

SHELTER FROM THE STORM



Unaudited Trustees' annual report and accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2017

Shelter from the Storm

(a company limited by guarantee)

Registered Company number: 6631475

Charity number: 1125575

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Reference and administrative details of the company

Trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 March 2017:

Trustees

- M D Clark
- J Third
- A Hochhauser
- J Kerr
- K Sparks
- Megan Clinch (appointed 08/03/2017)
- Louisa Newby (appointed 08/03/2017)

Registration Details

Company Registered Number: 6631475

Charity Registered Number: 1125575

Registered Office

129 Graham Street, London, N1 8LB

Chief Executive

S M Stephenson

Accountants

Berg Kaprow Lewis LLP Chartered Accountants

35 Ballards Lane, London, N3 1XW

Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC



Our Mission

Our mission is to house and support the homeless in London whoever they are.

Achievement highlights of the year

- 159 guests moved into accommodation
- 14,990 beds provided
- 75 guests supported into employment
- 267 individuals supported with shelter and services
- 18,000 dinners served
- 73 guests saw our in-house counsellor, a total of 232 sessions
- Pro bono legal advice and support
- 8 guests repatriated
- 37 guests had a total of 686 hours English language tuition

And all for a cost of £17.60 per bed per night without a penny from the government



About Shelter from the Storm

Shelter from the Storm is a completely free emergency night shelter providing bed, dinner and breakfast for 43 homeless people every night of the year. Established in 2007 as a response to the increasing levels of homelessness and destitution on the streets of London, our mission is to house and support the homeless in London whoever they are wherever they come from.

The work of the shelter has always been based around the notion that the homeless people are part of our community, not an embarrassment to be swept into the gutter. It is our premise that with the right support, our homeless guests can take their rightful position in society. For some this will be in paid employment, for others not ready or unable to work, it will be about helping them become more active, involved and engaged members of their community. We believe that these outcomes to their wellbeing are only possible when someone is provided with shelter, food and support. Once our guests are under our roof, we will do everything possible to relieve and address any problems they have and help them move towards a safer, happier and more positive future.

At Shelter from the Storm we do not waste time and energy worrying about whose responsibility someone is or who's going to pick up the tab ... we will. Because we raise all our own money without a penny from the Government we can and do receive guests from anywhere; from the Probation Service to the Red Cross, from Guildford to Ghana, regardless of their access to funding. We have guests who are fleeing torture, forced marriage, honour crime, trafficking for work or sex and plenty who have just fallen through the cracks of our society. Whether it's an ex squaddie with post-traumatic stress compounded by alcoholism, a domestic worker kept in slavery or a young person thrown out by their family for being gay, our volunteers care for each guest as an individual. With amazing skill, experience and love, we pick up the pieces from the human fallout; we'll find them a doctor, a counsellor, a lawyer, training, a job. Each evening they sit down to eat together; a simple ritual for most of us, but for many of them it will be the first time they've done that since they left home.

We started with one night in a church hall and now we care for up to 43 men and women every night, 365 days a year. Shelter from the Storm truly is a place of transformation not only for our guests, but for all of us.

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Mission statement and vision

Our mission is to house and support the homeless in London *whoever* they are *wherever* they come from. Our vision is of a society where charities like Shelter from the Storm are no longer necessary.

To achieve our mission and realise our vision all our activities are underpinned by the following values:

- A commitment to respond to the specific needs of our guests no matter how complex. We don't shy from difficult cases that require extra perseverance, understanding and care.
- To work with each guest as an individual, supporting them to set achievable and realistic goals that will enable them to work towards a safe, sustainable and happy future.
- To help our guests to realise the value of their labour and the contribution they can make to building a better society for all.
- To foster and grow a community of guests and volunteers built on a commitment of care, understanding and mutual respect.
- Understand that tackling homelessness requires a grasp of complex problems and 'wrap around' solutions that must address the practical, emotional and social challenges that our guests face.

