

Charity registration number 1169317

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives:

The charity's objects are to further the general charitable works of the Roman Catholic church in accordance with its teaching both in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and elsewhere in the United Kingdom in particular, but not exclusively, by providing services and facilities for the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of social justice including the advancement of human rights and the promotion of religious or racial harmony and other charitable acts which promote the development of individuals and communities for the public benefit, for the benefit of people of all faiths and none.

Aims and Activities:

The charity's activities are directed to children and young people without the support of families and in need, children, and young people at risk. In addition to children and young people, the charity also aids people with disabilities, the aged, the vulnerable and individuals, families, communities and groups who are in need.

Currently the charity has bases in Wirral, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Wythenshawe where it carries out these activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Use of volunteers:

Volunteers provide much valued additional support and capacity enabling the charity to deliver its aims. During the period volunteers were used to support the work of the Hope Foodbank, our community projects, support for refugees and people seeking asylum, family support work and the general work of Caritas.

Cost of Living Crisis:

As present the UK is facing a "Cost-of-Living" crisis, including exceptional energy prices and high inflation. It is recognised that this will place pressure on the Charity to raise income through donations, but there will be an added pressure as the need for our support to vulnerable families.

Achievements and performance

Crewe – St Mary's - Caritas Community Hub

"I was delighted to have been invited to support the opening of the new centre, in Delamere Street - alongside the Right Reverend Mark Davies. It will make a massive difference to the lives of some people who might be struggling." Cllr David Marren, Mayor of Cheshire East.

Following the successful launch event on 20th January 2023 led by the Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Right Reverend Mark Davies and speeches by the Mayor of Cheshire East, Cllr David Marren, Caritas CEO, Ben Gilchrist and Community Builder, Becky Hurst.

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Crewe – St Mary's - Caritas Community Hub (continued)

The new centre has become a key cornerstone for delivery of activities:

- Awarded Connected Communities Centre status by Cheshire East Council
- Six regular centre users – Looking After the Homeless (LATH), Catherine Fraser School of Dance, Afternoon Club (Dementia Café), Cheshire Police (Youth Skills Sessions), Funky Choir, Marriage Care plus Parish Groups. Two new users in the pipeline.
- An average of 20 hours of activities every week with 6 more in the pipeline and an average of 150 people regularly using the centre every week.
- The new centre has quickly become established and well used, the challenge ahead is finding longer-term funding to support and develop work in Crewe.

Crisis Grants Impact

Caritas at Christmas

- Donations raised £11,079.
- 173 families supported (250 adults and 359 children)

Wirral Council Warmer Winter Grants

- Awarded £19,500
- 126 families supported (183 adults and 257 children)

Wirral Council Cost of Living Grants

- Awarded £7,750
- 41 families supported (50 adults and 64 children)

Wirral:

Family Toolbox

- 124 families
- 150 adults
- 260 children

With the launch of Wirral's new Family Toolbox (<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>) we have redesigned our Community Support Service, which includes parenting programmes, 2 new Stronger Together support groups, and family support. Parenting Groups - this year we have facilitated:

- 6 parenting groups – attended by 41 parents (helping 65 children indirectly)
- 1:1 parenting programme with 2 deaf parents (helping 3 children indirectly)

In October 2022 we set up our first Stronger Together group based in Hoylake Parade Community Centre followed by our second group at St Joseph's Social Club in February 2023. These groups provide a supportive environment where members can be empowered to tackle issues faced in their daily life including loss, isolation, emotional wellbeing, and family challenges.

To provide the greatest impact we work collaboratively with over 60 partner agencies including all Wirral primary and secondary schools. A strength of our support is the ability to link into our wider Caritas services such as counselling, listening ear sessions, parenting groups and bereavement support. Impacts of this work include reducing isolation, improving mental health and wellbeing and a happier family life.

Stronger Together:

- 31 Parents (helping 56 children indirectly)

"Thank you for listening so long this morning...It was hard to talk about what happened and I know it will take a long time to learn to live with the overwhelming sadness of grief. However, I found trying to talk helped. It's a start." Stronger Together group attendee

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Schools Service

- 78 adults
- 116 children

Our services are highly valued by schools as we are able to gain the trust of the children and adults we work with and offer an empathic ear. We help families link in with other services and agencies and are now introducing the new Family Toolbox where families can go online and seek help either digitally or on a face-to-face basis.

