatoes and onions. The project was very successful and helped to provide many families with a variety of fresh vegetables. Thanks to our contacts on the ground we were able to regularly update our supporters regarding the progress of this project by posting pictures and videos both on our Facebook page and on our Website.

### **Heulwen Fencing for P4T Primary School, Uganda**

Another of Heulwen's projects was to finance secure fencing for P4T primary school in Uganda. The charity was happy to donate £100 towards this project and the money was transferred towards the end of April. Following discussions with the school principal, Mr Joseph Sindani, the fencing was duly erected. Prior to this the school had been encountering problems with older men entering the premises to try to tempt local girls away from their studies and offering them money for sex.

### **Nappies and Milk for Turkish boarder**

At the end of April we were able to donate the sum of £72 towards the purchasing of nappies and baby milk on the Turkish border. Again pictures were taken and posted on our Facebook page and Website for the benefit of our supporters.

### **Love Without Borders, Athens Food Vouchers**

In May 2021 we sent £180 to the American charity, Love Without Borders, who had launched a project to provide much of the refugee population residing in Athens with food vouchers. The money was sent using their Paypal charity account.

### **ThereYouGo Soap and Toiletries**

In June we sent £110 to the small Greek organisation, Thereyougo. Our donation enable them to buy soap and other toiletries for residents of the new refugee camp which has recently been built on the island of Samos.

### **Love Without Borders, Community Centre Rent**

In July 2021 we sent £176 to the American charity Love Without Borders, to help them with the renting of their newly established community centre in Athens. Again we used their charity Paypal link in order to transfer the money.

### **Gaza Desalination Plant**

Last year we embarked on a project to raise funds which would facilitate the digging of a well and the installation of a desalination plant in the village of Cuza, Gaza. We succeeded in raising £1132 which we transferred directly to the company carrying out the work, Abdul Salam Yaseen and sons, who were involved in organising and carrying out the work. The money was transferred in July 2021. As ever we posted a number of pictures and videos on our Facebook page and Website showing how the work was progressing, and again once it had been completed.

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## **Infant Medication for Turkish Border**

Another £35 was sent to our friend on the Turkish border in August 2021 to cover the cost of infant medication. This was to help him purchase medicine for a small baby with digestive issues.

## **Bridge2 Haiti**

Following the earth quake in Haiti, it was decided that we should donate £100 to the charity Bridge2 to help with their emergency restoration work. The money was transferred to them in October 2021.

## **Humming Bird Toy Appeal**

Last December we purchased toys and games totalling £53 from Amazon. These we duly donated to a local community organisation, the Hummingbird project, who were running an appeal to provide less fortunate children with Christmas gifts. Having purchased the items on Amazon, we arranged for them to be delivered directly to the Hummingbird project who are based in Abergele.

## **Lebanon Global Helping Hands**

Towards the end of last year we launched another fundraiser to help purchase food baskets for families living in the camps of Aرسال, Lebanon. We succeeded in raising £1350 which we transferred to the British charity, Global Helping Hands who were responsible for setting up the original project. The money was transferred to them at the end of December. Again pictures and videos of the distributions were posted both on our Facebook page and Website.

## **Care4Calais**

Care4Calais is a volunteer run charity delivering essential aid and support to refugees living in the worst conditions across Northern France and Belgium. We believe in a fair and tolerant British society and advocate for a welcoming and inclusive attitude towards refugees. Care4calais.org is a UK Registered Charity #1169048

RRYM has supplied second-hand winter coats, men's jeans, winter hats and socks. These were sent via Rob Lorrie by courier in 4 20kg boxes in November 2021.

## **Pobl i Bobl - Bangor (Cefnogi Ffoaduriaid/Refugee Support)**

Founded as a response to the beginning of the European refugee crisis in 2015, Pobl i Bobl (Welsh for People to People) aims to help people in crisis by providing physical aid and personal support, regardless of race, religion and location.