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Co-Founder's statement and annual review

This year we're 10 years old and when we started it all seemed so simple – we'd provide a bed and dinner for the street homeless - the most basic and simple thing for most of us - and then we'd help them access the homes and services that were available. 10 years later and things have only got worse, we're busier and needed more than ever, every night of the year we're full and every night we have to turn people away. The safety net of the welfare state has shrunk, social housing has dramatically decreased, access to affordable housing is more difficult and provision of mental health care is at breaking point. The sort of guests we help have changed too, up to a third of the 43 men and women staying with us at any time will be in work, often full time and for famous high street names, but still unable to find a room they can afford to rent. The homes we do manage to access are mostly insecure tenancies in the private rented sector, often quite shoddy and usually hours away from guest's work and community. Far from dreaming of home ownership, our people long for a secure council tenancy; sadly, we have to explain that for most of them, this will be almost impossible to achieve.

We've had babies born – lots of them - and sadly a few guests who've died. We've helped people escape torture, slavery, domestic violence and war - and plenty who've just been evicted by their landlords. Whatever their problems, we help them find a solution – a doctor – a lawyer – a job - a home - a friend.

Our dark little corner of Kings X has become a glamorous destination hub - like the street workers, we're not wanted there anymore and like our guests, we've been given notice – but we will find a new Home for the Homeless – it's the people not the place and with the support of our friends and volunteers, we're looking forward to another 10 years caring for the dispossessed of London – whoever they are wherever they've come from, at Shelter from the Storm they'll find a place of safety – a place of transformation – a place of hope.

Sheila Scott (Stephenson) Co-Founder & Chief Executive



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Our team

Matt Conlon-General Manager, Sheila Scott-Chief Executive, Cookie Sami-Senior Caseworker



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Our volunteers

Without our amazing volunteers, Shelter from the Storm wouldn't be able to achieve such truly remarkable outcomes for our guests. Many volunteers have been with us since the beginning, some for years and new team members are joining us all the time. Once they're settled in their new homes, we encourage our ex guests to come back to volunteer. Our fantastic and dedicated crew always go the extra mile to provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment for the guests. They cook delicious dinners, undertake arduous fundraising activities, do laundry, play pool, help with job applications, search for rooms, but mostly offer love and care and a someone to talk to.



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Robin's story of his childhood of abuse and rejection and a life of gang violence.

I'm from Tottenham, St Anne's Road and I was born in the North Middlesex Hospital. My dad was American and my mum from Jamaica. My dad was a GI and mum came here in the late 50's. When I was 9 they split up. When dad left I really missed him and I became uncontrollable. I started hanging out with much older men and they used me to break in to shops and schools to steal. I was caught and put in a children's home, Northolt Place – I was assessed there and they did a case conference on me. The Judge said there was no reason I shouldn't go back home, but mum said no – she didn't want me.

They sent me to Sir Thomas Moore Community School in West Sussex. It was run by the Christian Brothers and it was a pretty violent, abusive environment – we got hit a lot! When I was 11, I went to my first foster family in Crawley. They were lovely people but I kept running away to mum and she kept sending me back. After that I was fostered twice more, always lovely people but I always ran back home and my mum always returned me.

I left Thomas Moore at 17 and ended up in Margaret Thatcher's 'Short Sharp Shock Treatment' - DC in Ashford. I was still getting in to lots of trouble and after DC, I ended up in Borstal. After Borstal, I started stealing cars – Cortina's, Corsairs, Capris, Grenadas – all nice cars. I got nicked and sent to prison.

At 22 I was released from prison and met a lovely girl at a party. We were together 28 years and have 2 beautiful daughters. I was still mixed up with gangs but I also did some legitimate work – mechanic, security, scaffolding. While I was living this gang life I got shot 5 times. I also got knifed very badly. I've got a big scar on my back. They cut me with a dirty Stanley knife. It got infected and I had to have a big operation.

I was about 35 and after the stabbing, I went to the US to look for my father, my aunt had kept in touch. I rang him and said I needed his help – had a lot of questions to ask. We were driving over Brooklyn Bridge and he opened up to me. He said he'd heard that I was in trouble and he'd come back to the UK to look for me but my mum had prevented him from contacting me. He even tried to apply through the courts but she stopped him. It meant a lot to me to know that he'd tried to find me. Later, my son went to live with him in the States.

