

DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



**Our vision is to have
a fair, humane and safe
asylum experience for all**

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STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR



DCRS continues to go from strength to strength with staff and volunteers striving towards a better future for our beneficiaries. The development of our Legal Aid department, now embedded in our work, illustrates how we are at the forefront of supporting those who seek help arriving in the UK.

When we reopened after Covid the sign over the entrance door said “Welcome to DCRS. Here you will find a Welcome, Support and Compassion.” That continues to be our mantra for those who arrive across Devon and Cornwall.

As expected, the Government’s new plans announced in November increase the difficulties for people seeking safety in the UK. They concentrate on enforcement rather than addressing the real reasons why people seek protection.

One of my greatest pleasures as Chair is just talking to our beneficiaries and seeing the support we can give to people who are grateful for what we can do. They are far removed from the picture of asylum seekers as found in the hostile sources of our press and social media.

We ended the year in a healthy financial state but the future as ever looks challenging to continue to provide the range of support we offer.

Devon & Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS) is managed by its trustees who meet regularly. Day to day administration is in the hands of the CEO. New recruits are found through local contacts or Reach Volunteering.

DCRS aims to ensure that asylum seekers and refugees receive the full benefit of their entitlements under UK and international law. We aim to provide a culturally sensitive and practical response to the needs of the community.

The board of trustees are satisfied that the service provided to an under-supported section of the population constitutes a public benefit.

Ian Gasper
Chair of Trustees



STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Another Year of Growth

2025 has been a year of significant growth, challenge and opportunity for the organisation. As demand for our services continued to rise, we have seen first-hand the increasing complexity of the issues facing the people and communities we support. Despite these pressures, our staff, volunteers and partners have responded with determination, professionalism and compassion, enabling us to expand our reach and strengthen our impact.

Significant Achievement in 2025

One of the most significant achievements this year has been the continued development of our Legal Aid Department. What began the year holding 25 active cases has grown rapidly, reaching 80 active cases by July and 166 cases by the end of 2025. We successfully passed our Specialist Quality Mark audit, billed our first Legal Aid Agency payments, secured our first long-term local authority legal aid contract, and strengthened the team through new recruitment and continuous professional development. These achievements have increased both our profile and our credibility across the region, resulting in a growing number of referrals and partnership opportunities.

DCRS on the Frontline

We are one of the few frontline refugee organisations that have developed their own Legal Aid Department to manage and represent beneficiaries ourselves. We aim to be financially self-sufficient by the end of 2026. If we achieve this aim, DCRS will be regarded as a case study to support other organisations to follow suit.

Record Numbers

Alongside this success, the growth of the Legal Aid Department has created considerable pressure across the wider organisation. The casework team has carried an increasing workload while helping to establish new services and maintaining support for a record number of people. More than 3,000 triage attendances were delivered across the reporting periods, alongside extensive wellbeing, ESOL, and practical support services. Staff have shown exceptional resilience, adaptability and commitment throughout this period of change.

Successful Partnerships

DCRS has also benefited from a number of successful partnerships and funding opportunities. We secured new contracts supporting vulnerable migrant communities, strengthened relationships through the Justice Together Initiative and SouthWest Immigration Alliance (SWIA), expanded our work in Cornwall, and developed new pathways for regional collaboration. These partnerships have not only increased our capacity but have also positioned the organisation as an influential voice in discussions around refugee, asylum and immigration support.

Staff Development

Our people remain at the heart of everything we do. During 2025 we invested heavily in staff development, training and leadership. Team members progressed through immigration advice qualifications, safeguarding training and specialist professional development. We welcomed new colleagues, supported career advancement within existing teams, and continued to build a management structure capable of sustaining long-term organisational growth.

More from the CEO ...

Infrastructure and Governance

While there have been many successes, challenges remain. Demand for services continues to outpace capacity in some areas, particularly legal aid and frontline casework. Recruitment, training and retaining skilled staff remains essential. As the organisation grows, we must also ensure that our systems, governance and infrastructure keep pace so that we can continue delivering high-quality services without compromising staff wellbeing or organisational sustainability.