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Financial Transactions	Value	
Registered Charity Number		1184413
HMRC Charity Ref.	EW41157	
Bank Account		71053743
Sort Code	51-61-14	
PayPal	paypal.me/	
Financial Year End		5/3/2022
Last Updated		6/3/2022
Bank Balance		£3,443.69
PayPal Balance		£0.00
Petty Cash		-£60.55
Total Current Balance		£3,383.14
All Time Donation Credit		<b>£29,536.87</b>
All Time Other Credit		<b>£4,825.10</b>
This Year Donation Credit		<b>£4,815.51</b>
This Year Other Credit		£165.57
All Time Shipping Debit		£14,241.50
All Time Other Debit		£16,737.33
This Year Shipping Debit		£335.06
This Year Other Debit		£3,994.67



1Date	1Donations	1Credit	2Date	2Other Income	2Credit
5/3/2021	Brought Forward	#####	5/3/2020	Brought Forward	£4,659.53
8/3/2021	Birgit Meinecke D	£12.00	25/6/2021	Parcel2Go Refund	£30.00
9/3/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£25.00	26/7/2021	Parcel2Go Refund	£26.36
18/3/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£20.00	2/9/2021	Braille	£17.00
19/3/2021	Michael Soehne	£180.00	21/9/2021	Braille	£10.00
19/3/2021	Emma Griffiths D	£30.00	12/10/2021	Braille	£10.00
26/3/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00	7/2/22	DVLA refund	£72.21
29/3/2021	Samantha Mark	£58.00			
1/4/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00			
1/4/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00			
6/4/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00			
9/4/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£25.00			
9/4/2021	Arthur Turner Dona	£50.00			
10/4/2021	Arthur Turner Dona	£6.00			
18/4/2021	Catherine Jones I	£10.00			
20/4/2021	Monica Hogg	£15.00			
20/4/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00			
20/4/2021	Zahida Siddique I	£40.00			
26/4/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00			
29/4/2021	PayPal Giving Fund	£5.00			
9/5/2021	Lucy Reynolds Dc	£20.00			
4/5/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00			
4/5/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00			
9/5/2021	helen Russell Dor	£20.00			
9/5/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£25.00			
10/5/2021	Anthony McNicho	£10.00			
11/5/2021	Betty Williams	£20.00			
26/5/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00			
1/6/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00			
1/6/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00			
6/6/2021	Alison Mawdsley	£50.00			
9/6/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£25.00			
22/6/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00			
26/6/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00			

1/7/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00
1/7/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00
8/7/2021	Anthony McNicho	£10.00
8/7/2021	Shazad Shauket Ga	£100.00
9/7/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£25.00
13/7/2021	Valerie Simcock Do	£250.00
20/7/2021	MyUKVISAS LIMITE	£130.62
22/7/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£40.00
26/7/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
28/7/2021	PayPal Giving Fund	£257.81
2/8/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00
2/8/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00
6/8/2021	Alison Mawdsley	£100.00
9/8/2021	Clair Jeremy Donati	£25.00
26/8/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
26/8/2021	PayPal Giving Fund	£100.49
1/9/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00
1/9/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00
6/9/2021	Joy Mawby	£20.00
10/9/2021	Arthur Turner Dona	£50.00
13/9/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£40.00
21/9/2021	Betty Williams	£20.00
22/9/2021	Birgit Meinecke Do	£25.00
24/9/2021	Maureen Turton Dc	£10.00
29/9/2021	PayPal Giving Fund	£4.50
26/9/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
1/10/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00
1/10/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00
6/10/2021	Joy Mawby	£20.00
10/10/2021	Maureen Turton Dc	£5.00
15/10/2021	Sandra Juliachs C	£25.00
15/10/2021	Vanessa Marjorib	£20.00
15/10/2021	Phillip Sanders Dc	£25.00
15/10/2021	Caroline Gregory	£5.00
15/10/2021	Eileen Carr Donat	£25.00