When I got another stabbing, there was a rumour I was dead and my sister phoned my dad to tell him. It seems the shock gave him a massive heart attack and he died in front of my son. My son hasn't forgiven me or spoken to me since – he's still in the States

It was difficult to escape from this sort of gang life. At the time, I didn't want for anything and life was good until I tried to leave – I wanted to see my kids grow up. I'd seen 12 friends die and I just wanted out – a lot of funerals and no weddings. That's when the trouble started. I was about 49 and I told them I didn't want to be in it no more. I got my head chopped! I had to leave my family because I was frightened for their safety. I moved into my aunt's house in Tottenham. I'm at home at my Aunt's when 2 gang members visit me – a guy and a girl. They ask me to do something I didn't want to do – I said I couldn't help them. The girl asked for the toilet and while I was showing her, the guy put 6 armour plated bullets under my bed. 45 minutes after they left the police arrived and I was arrested for possession of ammunition. They smashed up my aunt's flat looking for the gun. I pleaded guilty and got 2 years in Pentonville. On release, I had nowhere to go, I couldn't go back to my aunt's and although my mum is still alive, I haven't spoken to her for years. I knew a guy who worked in a Gym so I'd sneak in there just before they closed and leave when they opened up in the morning. The agencies that were supposed to be supporting me when I left prison didn't really do anything – luckily, I got a referral to Shelter from the Storm. My years of violent, gang life has taken its toll – I've been told I've got PTSD - to be honest, I was only a child when I started. I'm getting my life back together and what I'd really like is for one day to be able to mentor and help other kids escape the sort of life I've lived.

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Robert's story of working as a Postman while living in a tent on Stoke Newington Common with Sarah.

Eventually I'd love to get a place for me and Sarah to start afresh. I'd like a completely empty shell – just a small flat and we'd finish it – make it ours. Start from scratch – a mattress, a chair, find some speakers – the first tune we'd play would probably be Herbie Hancock, maybe Chick Corea - and go from there.

I was born in Clapton in 1962, I'm 52 and I've lived in Stoke Newington most of my life. My mum still lives there, she's 85 and she's got vascular dementia – she's ok but she gets pretty fed up with the carers. I went to Upton Park Boys School in Clapton. I was happy at school – I liked anything technical or mechanical and I wanted to be an engineer. I was in the Air Cadets and I thought about signing up for the Air Force. I got an apprenticeship at Allied Foundries in Dalston as a tool and pattern maker but I didn't finish it because I lost my log book.

I got jobs temping in warehouses and factories – worked at Maynard's Wine Gums for a bit. I was a little bit naughty when I was a teenager – got mixed up with some wrong people. I got nicked for stealing a car radio – got a fine and had to go some place every Saturday for a couple of months and I think we had to run around a playground or something. But...it put paid to my Air Force hopes. I had to see a probation officer and one of their 'partners' offered me a job doing graffiti, where they also gave me a video camera which really fascinated me. I started a short course at South Thames College – I loved it. I started applying for jobs working with video and got a job with a hire company. I got to take equipment to TV companies and exhibitions. I did that for a couple of years till I was made redundant. Luckily in those days, I could always get work temping.

I volunteered at the National Film & Television School in Beaconsfield where I helped with the editing. I applied to study editing but sadly didn't get in - my life would've been very different if I had. At the time, it was a bit of a blow. I met someone who was making a documentary about black coal miners and I ended up being the editor on it as well as being production manager. It was called Skin and Coal – it was sold to Channel 4 and I was proud. I thought it was an excellent little film. During the editing, my dad died and that derailed me a bit. He had a bit of life insurance and I got about £10,000 – I lived off that for a couple of years and then just lived and worked.

Sarah is a brilliant artist and I met her in 2014 through friends. She was homeless, so she came to live with me and my mum. She has mental health issues and eventually got a hostel place with St Mungo's. They mucked her about a bit, first they said she'd be there 18 months, and then they said they'd be closing down in 6 months. This upset her, she likes things to be as she's been told they'll be. The accommodation they offered her was pretty poor – just small rooms with a loo and shower in them. One place we looked at, someone offered to sell us drugs. She didn't like any of them and in the end, St Mungo's kicked her out and she came back to live with me and mum.

It was the last West Ham game at Upton Park and there's this fence you can climb along to sneak in. Sarah was a bit drunk and slipped and cut her hands badly. We watched a bit of the match, but had to get the first aiders to bandage her up. One day mum's carers came and mum was hiding, she used to do that, but they thought it was something to do with Sarah and her bandages. A week later I got a call from my sisters to say we had a week to clear out – they thought mum was frightened of Sarah, but she wasn't, Mum and Sarah got on well. We were up all that night, walking till morning, then Sarah went to her hospital appointment and I went to work as a Postman. I'd been working full time as a Postman since 2008.