Children are able to overcome and manage issues that they and their families, as well as schools, have been voicing concerns about. As well as working with the children, we are able to help parents/carers with signposting and enrolling their wards on to courses beneficial for their development and wellbeing, therefore encouraging a happier outlook for the children, better and more comfortable school attendance, improvement in friendship groups and relationships with school.

Parents, grandparents and carers have improved relationships with teachers and head teachers, which assists with positive communication. We link families with a wide range of agencies, from health providers to specialist charities and community groups, and support them with their appointments so that both physical and emotional health start to improve.

We know the financial and practical pressures that schools are under and recognise we need to review the way our services are offered to them in the coming year.

Counselling Service

- 595 hours of counselling
- 62 clients

Our counselling service is expanding and now collaborating with doctor's surgeries, local schools and other charities taking the strain from the fallout of the pandemic and cost of living crisis.

"I feel transformed. For the first time in my life, I feel confident, present, and capable and I can say I love myself and that I am a good worthy person. One who finally deserves to have a full life. I am a capable parent who is enjoying spending quality time with my family. My 4 children are so much more relaxed and I've seen a great improvement with their behaviour and sleep."

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

Referrals for both bereavement and loss have continued to increase this year and sadly there is an ongoing waiting list. Parents say they feel their child has been listened to, offered coping strategies, advice and support, which leaves them feeling that the service has made a positive difference to their child's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

- 9 Children/teenagers
- 6 adults
- 33 indirectly benefited.

Shrewsbury:

Emotional and Wellbeing Support Project

We have been developing our support for families in the Shrewsbury and Telford area and in August 2022 we opened our new office in The Roy Fletcher Centre in Shrewsbury to provide a central Caritas hub. Referrals come from many valued partners, including the SVP.

17 clients have been directly supported and 62 extended family members have benefitted. Four student counsellors have been recruited.

Crisis applications to the local council saw £1000 donated towards carpets for one client for a new house, and household furniture for another. One family successfully received a new car on lease from the Family Fund for mobility support as they were in desperate need.

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Shrewsbury (continued):

Our music for life concert on 5th December at the Orchard Café in Shrewsbury had a full house raising £401.52 to buy a keyboard to enable children and adults in the community to gain access to music. The introduction of a keyboard as part of one-to-one sessions has increased teenage self-esteem and motivation.

Partnering with Save the Children we ran a Parent Campaign Day on Saturday 24th September looking at issues surrounding the cost-of-living crisis recruiting a parent campaigner who is still actively involved.

We want to build on these foundations to see increased reach to people and communities across Shrewsbury.

Manchester

Projects with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Supporting Afghan Refugees:

Since last April, we have helped over 700 Afghan residents (women, men, and children) by organising donations, activities, signposting, and social events. To deliver the same support across three hotels in Manchester, we worked collaboratively with 14 organisations. We organised sewing classes for women and sports sessions for children's and men's groups in each hotel. We designed a rolling programme for women to discuss important and practical matters. This included healthy eating, financial advice and budgeting, employment, early education, domestic abuse, women's rights and breast cancer. We have been providing Sim cards and phones from Vodafone, and food vouchers for families in the Manchester hotels for people seeking asylum.

The Well Project

ESOL Classes

- 10 volunteers
- 20 learners a session
- 70 learners a year
- (1 volunteer delivering sessions online for 5 learners

"I learnt how to speak English and gained reading skills. I would like to thank the volunteers and all those in charge of the project for their effort." English class

The 2 hours session (96 hours per year) run every Tuesday and is led by a qualified and dedicated ESOL teachers (volunteers). There are opportunities to learn basic vocabulary, conversational English and cultural exchange. English learners became more confident and can participate and play a significant role in the community which help improve self-esteem.

The Well Women's Group:

- 5 volunteers
- 10 participants a session
- 50 sessions per year

"I can't skip Friday women's group session it feels like home and reminds me of our family gatherings at my mother's house every Friday."

The 2-hour sessions (96 hours per year) run every Friday. Ladies come for company and friendship, they feel safe and cared for. The Well Women helped raise awareness of the challenges the ladies face and guide them to overtake these challenges.

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Community Sponsorship - welcoming refugee families

We supported parish groups to welcome three refugee families last year bringing the total number sponsored to six across the Diocese.

Our work with people seeking asylum and refugees has faced extreme pressures this year and at times been very stressful for staff to manage. We are greatly concerned for all those we are serving and want to find longer-term funding to support this work.