The External Environment

The rise of the far-right and mainstream political parties pandering to toxic misinformation about this population continues. This is and will continue to put our staff, volunteers and beneficiaries at risk of misinformed individuals deciding to take action against us. We need to ensure that we are protected whilst continuing to do our vital work

Looking Ahead

- In 2026 we will continue to grow our legal aid department and develop our knowledge of asylum and immigration law across the region.
- We are looking to take on a new building, closing down our two offices and bringing all our services together under one roof. This will ensure our teams can communicate more effectively but also allow for better management and oversight of our work.
- We will focus on supporting strategic litigation challenges against systemic injustices faced by the populations we serve. The complex data that we now collate is extremely useful to support organisations such as the Public Law Project and others who have the power to challenge public bodies in court.
- We will develop our management structure across departments, update and develop our policies and procedures so that what we have built can have the necessary secure foundations needed to flourish.

As we look to the future, we do so from a position of strength.

The growth experienced throughout 2025 has been built on the dedication of our staff, volunteers, trustees, partners and supporters. Together, we have expanded services, strengthened our reputation and increased our impact.

While significant challenges remain, we are confident that through continued collaboration, innovation and determination, we can build an organisation that is equipped to meet the needs of the communities we serve for many years to come.

Thank you for your continued support throughout 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This is my second financial report for Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS) annual accounts and it is with pleasure I present our results for 2025.

Lenka Reznik-Zelenkova, Trustee Treasurer

INCOME

Based on our finances, DCRS has almost tripled in scale over the last 3 years.

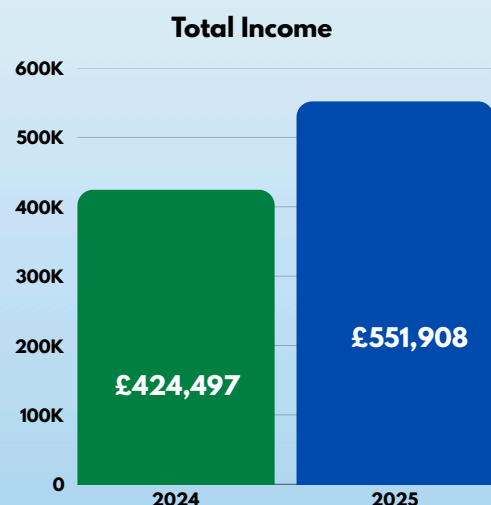
Total income in 2022 was £218,505 and in 2025 it has grown to £551,908.

Successful grant funding and direct financial support for some of our activities has driven this growth. This has allowed us to develop new services and also required us to adapt to new accounting practices and methodologies.

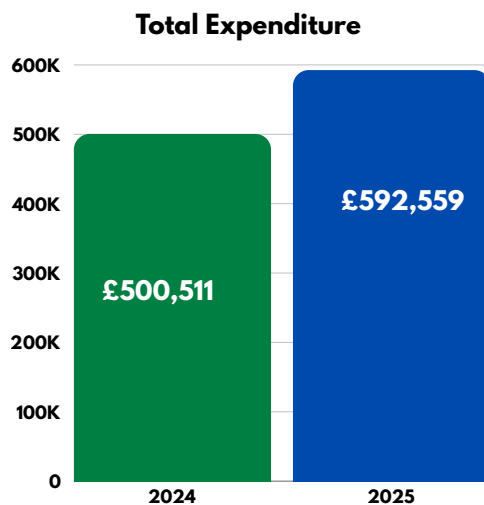
We have developed a detailed model to manage all aspects of our finances. It is updated regularly and looks ahead for the next 2-3 years to enable confident planning.

We manage all our bookkeeping online using Xero.

Our successful track record has enabled us to win substantial multi-year funding from bodies such as the National Lottery and Access to Justice.



EXPENDITURE



Total expenditure in 2025 was £592,559 (compared to 2024: £500,511).

The largest single area of expenditure is staff salaries which are approximately 73% of the total expenditure.

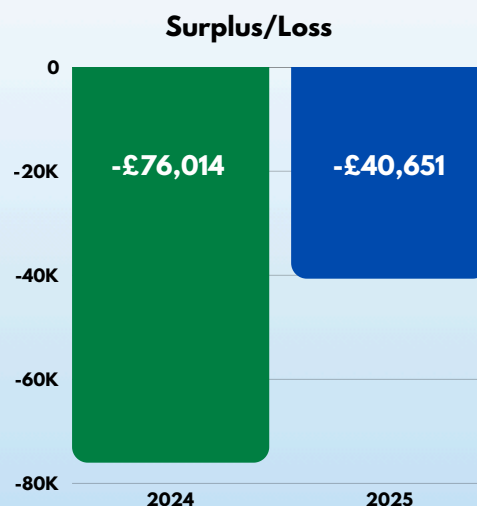
The full breakdown can be found in the 2025 Annual Accounts in the Appendix.