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Sarah had a 2-man tent and we pitched it on Stoke Newington Common. We'd put it up quite late, about 10ish and have it all wrapped up by 5.30am. We cleared all the rubbish so no one would know we'd been there and hide the tent in the bushes. I'd go off to work and Sarah would go to a day centre. It was quite cosy in the tent – we'd get picnics from the supermarket, maybe some beers for Sarah but not usually for me. We did this for about 6months – we had 5 tents in all – they kept getting nicked. We camped in Wanstead Flats and the park rangers pinched our tent but mostly we camped in Stoke Newington so I could pop back to mum's for some bits. Sundays we'd go to the Rochester Castle for breakfast. Sarah liked the Eggs Royale which is poached eggs, smoked salmon and rocket – I'd have the Full English with extra eggs. We'd have endless coffee refills, charge our phones and use the bathrooms – once Sarah dyed her hair in the loos. Occasionally we'd stay in a B&B for a bit, maybe a Travel Lodge which was a bit of luxury. It was getting cold and it was tiring. Even if we found a cheap hotel, it was hard work. I was in Catch 22 – couldn't save for a deposit because it was costing so much for B&Bs. Xmas 2016 we stayed in a Travel Lodge and hired some Boris Bikes but Sarah fell off and broke her ankle. The pain was so bad that she had to go into hospital to have it operated on.

Finally, Sarah got a hostel place because of her mental health. For the first couple of weeks she wouldn't stay, so we'd hang out in Stratford or stay in hotels. I'd been extending my overdraft to pay for everything and in the end the bank pulled the plug! Ever since Sarah and I met, even before we got together we'd always been in touch and it was difficult for us to be apart. Sarah had to spend more time at the hostel (she was still in plaster) and I spent nights sleeping out. I went to the Welcome Day Centre that we used in Ilford, they referred me to the shelter and soon after I got a bed.

When I first arrived, I thought this is a lot better than sleeping out. I'm used to my own company, so I find the lack of privacy a bit difficult at times. I built up a lot of debt which I'm slowly working to pay off and living at the shelter is a big help with that - but I'll do it and make a home for me and Sarah.

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Liya story of her journey from war torn Africa to a cruel & frightening life in the UK

I'm 29, I was born in Assab, Eritrea on the shores of the Red Sea. My mum was a housewife and my dad was an accountant. We had a comfortable life. I was their only child – my mum suffered in some way when she gave birth to me and couldn't have any more children – no one ever told me the details and she died from her medical problems when I was quite young.

When I was 12, dad and I moved to Sudan because of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia. We lived in Dueim and had a small supermarket – just me and dad. It was ok – not as nice as home, but ok. I didn't get an education; my dad was frightened to let me go to school – soldiers would abduct the young people and take them back for military training. For a long time I didn't work but then I got a job for a lady as a housemaid and looking after her children. She had a restaurant in her front room for 5 or 6 people and I'd help with the cooking.

When I was 25, my dad got very sick – I don't know what was wrong but he had a catheter and I couldn't care for him – he had sisters at home who could look after him, so he went back. I was 26 when I left Sudan – life there was so very hard.

My uncle paid for a broker – I don't know how much. There was 6 of us and we hid in the agent's house for 4 months waiting for him to organise the trip. The agents are frightened of getting caught – they'd be imprisoned and probably have all their money taken off them. I was the only girl, but the boys were ok. Eventually we got a plane to France with fake passports. The agent had some friends who took us from the airport to a refugee jungle – not Calais. It was Winter, I had never experienced such cold and snow – it was awful. Some of the French people were very kind and brought us food and clothes and shoes – once a week we got a shower in a church. I was there 20 days – every night we would go to the lorry park and try to stowaway in the lorries. People would

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help us to climb in while the driver was asleep in his cab. It was really frightening – the drivers would wake up and chase us away. Twice I succeeded but was thrown out when I was discovered when the lorry was X-rayed. One night we got in and got across the Channel – 4 boys and 2 girls.

lorry and we were put in a detention centre. I claimed asylum and was sent to NASS accommodation in Glasgow. I was with an Iranian Girl I'd been in detention with and she was nice and the accommodation was ok.