Wythenshawe Community Groups

SEND Together Group (formally SENSitive Group)

During the year the SEND Together Support Group for parents and carer of children with special educational needs and disabilities engaged over 50 families and broadened its support for families through organising:

- A summer play scheme for SEND families during the school holidays.
- A variety of SEND workshops on issues such as sensory processing and SEND benefits.
- A monthly 'SEND Den' with activities for SEND children and young people.
- Group leaders also continued to campaign for better support for SEND families:
- helping local SEN students get their voice heard regarding the inadequacies of carers transport.
- playing an active part in Greater Manchester Citizens, particularly regarding the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on families. 3 leaders from the group completed 6-day national training, organised by UK Citizens.

The Hope Food Bank

Monthly average:

- 30 three-day food parcels plus toiletries
- Supporting 33 adults and 35 children
- From 10 individual households and 21 families

Thanks to an amazing team of volunteers the weekly foodbank helps people from across Wythenshawe. Referrals come from schools, medical centres, churches, children's centres, social services, and charities.

St Aidan's Centre remains a busy and much valued community hub. The local community face a range of challenges and we want to find more ways to respond to people's situations and secure the funding to sustain our work.

Across the Diocese:

Values based awareness raising – One Community Parish Project

In autumn 2022, St Hilda & St Aidan's Parish, Northern Moor, participated in a 6 session, programme aimed at developing leadership and a relational culture in the church, organised by Caritas. 14 parishioners took part. From this a core team of 12 was formed. Central to the training was building a relational culture within the parish, with leaders in the group arranging one to one conversations with other parishioners. This engaged over 20 other parishioners. From these conversations the group drew up an agenda for action. The core team meets monthly to evaluate and plan. During the last 6 months the group has:

- Re-established the weekly after mass refreshments.
- Organised a gathering to celebrate the parish feast day.
- Organised a 'the real meaning of Christmas event' engaging people from across the LMA and local community.
- Organised parish listening events through special after Mass gatherings and spending time at the end of the service for parishioners to get to know others.
- Started children's liturgy after an absence of many years.
- 3 parishioners have signed up for involvement in the Centre nature garden project and 3 others to help with the foodbank.

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Community Impact and Future Support Issues

As the recovery from the Covid pandemic has started to take shape it has become very clear that the continued need of support to our communities is only going to increase. The emerging cost of living crisis is going to increase anxiety around financial stability for families. There are also long-term support needs around mental wellbeing as individuals and families begin to readjust to "normality" after a long period of isolation. Global events have brought an increased need for continued refugee support following the collapse of the Afghan Government and the war in Ukraine.

It is important to recognise the effort undertaken by our staff who have worked outside their normal hours to assist those in crisis. We are also extremely grateful to all our volunteers who have enabled us to develop our services and deliver locally based projects, especially during such challenging times. It is rewarding to reflect on the fact that Caritas has risen to these challenges and is such a valued friend and support to those in the most vulnerable situations.

Financial review

It was initially recognised that with the onset of the global pandemic that the Charity would face a challenging period through lower donations and a greater need for its services, especially around financial support. These challenges continue with the Cost-of-Living crisis.

The Charity has built a solid foundation of unrestricted reserves from the continued funding from Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust's Our Mission Together. The Diocese has agreed an extension to this funding beyond its existing timeframe to continue to build Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury and its activities during this difficult period.

As part of the critical planning throughout the pandemic, the Charity has continued to obtain alternative financial support to cover the loss of donations through grants from several sources, to support the ongoing costs of support and administrative staff but also the identified community need for a crisis fund, this support and need is now expected to continue well beyond the next financial year.

Other regular income during the period arose from our Caritas at Christmas and Good Shepherd Lent Appeals; generous parish donations, including funds donated from parishioners who have boxes for loose change that are collected regularly; our Wirral Council contract for early help work; from providing family support services to schools; and from events held during the year.

The largest cost remained staff costs for those delivering the services of the charity. After establishing a good reserve position and continued careful expansion of staffing plans to meet the objectives of the Charity, we have been able to protect the unrestricted reserves position and expand its operational base.

The Trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity is a going concern.

Reserves policy

During the financial period the Board of Trustees reflected on the reserves policy and the current financial position of Caritas. It was felt that the original policy suited the Charity whilst it was maturing and offered a growing level of security as it developed.

Now the Charity has achieved that level of security it was decided that the policy should now reflect a measure for short-term risk, and that a suitable level of reserves would be to cover three to six months operating costs. The budget plan for the next financial period suggested that the unrestricted reserves should be between £155k and £310k.