15/10/2021	Mary Elizabeth W	£20.00
15/10/2021	Karen Graham Do	£20.00
16/10/2021	Catherine Griffiths	£10.00
18/10/2021	Nick Jewitt donatio	£20.00
18/10/2021	Santander Financia	£30.00
18/10/2021	Diana Meakin Dor	£50.00
19/10/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£100.00
23/10/2021	Sophie Dickinson	£100.00
23/10/2021	Trish Strawson Do	£60.00
23/10/2021	Carole Kinsey Do	£20.00
23/10/2021	Laura Eynon Don	£10.00
24/10/2021	Carys Dafydd Dor	£20.00
25/10/2021	Gordon Warren do	£20.00
25/10/2021	Rev John Evans Dor	£10.00
25/10/2021	Simon Bragman Do	£50.00
25/10/2021	Arta Heath Donatio	£30.00
25/10/2021	Sarah Hall Donati	£25.00
26/10/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
30/10/2021	Davy Greenough	£50.00
1/11/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00
1/11/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00
3/11/2021	Maria Doyle Donati	£200.00
3/11/2021	John Mair Donatior	£50.00
4/11/2021	Carol Munro Donat	£20.00
4/11/2021	Margaret Goodall D	£25.00
4/11/2021	UK Recycling	£56.35
5/11/2021	Marcie	£30.00
6/11/2021	Joy Mawby	£20.00
12/11/2021	MyUKVISAS LIMITE	£124.74
20/11/2021	chris penfold don	£25.00
26/11/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
1/12/2021	Neil Bannigan Dona	£10.00
1/12/2021	Betty Williams	£10.00
5/12/2021	John Pritchard do	£30.00
6/12/2021	Susan Lavender c	£40.00

6/12/2021	Joy Mawby	£20.00
13/12/2021	Judith Mills donati	£100.00
19/12/2021	Katie Trent donati	£20.00
26/12/2021	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
29/12/2021	Arta donation	£30.00
4/1/2022	Betty Williams	£10.00
6/1/2022	Joy Mawby	£20.00
15/1/2022	Henna Hakim dor	£250.00
15/1/2022	Osama Hakim do	£200.00
18/1/2022	Betty Williams	£35.00
23/1/2022	Osama Hakim do	£200.00
26/1/2022	Michelle Parry Don	£30.00
1/2/2022	Betty Williams	£10.00
6/2/2022	Joy Mawby	£20.00
15/2/2022	Betty Williams	£35.00
17/2/2022	Sarah Hall Donati	£20.00
1/3/2022	Betty Williams	£10.00
1/3/2022	Heulwen Dickinson	£50.00

3Date	3Shipping/Fuel	3Debit	4Date	4Other Payments	4Debit
5/3/2020	Brought Forward	#####	05/03/2020	Brought Forward	#####
16/08/2021	Hand in Hand Birmi	£22.20	15/03/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
24/8/21	Hand in Hand Birmi	£66.60	08/04/2021	Infant Medication	£307.99
1/11/2021	Rob Lorrie Parcel	£10.79	15/04/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
1/11/2021	Rob Lorrie Parcel	£32.37	20/04/2021	Heulwen Lebanon	£100.00
11/11/21	Freeshop Lebanon	£32.37	27/04/2021	Heulwen Fencing	£100.00
12/11/21	Freeshop Lebanon	£32.37	28/04/2021	Heulwen Nappies	£72.00
28/1/22	Sussex Aid Refug	£32.37	06/05/2021	Love Without	£181.00
11/02/22	Sussex Aid Refug	£64.74	17/05/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
2/3/22	Katy Last Parcel for	£8.88	15/06/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
4/3/22	Freeshop Lebanon	£32.37	16/06/2021	ThereYouGo Soap	£110.00
			26/06/2021	Stripe Paypal	£10.00
			15/07/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
			26/07/2021	Love Without	£176.29
			12/08/2021	Gaza Desalination	£1,132.71
			16/08/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
			16/08/2021	Amazon Boxes	£29.99
			23/08/2021	Infant Medication	£35.00
			23/08/2021	Amazon Plastic	£2.19
			14/09/2021	Amazon Boxes	£32.99
			16/9/21	1and1 Website	£8.21
			05/10/2021	Bridge2 Haiti	£100.00
			14/10/2021	1and1 Website	£8.40
			02/11/2021	Humming Bird Toy	£53.20
			24/11/2021	1and1 Website	£1.51
			06/12/2021	DVLA error	£72.21
			24/12/2021	1and1 Website	£6.00
			29/12/2021	Lebanon Global	£700.00
			26/01/2022	1and1 Website	£6.00
			07/02/2022	Amazon Boxes	£32.99
			20/02/2022	Amazon Boxes	£23.99
			24/02/2022	1and1 Website	£6.00
			01/03/2022	Lebanon Global	£650.00