

## **Report of the Treasurer for the year 2022**

I am pleased to present my first Annual Report as Treasurer for Mary Thompson Fund, a position I shadowed initially before taking full responsibility in January 2022.

### **General accompanying notes:**

In addition to the ongoing requests for help which were received from refugees from the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Nigeria, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, we have added clients to our list from India, Palestine, Benin, Malawi, Mozambique, Brazil, St. Kitts, Burundi, Ukraine, Hungary, Mali, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Our friends from Lithuania and Ghana have resolved their status and no longer receive our support. There are also exceptional circumstances where a British national may claim on behalf of a spouse or family member of a different nationality who is without recourse to public funds and in need of help.

### **Income:**

We receive a regular monthly income of £1,076 in Direct Debits which is marginally reduced from last year, but may reflect the general struggles our supporters experience with the cost of living. This regular income is augmented by one-off donations, grants etc.

We have benefited from the fundraising efforts of others over the year. A number of our supporters enjoyed a wonderful performance: 'Rockin' for Refugees' which raised several hundred pounds and won us many friends. Our Chair continues to give talks for which we receive specific donations.

We have been able to include regular accessible payments to Hartlepool clients thanks to the willingness of our Vice-Chair to administer this through her outreach Caseworker role for Justice First. We have also made a significant number of grants to refugee clients within the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland as the local authority has expanded its hosting of refugees under Resettlement Schemes for Syrians and those fleeing the horrors of Afghanistan.

As the year progressed and donations fluctuated, we adjusted our monthly destitution payments accordingly. Spending was closely monitored to ensure that periods of demand (eg school uniform applications at the start of the school term) could be accommodated.

We continued to receive a grant from the Jill Franklin Trust which, along with regular direct debits, has ensured that our core needs were covered.

We have found that despite the hostility towards refugees generated by government rhetoric, help for our charity has not diminished and we are heartened by the messages we receive expressing compassion and support.

### **Expenditure:**

In addition to the regular hardship payments made on a monthly basis which have helped around 75 destitute people registered as having no recourse to public funds, we have spent around £3,000 on food and toiletries, with other items being donated from local business and community supporters (for example, we received donations of sanitary items from local Soroptimists). We have also established a reciprocal arrangement with the local Food Bank which swaps unwanted cans of chickpeas for baked beans!

Our regular newsletter to supporters is now largely distributed online, although we still have a handful of people who prefer to receive a hard copy. The only administrative costs incurred relate to a small amount of postage and printing ink.

We could not manage without our wonderful volunteers. Sadly, we cannot reward them financially, but they do receive reimbursement for any costs they incur when volunteering, plus entitlement to a destitution payment where appropriate.

Over the course of 2022, volunteers made emergency payments to 185 clients in Stockton & Middlesbrough, with a further 20 payments in Hartlepool and periodic payments to clients in Darlington and Redcar. Clients came from 47 different countries, demonstrating how unstable our world has become. We also gave additional food and toiletry supplies to those in need who may not necessarily have qualified for cash.

We were able to liaise with local charity, Purple Rose who provided what amounted to hundreds of hot meals on several occasions for which MTF paid per head and felt was good value for money. This 'taste of home' was much welcomed and enjoyed by clients. We secured funding from The Teesside Charity to support this.

Trustees considered 60 applications for assistance for needs including: School Uniforms, Education & Training, essential clothing, household goods, medical needs, help with household arrears, 'phone top-ups, travel to

appointments, translation of documents to assist asylum claims, photographs for Home Office documents and additional needs for children (trips etc).

2022 saw the relaxation of covid restrictions and although the current Middlesbrough drop-in premises do not allow for additional storage or activities, we continue to explore opportunities to expand the service we provide to our friends seeking asylum.

**Mary Thompson Fund Jan - Dec 2022**  
**Statement of Accounts 2022 for account number 20103929**

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January -2022	£ 33,477.87	£ 34,176.14	£ 5,111.75	£ 4,413.48
February - 2022	£ 34,176.14	£ 28,991.16	£ 4,200.00	£ 9,384.98
March-2022	£ 28,991.16	£ 25,808.82	£ 4,001.00	£ 7,003.34
April -2022	£ 25,808.82	£ 17,977.16	£ 3,181.00	£ 10,677.66
May-22	£ 17,977.16	£ 10,340.22	£ 3,548.54	£ 11,205.48
June -2022	£ 10,340.22	£ 13,440.22	£ 3,173.00	£ 73.00
July-2022	£ 13,440.22	£ 5,157.95	£ 3,316.80	£ 11,599.07
August-2022	£ 5,157.95	£ 7,018.95	£ 3,361.00	£ 1,500.00
September-2022	£ 7,270.95	£ 11,610.95	£ 6,638.75	£ 1,628.00
October -20 2	£ 12,029.70	£ 14,527.20	£ 4,337.50	£ 1,840.00
November-2022	£ 14,527.20	£ 14,346.81	£ 4,046.00	£ 4,226.39
December - 2022	£ 14,346.81	£ 13,298.53	£ 4,371.00	£ 5,419.28

Mary Thompson Fund

Charity number 1112610

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Pivot of Transaction from Bank Download													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Debit / Credit													
Credit	£ 5.00	£ 4,200.00	£ 3,821.00	£ 3,181.00	£ 3,568.54	£ 3,173.00	£ 3,316.80	£ 3,361.00	£ 6,638.75	£ 4,337.50	£ 4,046.00	£ 4,371.00	£ 44,019.59
Debit	-£ 293.00	-£ 9,384.98	-£ 7,003.34	-£ 11,012.66	-£ 11,205.48	-£ 73.00	-£ 11,599.07	-£ 1,500.00	-£ 1,628.00	-£ 1,840.00	-£ 4,226.39	-£ 5,419.28	-£ 65,185.20
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Grand Total	-£ 288.00	-£ 5,184.98	-£ 3,182.34	-£ 7,831.66	-£ 7,636.94	£ 3,100.00	-£ 8,282.27	£ 1,861.00	£ 5,010.75	£ 2,497.50	-£ 180.39	-£ 1,048.28	-£ 21,165.61
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Summary Document - Copy of Figures													
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Validation													
Balance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£418.75	£0.00	(£5.00)	£0.00	
Credit	(£5,106.75)	£0.00	(£180.00)	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	(£5,266.75)
Debit	£4,120.48	£0.00	£0.00	(£335.00)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,785.48

1. Bank Transactions run from 31st January - so do not include January Transactions

2. March - Income on bank is £180 less than stated.

3. April - debit on the bank is £335 greater than stated.

4. May - income on bank is £20 higher

5. September - opening balance does not match closing balance for August and closing balance is £418.75 out, correct figure for Oct opening balance

6. November - closing balance is £5 out and opening balance for December is also incorrect.

7. Year total can not be confirmed as Jan transactions are missing.