INVESTMENT IN LEGAL AID SERVICES

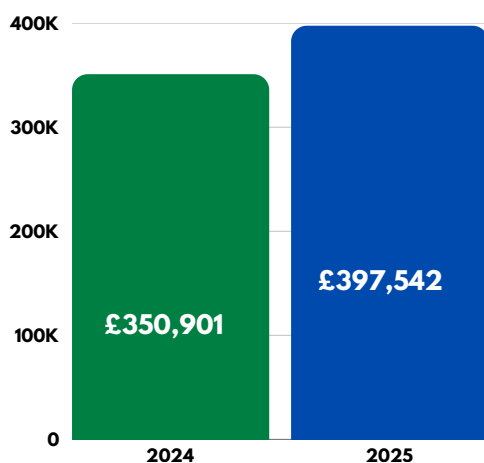
A significant development in 2025 was the creation of our Legal Aid department, This provides an invaluable service to our beneficiaries and closes one of the gaps in the DCRS 'Value Chain'.

We recognised from the start that we would experience a significant cashflow deficit due to the nature of this work.

Despite this, our overall deficit reduced compared to 2024.



CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND



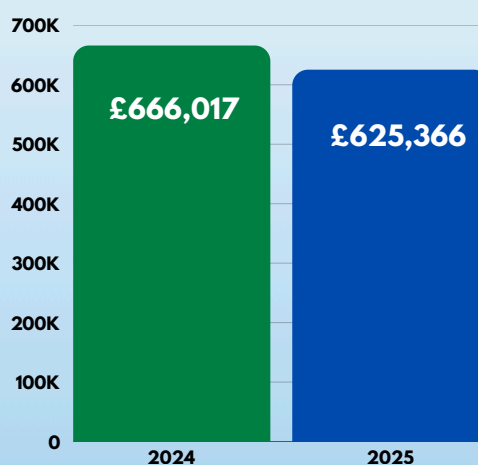
This continuing strong cash position allows us plan ahead with confidence.



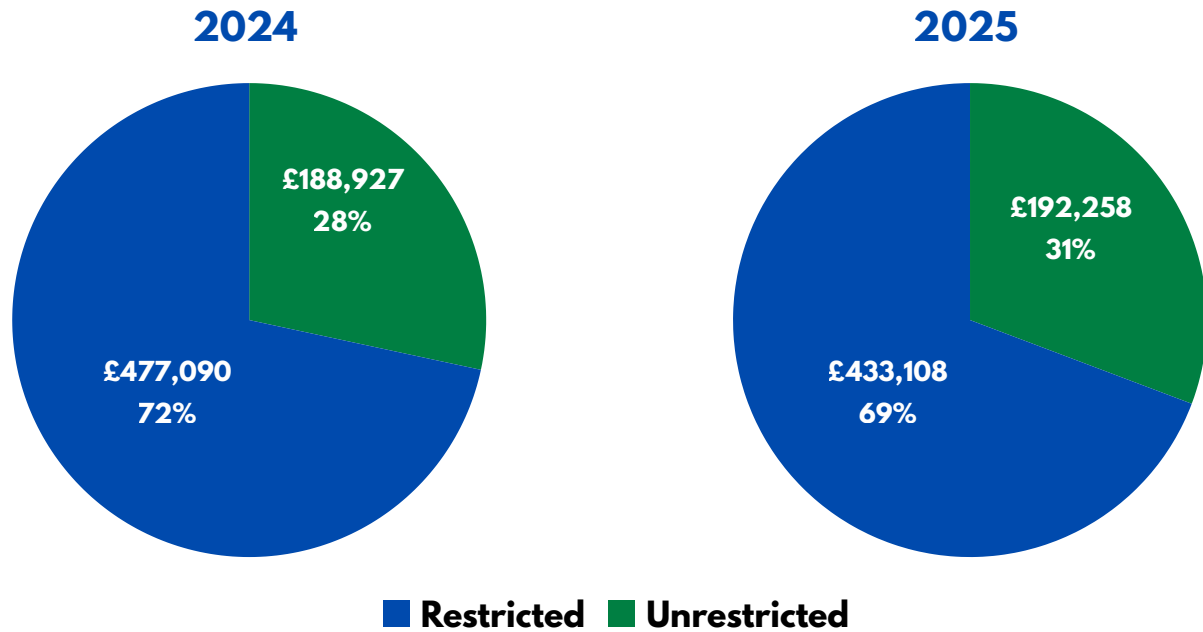
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY (NET ASSETS)

The charity concluded the financial year 2025 with net assets of £625,366 (compared to 2024: £666,017).