After 2 months, I got my refugee status, started to work as a packer at Amazon and got council accommodation. The second day in the new place, the neighbours wrote on my wall N*****S OUT. They would put vomit in my doorway – spit on my door – break my windows – try to kick my door in – throw rubbish around my entrance – put fire-works through my letter box – they burnt my name off my door. When I left the house, they would regularly throw urine on me from the flats above. When I saw the N*****S OUT graffiti I was terrified, I called my housing officer, but they advised me not to go to the Police – they were worried that my neighbours would hurt me even more and that the Police wouldn't be able to protect me.

I lived like this for 2 years and my neighbours never let up. I would come home from work and gangs of youths would be sitting on the stairs, smoking weed and blocking my way – I was too scared to ask them to move and I'd just wait outside until they got bored and moved on. When I asked my housing officer to rehouse me, she gave me a diary to fill in – but I can't write. I'd got a new job at a chocolate factory and I was working 7 days a week, but when I do get home I can't sleep because I'm so frightened. A friend from Church came to visit and they stole his car, drove it away and set light to it. 5 boys I knew got stabbed.

Every day I was getting nose bleeds and headaches because of the stress. My doctor gave me some medicine but she said I couldn't take it long term – I don't know what it was, but it did help me sleep for a bit.

I begged them in housing to give me somewhere safe to live, but they just said I'd got a Council House and that's all they could do. One of them said I should go to the Police, but I was too afraid.

I'd had enough – I got on the train to Euston. I went to Islington Council who said I had to go back to Glasgow – I said no, it's too dangerous. Within a day, I was in Shelter from the Storm. The volunteers and guests here have been very kind. I've been doing English classes and Cookie has helped me find a place of my own – It's way out and I don't know anyone there, but it's got to be better than Glasgow!

My dad is a little better, but I miss him so much. Now I just want to get a job and in the future, I dream of becoming a Nurse.

Liya was too scared to use her real name or share her picture or any of her home in Glasgow that might identify her

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English classes

English tuition has proved a huge success and continues with the support of The Streets of London charity. With cuts to the provision of adult education, we provide one of the few services our guests can access. Around 30% of our guests need of help to improve their language skills (either spoken or written, or both). We believe that by supporting these guests to improve their communication skills we will enhance their wellbeing:

- It will maximise chances of finding meaningful employment
- Improve access to volunteering opportunities for those not yet ready for or able to work
- Develop their ability to express their opinions,
- Create meaningful relationships, prevent isolation and help them integrate into society

This year Verity Spice our ESOL teacher provided a total of 686 hours tuition to 37 guests in either individual classes or small groups.

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Sewing Classes

Since January Angela Constantinou has run weekly sewing classes for our guests



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Structure, governance and management

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of Shelter from the Storm (the company) for the ended 31 March 2017. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 2015).

Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 26/6/08.

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 26/6/08 and is a registered charity number 1125575.

The principal object of the company is to provide shelter, food, advice, counselling and other forms of charitable support to those who are homeless or otherwise socially or economically disadvantaged.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. New trustees are given a copy of the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee - What You Need to Know', and we are looking at additional training options.

Organisation

The following trustees served throughout the year:

- M D Clark
- J Third
- A Hochhauser
- J Kerr
- Kris Sparks
- Megan Clinch (appointed 08/03/2017)
- Louisa Newby (appointed 08/03/2017)

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The shelter is managed by Sheila Stephenson (Chief Executive) and Matt Conlon (General Manager) who are supported by Cookie Sami (Senior Caseworker) and an army of volunteers. The volunteer Shift Leaders are responsible for delivering the aims and objectives of the Shelter on the nights/mornings that they are in charge. Any issues of procedure, problems with the guests and source of referrals are constantly monitored and entered on the database. Either the Chief Executive or the General Manager is always available.

The Trustees met regularly to consider and review the following in accordance with the needs of our guests:

- Operational Issues
- Finances
- Expansion
- Fund Raising
- Training

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

Financial Review

As can be seen from the accounting statements included within this report, Shelter from the Storm is in good financial health, with unrestricted funds of £516,910 at the end of the accounting period. In April 2015 a property development company bought our premises and the whole of the Estate where we're situated and although our lease lasts until June 2018, our re-location is becoming a matter of urgency. The trustees are still searching for new premises for the charity, and the funds are being retained for that purpose.