Risk Management

The Trustees have in place a risk management process to assess risks to which the Charity is exposed, those relating to operational and financial risk. This involves assessing the likelihood and potential impact of occurrence and identifying means of mitigation. Financial risks to the Charity have been highlighted throughout the trustee report, operational risks to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are reviewed and updated every year and have been tested by external review through local authority bodies throughout the Charity's work.

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Future Plans

The next years' priorities are:

- Making our new community centre in Crewe fully sustainable after strong development work this year and expanding the team and local partnerships.
- Continuing to expand our counselling service with volunteers in more of our offices/centres.
- Ensuring we can develop work across more parts of the Diocese by working in partnerships at a local level including project work related to our wide-ranging support and service offer, Catholic Social Teaching and our campaigning activity.
- Increasing our influence for social justice particularly ahead of the General Election and prioritising our national coalition work especially the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and the newly launched Let's End Poverty movement.
- Growing our range and depth of partnerships with other charities and organisations across the voluntary, public, and business sectors to increase the impact of our work.
- Expanding our communications reach so that Caritas is well known throughout the schools, parishes, and organisations in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and throughout England and Wales as an active member of CSAN.

Our 2024 plans will need to respond to the continuing cost of living crisis, and we are committed to expanding the range and the reach of our support and services for families and communities across the Diocese. We welcome contact from everyone interested in our work, to find out how to get more involved in any way and help us connect Caritas to their parish or school.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution. The affairs of the Charity are governed by the Trustees under the chairmanship of the Bishop. All Trustees are appointed and removed in accordance with the constitution. The Board consists of two clergy and four laity of the faithful. The clergy Trustees are appointed for their expertise in parochial, spiritual and pastoral matters. The lay Trustees are selected for their skills and experience in charities, business, management and property. Further lay trustees would be chosen to match any perceived skill requirement. New Trustees are provided with the terms of reference and a pack of information relating to the constitution, governance and operation of the Trust.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rt Rev Mark Davies (Chair)
Mrs Carol Lawrence
Mrs Anne McMullan
Canon Philip Moor
Mrs Christine Smith
Rev John Fegan

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The trustees meet on a quarterly basis, with day-to-day management of the charity being delegated to the Chief Executive, Ben Gilchrist. Between meetings, Mr Gilchrist has regular support from one of the trustees, who provides financial expertise and support.

In order to ensure that the Trustees have the necessary up to date knowledge to govern the Charity, the Chair of Trustees is to instigate a programme of trustee training, delivered by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

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Connected Charity:

The Bishop of the Diocese is Chair of Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust charity number 234025 and the Council of Management of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Incorporated, charity number 509793, company number 01400367. Caritas acquired most of the assets and undertakings of the Catholic Children's Society in December 2016 when it began to operate. Both charities have the use of property belonging to the Diocese of Shrewsbury for which no charge is made.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mrs Carol Lawrence

Trustee

Dated: 18/12/2023

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 18/12/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations and legacies	3	280,199	33,174	201,109	514,482	330,931	9,536	93,367	433,834
Charitable activities	4	147,150	-	72,221	219,371	57,714	18,550	87,673	163,937
Investments	5	288	-	-	288	80	-	-	80
Other income	6	11,954	-	-	11,954	2,064	-	-	2,064
Total income		439,591	33,174	273,330	746,095	390,789	28,086	181,040	599,915
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	12,183	-	-	12,183	694	-	-	694
Charitable activities	8	376,028	35,949	248,570	660,547	351,286	18,763	154,439	524,488
Total expenditure		388,211	35,949	248,570	672,730	351,980	18,763	154,439	525,182
Net incoming resources before transfers		51,380	(2,775)	24,760	73,365	38,809	9,323	26,601	74,733

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Notes								
Net incoming resources before transfers	51,380	(2,775)	24,760	73,365	38,809	9,323	26,601	74,733
Gross transfers between funds	(12,128)	(250)	12,378	-	2,294	-	(2,294)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds	39,252	(3,025)	37,138	73,365	41,103	9,323	24,307	74,733
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	259,138	12,181	589,965	861,284	218,035	2,858	565,658	786,551
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	298,390	9,156	627,103	934,649	259,138	12,181	589,965	861,284