In both years, about 70% of the total funds were restricted funds. The split between restricted and unrestricted funds can be seen on the following page.



RESTRICTED vs UNRESTRICTED FUNDS



UNRESTRICTED funds give us flexibility in our operations.

RESTRICTED funds ensure that we can deliver many of our core services.

FURTHER COMMENTS

We process all the accounting transactions in house using Xero online. This now includes our staff payroll which is the largest category in our annual budget.

DCRS has now grown to the size where we must follow the accruals basis approach to accounting (as specified by the Charity Commission), we have employed external accountants to prepare the 2025 year end accounts.

The Charity is not VAT registered.

I have taken into consideration the latest full financial year 2025, the previous full financial year 2024 and the current financial position in 2026 and I confirm, that in my opinion, the charity is a going concern.

KEY METRICS



1,163

Clients Supported

(+16% vs 2024)



646

New Clients

(+52% vs 2024)



129

START Referrals

(Measure of clients
granted refugee status)

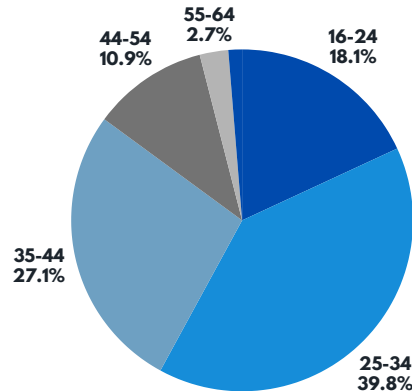


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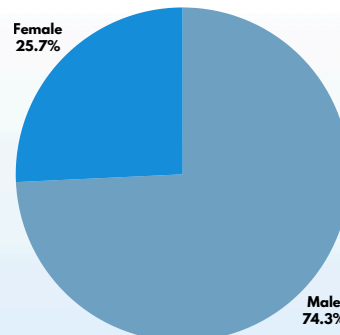
Legal Aid Clients

(Value of Billed Work: £41,640)

The Ages of our Clients



The Gender of our Clients



83

Number of Nationalities



64

Number of Languages Spoken

LEGAL AID



The DCRS Legal Aid department, was established in September 2024 and has now grown to a total of 4 advisors. Our caseload consists mainly of people initially seeking asylum and people who came as immigrants under the family immigration route and have suffered violence at the hands of their partners and are now seeking to apply for indefinite leave to remain.

There is huge shortage of Legal Aid lawyers throughout the country – and this is a particular problem in the South West. We often see clients very late in their asylum process. This is because many have not previously been able to find a lawyer and have been making their cases unrepresented until they see us.

However, we have been very successful and many of our clients have achieved much better results than they would have achieved without legal representation.

We thank all supporters who have helped us create this new strand of work and who believe our work is vital.

At the end of
2025 we had

100+
active Cases

Our Legal Staff
always have a

**Very Long
Waiting List**

We established a
**Training
Pathway**
to increase our
Staff Capacity

We wait
**Many
Months**
to receive legal
aid payments

**The work carried out by
the DCRS Legal team is
very challenging in
many ways.**



**It is vitally important for
the people we serve.**

CASEWORK

This report sets out the level of casework demand arising from the needs of asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants accessing support in 2025. These figures provide clear evidence of substantial and continuing demand for advice, advocacy, triage, referrals and practical intervention.



10,358

Hours worked



19,113

Attendances



920

Beneficiaries



9,401

Sessions

The service has also seen an increasing number of individuals relocating from other cities in order to access the support available locally.

This movement indicates not only the inadequacy of provision elsewhere, but also the recognised necessity and accessibility of the support delivered in Plymouth.

In practice, caseworkers were frequently required to undertake urgent assessments of need, identify risk, provide information on available remedies and referral pathways, and manage situations in which immediate casework and support were required.