The trustees gratefully acknowledge a grant of £14,234 from the Salters' Charitable Foundation. This grant is used to support the work of the senior caseworker.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Reserves

The trustees have set the level of necessary reserves at £130,000, the equivalent of six months of expenditure. The trustees have also designated a further £125,000 towards a new centre.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of Shelter from the Storm for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 26/9/2017 and signed on their behalf by:

Kris Sparks

Trustee



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHELTER FROM THE STORM

I report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2017 which are set out on pages 26 to 36.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards 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 been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on the after 1 January 2015.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under charity or company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, other than that disclosed below:

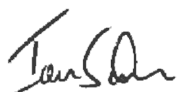
- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and in other respects comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

DISCLOSURE SECTION

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (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 since been withdrawn.

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

Signed:



Dated:

29 September 2017

Ian Saunderson FCA

BERG KAPROW LEWIS LLP

Chartered Accountants

London

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	Restricted funds 2017 £	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	14,234	354,661	368,895	225,235
Other trading activities	3	-	842	842	1,473
Investments	4	-	2,122	2,122	2,429
TOTAL INCOME		14,234	357,625	371,859	229,137
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	-	2,808	2,808	8,459
Charitable activities	6	8,384	252,464	260,848	241,586
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,384	255,272	263,656	250,045
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		5,850	102,353	108,203	(20,908)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,850	102,353	108,203	(20,908)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		8,137	414,557	422,694	443,602
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		13,987	516,910	530,897	422,694

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 28 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06631475

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		21,263		32,491
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	62,026		12,310	
Cash at bank and in hand		465,755		390,452	
		527,781		402,762	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	(18,147)		(12,559)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			509,634		390,203
NET ASSETS			530,897		422,694
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	15		13,987		8,137
Unrestricted funds	15		516,910		414,557
TOTAL FUNDS			530,897		422,694

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26/9/2017 and signed on their behalf, by:

J Third
Trustee



K Sparks
Trustee



The notes on pages 28 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

The charity has prepared the accounts (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 since been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Shelter from the Storm meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 INCOME

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's charitable operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	-	Over the term of the lease (including subsequent leases on the same property where relevant)
Plant & machinery	-	25% straight line and 50% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	33.33% straight line
Office equipment	-	33.33% straight line

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.9 PENSIONS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.11 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.12 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.13 LIABILITIES

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.14 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Restricted funds 2017 £	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	<i>Total funds 2016 £</i>
Donations and Grants	14,234	354,661	368,895	<i>225,235</i>

In 2016, of the total income from donations and grants, £221,609 related to unrestricted funds and £3,625 to restricted funds.

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3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	<i>Total funds 2016 £</i>
Fundraising income	842	842	1,473

In 2016, all income from fundraising activities related to unrestricted funds.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	<i>Total funds 2016 £</i>
Bank interest receivable	2,122	2,122	2,429

In 2016, all investment income related to unrestricted funds.

5. FUNDRAISING EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	<i>Total funds 2016 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	2,808	2,808	5,621
Online fundraising charges	-	-	2,838
	<u>2,808</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>8,459</u>

6. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

Activities undertaken directly 2017 - see note 7 £	Support costs 2017 - see note 8 £	Total 2017 £	<i>Total 2016 £</i>
249,153	11,695	260,848	241,586

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7. DIRECT COSTS

	Total 2017 £	<i>Total 2016 £</i>
Food and supplies	39,888	39,893
Volunteer costs	1,416	1,449
Insurance	6,948	6,345
Training	1,324	2,052
Travel	1,851	3,496
Rent and service charges	25,383	38,665
Light and heat	12,036	8,768
Other premises expenses	12,006	9,244
Guest expenses	8,503	7,124
Counselling and English tuition	20,146	5,392
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	394
Translation services	1,608	855
Legal clinic expenses	1,125	2,434
Wages and salaries	90,740	81,113
National insurance	6,164	6,244
Pension cost	183	-
Depreciation	19,832	16,935
	<u>249,153</u>	<u>230,403</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 2017 £	<i>Total 2016 £</i>
Printing, postage and stationery	1,030	1,171
Telephone	2,629	2,293
Computer costs	1,108	1,443
Sundry expenses	362	451
Independent examiner's fees	3,240	3,300
Payroll and bookkeeping fees	3,326	2,525
	<u>11,695</u>	<u>11,183</u>

Independent Examiner's costs detailed above are cost expended in Governance of the charity.