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

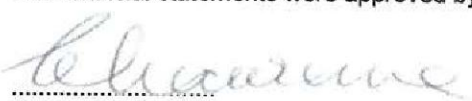
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		546,478		278,924
Current assets					
Debtors	15	39,582		10,652	
Cash at bank and in hand		469,566		661,884	
		509,148		672,536	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(120,977)		(90,176)	
Net current assets			388,171		582,360
Total assets less current liabilities			934,649		861,284
Income funds					
Restricted funds	18		627,103		589,965
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	9,156		12,181	
General unrestricted funds		298,390		259,138	
			307,546		271,319
			934,649		861,284

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18/12/2023


Mrs Carol Lawrence
Trustee

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		86,828		100,167
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(279,434)		(275,871)	
Investment income received		288		80	
Net cash used in investing activities			(279,146)		(275,791)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(192,318)		(175,624)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			661,884		837,508
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			469,566		661,884

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') registered in England and Wales and the governing constitution is dated 22 September 2016. The address is Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside CH44 7ED.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income derived from activity and grants is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost
Office equipment	33% on cost
Functional property	3% on cost
Building alterations	8% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	50,199	13,174	-	63,373	64,618	9,536	-	74,154
Legacies receivable	5,000	-	-	5,000	10,150	-	-	10,150
Grants receivable	225,000	20,000	201,109	446,109	256,163	-	93,367	349,530
	<u>280,199</u>	<u>33,174</u>	<u>201,109</u>	<u>514,482</u>	<u>330,931</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>93,367</u>	<u>433,834</u>
Donations and gifts								
Funding Bodies - Mary Strand Trust	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Parish Collections	2,768	-	-	2,768	-	-	-	-
Caritas at Christmas	-	13,174	-	13,174	-	9,536	-	9,536
Good Shepherd	12,840	-	-	12,840	3,453	-	-	3,453
Crib Offerings	5,436	-	-	5,436	10,578	-	-	10,578
Collection Boxes	7,616	-	-	7,616	7,522	-	-	7,522
Donations	21,539	-	-	21,539	18,065	-	-	18,065
	<u>50,199</u>	<u>13,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,373</u>	<u>64,618</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,154</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Grants receivable for core activities

Our Mission Together	200,000	-	-	200,000	250,000	-	-	250,000
Community Support Fund - Warm Hub	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-
Afghan Refugee - Bridging Hotels	-	-	132,028	132,028	-	-	-	-
SENSitive	-	-	23,034	23,034	-	-	7,994	7,994
Smallwood WOW	-	-	9,750	9,750	-	-	-	-
Refugee Support - Well Project	-	-	21,725	21,725	-	-	31,612	31,612
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	-
Community Projects	-	-	14,572	14,572	-	-	30,261	30,261
Gubay Foundation - Crisis Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Other	-	-	-	-	6,163	-	3,500	9,663
	<u>225,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>201,109</u>	<u>446,109</u>	<u>256,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,367</u>	<u>349,530</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

Our Mission Together – Support from the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Garfield Weston – Grant to support core costs.

Wirral BC provided £20,000 to support warm hubs within the community, including clothing and white goods.

Community Projects - restricted funds to deliver support across the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group is a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs.

Gubay Foundation – Restricted funds to support most vulnerable with financial aid towards food, energy costs and white goods. They also provided the charity with some staffing costs to compensate for the reduction in donations. Further funds of £20,000 was provided to support most vulnerable with financial aid to support the most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and white goods.

Smallwood WOW Trust – Refugee project - £9,750 to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support and SENSitive support and campaign group.

Refugee Projects:

Well Project Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being.

Afghan Refugees – restricted funds to provide support to a particular group of asylum seekers by offering help to integrate into the community and gave people the confidence to build their new life here in England.

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4 Charitable activities

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Family Support Services income	72,221	147,150	219,371	163,937
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	-	147,150	147,150	
Restricted funds	72,221	-	72,221	
	72,221	147,150	219,371	

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Schools Family Support £	Community Matters Project £	Community Support Fund Designated £	Total 2023 £
Family Support Services income	87,673	57,714	18,550	163,937
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	-	57,714	-	57,714
designated	-	-	18,550	18,550
Restricted funds	87,673	-	-	87,673
	87,673	57,714	18,550	163,937

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Interest receivable	288	80

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Room hire	11,954	2,064

7 Raising funds

	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	5,713	-
Other fundraising costs	1,051	694
Staff costs	5,419	-
	<u>12,183</u>	<u>694</u>
Fundraising and publicity	12,183	694
	<u>12,183</u>	<u>694</u>