Waleed Abdallah, Casework Manager

CASEWORK COMPLEXITY

The complexity of the casework was compounded by recurring safeguarding concerns. These included, but were not limited to, insecure immigration status, risks associated with homelessness, exploitation, domestic abuse, social isolation, lack of financial support, and difficulties accessing statutory services.

In addition, the service supported Foreign National Offenders, whose cases required careful consideration of immigration status, public protection concerns, risk management, accommodation options, legal advice needs and inter-agency communication.

Such matters required caseworkers to exercise sound professional judgement, maintain appropriate boundaries, keep accurate records and liaise with relevant statutory and voluntary sector agencies where necessary.

Mental health presentations constituted a further significant area of concern. A number of beneficiaries presented with symptoms or circumstances consistent with anxiety, trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, low mood, acute distress or crisis, often linked to uncertainty regarding immigration status, previous experiences of harm, isolation, insecure housing, destitution or prolonged delays within the asylum process.

These factors affected engagement, communication, ability to attend appointments and the level of casework intervention required. Caseworkers were therefore required to adopt trauma-informed practice, provide stabilising support, undertake appropriate signposting, de-escalate distress where possible, and escalate safeguarding or health-related concerns where the circumstances required it.

In the absence of adequate asylum support provision, and with limited comparable support from other local agencies, the service has been required to respond to complex, high-risk and urgent matters. This level of demand, combined with limited casework capacity and insufficient funding, has placed considerable pressure on staff.

CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES

Challenges:

- A consistently high number of beneficiaries accessed the service each week, with an average of approximately 180 clients requiring support on a weekly basis.
- The number of qualified caseworkers available to meet demand remained limited when compared with the volume and complexity of presenting needs.
- Beneficiaries requested a wide variety of casework interventions, including immigration, housing, welfare, health, safeguarding, destitution and referral-related support.
- Insufficient funding restricted the service's capacity to respond fully to all demands and to expand provision in line with identified need.
- The level of demand placed substantial pressure on caseworkers, resulting in work-related stress and short periods of absence due to illness and stress.
- The absence of other local agencies providing comparable support placed further reliance on the service as a primary source of assistance for vulnerable individuals.

Successes:

- Immigration Advice Authority (IAA) training pathway has achieved good results with caseworkers achieving Level 1 and focusing on Level 2 in 2026.
- The team has supported a huge number of beneficiaries with limited resource
- The casework department is well regarded across both counties in their quality and quantity of casework that they can take on.
- Further relationships developed with local authorities and other VCSE sector organisations across both counties.

The high volume of attendances and the wide range of presenting needs show that the service is operating as an essential point of intervention for asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Devon and Cornwall.

Despite these challenges, support has continued to be delivered by hard-working, passionate and resourceful caseworkers acting with professionalism, diligence and resilience with the team managing to help big number of beneficiaries achieving wonderful results.



Wellbeing

REPORT 2025

Central to DCRS's mission is our commitment to **preserving and protecting the physical and mental health of asylum seekers and refugees and their dependants resident in Devon and Cornwall.**

The **Wellbeing Department** brings together three interconnected areas of work in order to accomplish this goal: **Activities**, **Health Point**, and **Befriending**. Together, these services provide holistic, person-centred support that responds to the complex and overlapping needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Plymouth, many of whom have experienced trauma, isolation, and significant barriers to accessing health and social services.

1. **Activities** offer opportunities to restore and maintain wellbeing through green and blue space activities, interest groups, English classes, life-skills training, gym access, and a weekly wellbeing drop-in. This work helps reduce isolation, supports mental and physical health, and enables clients to develop skills and build a social network.
2. **Health Point** is our weekly health advocacy clinic, working to reduce barriers to healthcare access. Volunteer GPs provide GP and mental health support, alongside help with navigating the NHS, advocating for individual health needs, and delivering outreach and training to local GP surgeries.
3. **Befriending** provides one-to-one social support, bringing together people from asylum seeker and refugee communities with local residents. The Befriending Project responds to the need for one-to-one social support, the need to safeguard and cherish the healing power of human relationships, and to alleviate social isolation.

Activities Outcomes

We hosted **41** Wellbeing Drop-in Sessions and **130** activities during 2025 (not including English classes and gym passes)

253

SUs attended at least 1 activity, and

57%

of those service users attended more than 1 activity

33%

of all DCRS service users engaged in the Activities Programme in 2025.