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9. NET INCOMING RESOURCES/(RESOURCES EXPENDED)

This is stated after charging:

	2017	<i>2016</i>
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	19,832	<i>16,935</i>
	=====	=====

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2016 - £NIL). Cost of commercial services provided by trustees is disclosed in note 19.

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2016 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2016 - £NIL).

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £2,500 (2016 - £2,500), and consultancy services of £Nil (2016 - £200).

11. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017	<i>2016</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	90,740	<i>81,113</i>
Social security costs	6,164	<i>6,244</i>
Other pension costs	183	<i>-</i>
	=====	=====
	97,087	<i>87,357</i>
	=====	=====

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2017	<i>2016</i>
	No.	No.
Employees	3	<i>3</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improve- ments £	Plant & machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Total £
COST					
At 1 April 2016	75,306	32,787	3,500	1,546	113,139
Additions	980	7,624	-	-	8,604
At 31 March 2017	<u>76,286</u>	<u>40,411</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>121,743</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2016	51,303	24,428	3,500	1,417	80,648
Charge for the year	12,491	7,213	-	128	19,832
At 31 March 2017	<u>63,794</u>	<u>31,641</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>1,545</u>	<u>100,480</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2017	<u>12,492</u>	<u>8,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21,263</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>24,003</u>	<u>8,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>32,491</u>

13. DEBTORS

	2017 £	2016 £
DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
Other debtors	2,000	2,000
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Other debtors	38,874	-
Prepayments and accrued income	18,384	7,372
Gift Aid recoverable	2,768	2,938
	<u>62,026</u>	<u>12,310</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	11,182	2,979
Other taxation and social security	2,722	2,681
Other creditors	1,068	574
Accruals and deferred income	3,175	6,325
	<u>18,147</u>	<u>12,559</u>

15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Carried Forward £
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
Funds designated for new centre	125,000	-	-	125,000	250,000
GENERAL FUNDS					
General Fund	289,557	357,625	(255,272)	(125,000)	266,910
Total Unrestricted funds	414,557	357,625	(255,272)	-	516,910
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Pro bono legal clinic fund	8,087	-	(1,125)	-	6,962
Other restricted funds	50	14,234	(7,259)	-	7,025
	8,137	14,234	(8,384)	-	13,987
Total of funds	422,694	371,859	(263,656)	-	530,897

The Pro bono legal clinic fund represents a donation received to provide legal support to homeless people.

Other restricted funds relate to other sums donated for specific purposes, including a grant from The Salters' Charitable Foundation specified to be spent on the Senior Caseworker's activity.

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2017 £	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	<i>Total funds 2016 £</i>
	-	-	-	32,491
Tangible fixed assets	25	21,237	21,262	-
Debtors due after more than 1 year	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Current assets	13,962	511,819	525,781	400,763
Creditors due within one year	-	(18,146)	(18,146)	(12,559)
	13,987	516,910	530,897	422,694

17. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £183 (2016 - £-). Contributions totalling £141 (2016 - £-) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2017 the total of the Charity's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2017 £	<i>2016 £</i>
AMOUNTS PAYABLE:		
Within 1 year	26,000	<i>26,000</i>
Between 1 and 5 years	-	<i>26,000</i>
Total	26,000	<i>52,000</i>

The lease expires in June 2018.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included in support costs is £3,350 for payroll and bookkeeping services provided by Kostech Consulting Limited (2016 - £2,525), a company of which Kris Sparks, trustee, is sole director and shareholder. The payment for provision of services by a trustee are in line with the charity's memorandum and articles of association. At the balance sheet date, £2,753 (2016 - £2,525) was owed to Kostech Consulting Limited and the sum is included in trade creditors.

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20. FIRST TIME ADOPTION OF FRS 102

It is the first year that the company has presented its financial statements under SORP 2015 and FRS 102. The following disclosures are required in the year of transition. The last financial statements prepared under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 March 2016 and the date of transition to FRS 102 and SORP 2015 was therefore 1 April 2015. As a consequence of adopting FRS 102 and SORP 2015, a number of accounting policies have changed to comply with those standards.

The policies applied under the company's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds or net income/expenditure.