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8 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	277,189	229,795
Volunteer expenses	430	234
Support Officer staff recharges from The Catholic Children's Society	29,664	28,726
Welfare activity	126,699	64,527
	<u>433,982</u>	<u>323,282</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	222,965	195,990
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	3,600	5,216
	<u>660,547</u>	<u>524,488</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	376,028	
Unrestricted funds - designated	35,949	
Restricted funds	248,570	
	<u>660,547</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2022		
Unrestricted funds - general		351,286
Unrestricted funds - designated		18,763
Restricted funds		154,439
		<u>524,488</u>

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9 Description of charitable activities

Schools Service

Our help is far reaching, as by working with children in schools and their parent/s or carers at home we are able to help the whole family, in some cases extended family too. This takes the pressure off schools, assisting with outcomes that are more positive for all involved.

A school may ask us to provide listening ear support to one child they feel is struggling emotionally in class only for us to find through our own assessment and engagement, that there's more going on behind the scenes at home, for example:

- Bereavement
- Financial hardship
- Disability
- Illness
- Separation
- Relationship breakdown
- Undiagnosed ADHD
- Autism
- Health conditions
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Hospitalisations

This helps parents to develop their own coping skills, enabling them to move forward and reach goals, empowering rather than rescuing them. Building upon their confidence and self-esteem, giving them courage to take a lead and move forward themselves.

Parenting Programmes

Parenting Programmes help adults to understand and manage feelings/behaviours, enabling them to become more positive and nurturing in their relationships with children and each other. It encourages an approach to relationships that gives children and adults of all ages, an emotionally healthy start for their lives and learning. As a community support service, the team at Caritas facilitate parenting groups and if needed, work on a one-to-one basis for those parents who cannot attend a group. Caritas are inclusive and classes are open to all.

Early Help Service

Families come into our Early Help Service for a wide range of reasons, including;

- Sexual abuse
- Child mental health
- Parent mental health
- Child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Managing behaviour
- Non-school attendance
- Neglect
- Parental conflict
- Housing and financial difficulties
- Criminal exploitation
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic abuse

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9 Description of charitable activities

(Continued)

Counselling Service

As we are coming out of lockdown Caritas have noted an uptake in referrals with clients suffering with more severe mental health issues, this is due in part, to the isolation some individuals have had to endure, they have been given time on their own to reflect on their own stories and analyse the various traumas they have suffered through their lives, which has only helped to increase anxieties and feelings of trauma. Caritas' Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) therapist has noted an increasing number of clients who are self harming and have attempted suicide.

Bereavement & Loss – Listening Service

We offer a listening ear without judgement immediately after loss or bereavement. To open up to others and let them in and talk about their struggles can be very scary so we provide a safe place where clients can talk freely about their fears and worries. Grief is recognised as a process and range of emotions people go through as they gradually adjust to their loss. Feelings of grief also happen regarding other types of loss such as the end of relationships, the loss of a job, moving house to a new area or decline in physical and mental health of someone you love.

Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Our English classes have been running online and face-to-face at the St. Aidan's Centre with referrals from partner organisations. ESOL classes are supported by an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers who deliver two-hour sessions every week.

Afghanistan Refugee Support Project

Support for refugees and people seeking asylum, including those housed in publicly commissioned "hotel" accommodation. Advice, signposting, education, peer support groups, provision of life's basics.

We are seeking an activities to enable the specialist delivery of the work that has supported residents in the hotels to date by our core partners Mustard Tree, Manchester Women's Aid, City of Sanctuary and MRSN. This will focus particularly on resident's mental health and wellbeing.

VCSE Hotel Lead Organisation (HLO) role

- Day to day liaison with hotels
- Needs assessment of individuals in hotels
- Provide or source support / items from VCSE locally and across Greater Manchester
- Act as point of contact for hotel team, local authority, local NHS and Greater Manchester VCSE
- Attend hotel and Greater Manchester meetings to ensure up to date with issues, occupancy and needs
- Ensure support is culturally appropriate