Activities in 2025

- Canoeing
- Bicycle Rides / Lessons
- Swimming Lessons
- Beach Trips
- Tamar Valley Walks
- Farm Visits
- Computer Class
- Music Class
- English Class
- SU Gym Access
- Allotment / Gardening
- Theatre Royal Plymouth
- Martial Arts
- Cooking sessions and celebrations
- Museum / Cinema trips

Health Point Outcomes

471

appointments

368

individuals
supported

We hosted **48** Health
Point Clinics in 2025.

71%

of patients who saw a Health
Point GP subsequently did
not need to visit their
regular GP or emergencies
services

320

GP appointments

151

mental health
appointments

10

students and health workers
shadowed Health Point,
supporting learning within
the wider sector.



1 Project Doctor



8 Volunteer GPs



1 GP Trainee



3 Mental Health
Professionals

Befriending Outcomes

24

volunteer
befrienders

25

active
befriending
pairs



61

service users
engaged



Parents Group

81

participants have engaged
in our Parents Group

40

adults

41

children

Case Studies

B is a new arrival from Afghanistan. Her and her family have been brought to Torpoint on the Afghan scheme. She faced discrimination from within her family due to a speaking disability, has limited English, and feels isolated and confined by her familial obligations to care of her ageing parents. She is also unmarried, which means her ability to take part in social activities is limited.

Her ASR counsellor invited her to the picnic and accompanied her. She was notably shy and appeared nervous about speaking to new people. After some time, she took herself off to a separate space outside the main activity. She was joined by her counsellor, DCRS staff and two young female volunteers. She started to appear more calm and smiled at some of the jokes and banter. She attended another activity the next day and was even more social, open, and chatty. B has expressed an interest in attending more activities and is keen to meet new people, which according to her counsellor, is massive growth for her considering her mental health challenges.



A 30-year-old gentleman presented to Health Point with bilateral foot pain and reported swelling in both feet. He had been advised to attend by our in-house Health Screeners. On examination however, multiple verrucae were identified on both feet, which differed from the initial history provided. Using a translator, we provided education about verrucas, including showing the patient the relevant NHS webpage and translating the information into his spoken language on his phone so he could refer to it later.

An eConsult was subsequently completed to his GP requesting appropriate verruca treatment. Following our consultation, the GP was able to prescribe treatment via the same system, thereby avoiding the need for an additional GP appointment.



VOLUNTEER REPORT 2025



**Total of 87
volunteers.**

**In 2025,
volunteers
worked a total
of over 8500
hours.**

**An average of
177 HOURS A
WEEK. The
equivalent of 5
full time
members of
staff.**



**Almost 20% of
our volunteers
are current or
previous
beneficiaries of
DCRS.**

**Two volunteer
events: annual
meeting and summer
celebration to thank
volunteers.**

The experience, dedication and generosity of our 80+ volunteers shapes our services and deeply impacts the people we support. Without their kindness and commitment, we would not be able to deliver the depth and breadth of work accomplished by DCRS.

This year, our team of volunteers grew from 56 to 87. Our 30 new volunteers have joined DCRS in existing roles of:

- **Reception and Welcome** - greeting, taking registers, managing the intercom, answering the phone, and admin support
- **Activities Support** - facilitating activities and outdoor trips, assisting with safeguarding, engagement and inclusion
- **English Teaching** - teaching and supporting community ESOL classes
- **Befriending** - a supportive local connection for SUs
- **Auxiliary Casework** - providing basic immigration advice, supporting casework staff. This year, these volunteers provided vital support, contributing 2844 hours - around 1.7 FTE.

Newly developed and expanded roles this year include:

- **Finance and Admin** - three new volunteers supporting the finance and business team
- **Health Navigation** - new role and training undertaken by two volunteers and five placement students, to support HealthPoint by assisting GPs and Health Screeners with tasks such as HCl applications, requesting GP appointments, booking eye tests and supporting SUs with self-referrals.
- **Events and Social Media** - three volunteers supported events, took photos or worked on our website
- **Computer Class** - a volunteer pathway for beneficiaries created a new team of IT teachers working with the Greenhouse Hub to run weekly classes
- **Legal Aid Reception** - seven volunteers have supported our legal aid department across this year, in addition to six Law students on placement with us from February to April.

Supporting Beneficiaries to Volunteer.