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10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	100,042	-	100,042	109,719	-	109,719
Depreciation	11,880	-	11,880	6,755	-	6,755
Support salary costs recharged from The Catholic Children's Society	30,469	-	30,469	29,118	-	29,118
Travel and subsistence	9,891	-	9,891	6,925	-	6,925
Other staff costs	2,219	-	2,219	3,652	-	3,652
Rent, rates and utilities	21,701	-	21,701	6,681	-	6,681
Repairs and maintenance	9,216	-	9,216	6,062	-	6,062
Other building and office costs	9,853	-	9,853	7,528	-	7,528
Computer and IT costs	8,522	-	8,522	6,234	-	6,234
Telephone costs	7,415	-	7,415	7,025	-	7,025
Printing, postage and stationery	3,804	-	3,804	2,408	-	2,408
Other support costs	7,953	-	7,953	3,883	-	3,883
Audit fees	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,500	1,500
Accountancy	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,500	1,500
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	2,216	2,216
	<u>222,965</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>226,565</u>	<u>195,990</u>	<u>5,216</u>	<u>201,206</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>222,965</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>226,565</u>	<u>195,990</u>	<u>5,216</u>	<u>201,206</u>

All support costs have been allocated to charitable activities as they are incurred to support and further our core charitable activities.

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Charitable activities	14	12
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	368,725	325,286
Social security costs	9,909	9,639
Other pension costs	4,016	4,589
	382,650	339,514

Two employees of The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc are seconded to Caritas.

In addition to the direct employment costs above, there were recharges of £60,133 (2022: £57,844) during the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc in respect of the staff seconded to Caritas. Of this amount, £29,664 (2022: £28,726) is included in charitable activities (see note 8) and £30,469 (2022: £29,118) is included support costs.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	-

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13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Functional property	Building alterations	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	272,853	15,788	26,744	-	-	315,385
Additions	272,267	3,543	2,220	545,120	1,404	824,554
Other changes	(545,120)	-	-	-	-	(545,120)
At 31 March 2023	-	19,331	28,964	545,120	1,404	594,819
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2022	-	13,501	22,960	-	-	36,461
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,006	3,031	6,814	29	11,880
At 31 March 2023	-	15,507	25,991	6,814	29	48,341
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2023	-	3,824	2,973	538,306	1,375	546,478
At 31 March 2022	272,853	2,287	3,784	-	-	278,924

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14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

During the year the Charity completed the construction of its functional property at St Mary's – Crewe. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

15 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	31,463	2,124
Prepayments and accrued income	8,119	8,528
	<u>39,582</u>	<u>10,652</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	9,941	9,193
Deferred income	61,063	28,583
Other creditors	43,452	48,404
Accruals	6,521	3,996
	<u>120,977</u>	<u>90,176</u>

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,016 (2022 - £4,589).

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18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
School Support	-	87,673	(77,139)	(10,534)	-	72,221	(72,704)	483	-
Crewe Caritas Centre Project	542,525	-	-	-	542,525	-	(6,814)	-	535,711
Wythenshawe - Redecoration	1,334	-	-	-	1,334	-	-	-	1,334
Refugee Support (Well Project)	10,332	31,612	(28,604)	-	13,340	21,725	(22,834)	-	12,231
Afghan Refugee Support	-	-	-	-	-	132,028	(84,461)	-	47,567
Smallwood - WOW	-	-	-	-	-	9,750	(7,781)	(1,969)	-
Gubay Crisis Fund	6,638	20,000	(26,638)	-	-	-	6	(6)	-
Community Projects - Wythenshawe	-	2,500	(4,549)	2,552	503	2,813	(8,465)	5,149	-
Community Projects - Mend Minds Wythenshawe	4,059	3,500	(1,102)	(650)	5,807	300	(1,310)	(650)	4,147
Community Projects - SENSitive Wythenshawe	-	7,994	(2,249)	(2,020)	3,725	23,034	(2,828)	-	23,931
Community Projects - Wirral	-	27,761	(13,403)	8,373	22,731	-	(31,329)	8,598	-
Community Projects - Crewe	-	-	-	-	-	11,459	(9,277)	-	2,182
Community Projects - Shrewsbury	-	-	-	-	-	-	(594)	594	-
Carers Together - Wythenshawe	755	-	(755)	-	-	-	(4)	4	-
Charity Resilience Fund - Wirral	15	-	-	(15)	-	-	(175)	175	-
	<u>565,658</u>	<u>181,040</u>	<u>(154,439)</u>	<u>(2,294)</u>	<u>589,965</u>	<u>273,330</u>	<u>(248,570)</u>	<u>12,378</u>	<u>627,103</u>

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18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The charity operates on specific objectives and raises funds to support those works within communities across the geography of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The restricted funds have been broken into sections and details of supporting funding bodies are itemised below:

Funds received relating to our school support services are treated as restricted, they include a provision for direct activity and some overhead recovery.

Denise Coates Foundation – Crewe Caritas Centre – funds received to build a centre at St Mary's Church in Crewe. These funds now represent a restricted building being depreciated over reasonable life expectancy.

Gubay Crisis Fund – Restricted funds to support most vulnerable with financial aid towards food and white goods £20,000.

Refugee Support – Well Project – Funds received to support staff costs, refugees and people seeking asylum to help them integrate into the community and their mental well-being. Funding from Manchester Buzz £500, St Edwards Catholic Church, Macclesfield £5,000, Manchester NHS £8,250, Barnardos £5,000, & Blackpool Transport Fund £1,085 as main contributors to support this work.

In light of the extraction of military forces from Afghanistan, and the subsequent collapse of the government, there was a particular increased need to support a particular group of asylum seekers, funds received of £130,708 from Manchester Council, to provide staff costs and supporting the Afghan refugees by offering help to integrate into the community and gave people the confidence to build their new life here in England. We also raised £1,310 through donations to support activities.

Smallwood WOW Trust – Refugee project - £9,750 to cover staffing cost, overheads and activities for the Well project supporting refugees for mental wellbeing support and SENSitive support and campaign group.

Community Projects:

Community Projects across the Diocese of Shrewsbury – We have broken these activities into geographical areas, to help identify appropriate funders to achieve our objectives: To cover staffing costings and running a variety of activities/groups to empower people to build up their mental health and self-esteem so that they feel confident and feel more equipped to deal with life's challenges, including bereavement, loss, and counselling. Support will also give roadmaps and information to other organisations that may be able to help.

Wythenshawe:

SENSitive Group income – The SENSitive Support and Campaign Group a group of parents and carers with children with special educational needs, funding from Lankelly Chase £20,000, and Juice Works Ltd as major contributors.

Crewe:

Lottery Awards for All £8,459 and Cheshire East £3,000

All other funding is currently derived from unrestricted funds for these community projects.

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19 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Community Support Fund	2,858	28,086	(18,763)	12,181	33,174	(35,699)	(500)	9,156
Catholic Social Action	-	-	-	-	-	(250)	250	-
	<u>2,858</u>	<u>28,086</u>	<u>(18,763)</u>	<u>12,181</u>	<u>33,174</u>	<u>(35,949)</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>9,156</u>

The Community Support Fund – This fund is designed to support those most in need at the most demanding time of year.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total Unrestricted 2023 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	8,172	-	538,306	546,478	6,071	-	272,853
Current assets/(liabilities)	290,218	9,156	88,797	388,171	253,067	12,181	317,112
	<u>298,390</u>	<u>9,156</u>	<u>627,103</u>	<u>934,649</u>	<u>259,138</u>	<u>12,181</u>	<u>589,965</u>
							<u>861,284</u>

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21 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, excluding employer pension contributions, is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	107,916	104,765

Transactions with related parties

	Seconded staff payments	
	2023 £	2022 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	60,133	57,844
	60,133	57,844

Staff secondment and other costs were recharged in the period from The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc. Caritas has made direct salary and associated payments in respect of the seconded staff.

At the end of the period, a creditor of £32,980 (2022: £36,562) was due from the charity to The Catholic Children's Society (Shrewsbury Diocese) Inc.

The £200,000 (2022: £250,000) grant income received for Our Mission Together (see note 3) is from the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, which is a related charity.

Short-term loan funding of £50,000 (2022: £150,000) has been provided to the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust during the year and £Nil (2022: £Nil) is included in debtors at the year-end. The loans were interest free and fully repaid prior to the year-end.

During the year the Charity completed the construction of its functional property at St Mary's – Crewe. This project was completed in conjunction with funds from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and funds received from the Denise Coates Foundation. The final total cost of the build was £803,604, with Caritas contributing £545,120 and the Diocese £258,484. The property is built on Parish Land and has shared ownership due to restrictions. A trust deed will be written between the two parties to formalise the relationship.

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22	Cash generated from operations	2023	2022
		£	£
	Surplus for the year	73,365	74,733
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(288)	(80)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	11,880	6,755
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(28,930)	(7,128)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,679)	31,137
	Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	32,480	(5,250)
	Cash generated from operations	<u>86,828</u>	<u>100,167</u>
23	Analysis of changes in net funds		
	The charity had no debt during the year.		