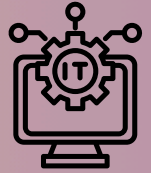
A goal for 2025 was to expand volunteer pathways for DCRS' clients. Many clients express interest in volunteering to keep busy, make connections, find a sense of purpose and improve employment prospects.

Delivered training in February 2025 on making volunteering more accessible for Asylum Seekers and Refugees at the Plymouth Volunteer Coordinators Network Meeting.

Inducted 8 new volunteers who are beneficiaries of DCRS in 2025. We now have a **total of 17 volunteers who are current or previous beneficiaries.**

IT class taught by current beneficiaries

Greenhouse Hub CIC runs a computer class at DCRS. In April 2025, three beneficiaries who had attended the classes were inducted as new volunteers to support the facilitation of the class.



By August 2025, these volunteers ran classes on their own. Their insight and support have encouraged people to gain essential skills, build confidence and access refurbished computers. They have built the class into a community that feels welcoming and collaborative, and it is one of DCRS' most engaging and well-attended activities.

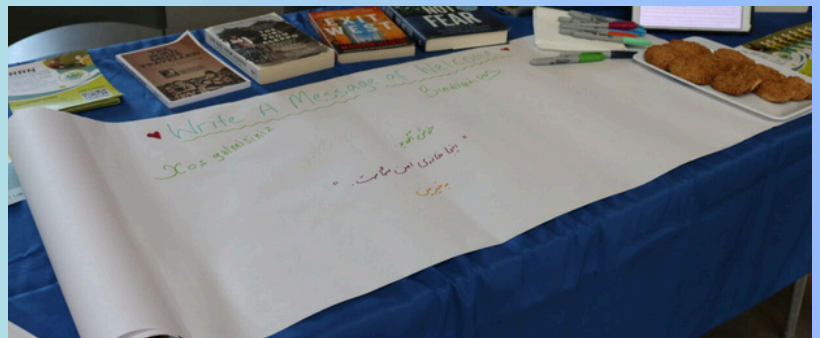
Students and university engagement

- Another two second-year social work students from Plymouth University joined DCRS in October 2025. In January 2025, DCRS received the Practice Educator of the Year award for our previous cohort.
- Hosted a Nursing student on a two-month full-time placement from April to June 2025. We plan to host another Nursing student in Spring 2026.
- Two outreach and education sessions run by volunteer GPs for medical students and dental students at Peninsula Medical School in April 2025. This is planned for another cohort in 2026.
- From January-March 2026 we will host two International Development, Law and Politics students on a short-term placement.



Health Navigation and HealthPoint

- 7 people trained in Health Navigator role
- Regular training sessions for HealthPoint volunteers on topics such as sexual health, Tuberculosis, STI testing and cancer detection and support
- Three volunteers worked in our dental advocacy team to give oral hygiene advice and support access to emergency dental care.



Plans for 2026:

DCRS' work is increasingly important in an atmosphere of rising hostility to refugees and asylum seekers. To help our volunteers feel confident and equipped to provide support, we will offer:

- Anti-Racism, Active Bystander and Allyship training - delivered first in February 2026 by Empower Diversity, and subsequently as part of our general induction training for new volunteers
- An annual refresher of our safeguarding procedures and practices
- Training on Trauma Informed Practice
- Access to counselling and supervision
- Further opportunities to engage with DCRS, feedback and receive regular updates.



LAST YEAR

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AT DCRS



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APPENDIX

Full Annual Accounts 2025



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Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

Reference and Administrative Details

<i>Chairman</i>	Ian Gasper, (Chair and trustee) Resigned 11/03/26 Andrew Eccleston, (Chair from March 26)
<i>Trustees</i>	Poorna Dias Gunaswkera, Resigned 12/03/2025 Jane Barkes Sana Murrani John Stephens, (Vice Chair) Resigned 22/01/26 Edward Lees, Appointed 25/02/25 Alana Hunter, (Safeguarding Lead) Resigned 13/07/26 Ian Gasper, (Chair and trustee) Resigned 11/03/26 Andrew Eccleston, (Chair from March 26) Azeb Mengisteab Sian Pearce, Resigned 12/03/25 Michael White, Resigned 18/03/25 Julian Bild, Resigned 21/03/25 Lenka Reznik-Zelenkova, (Treasurer) Appointed 12/03/25 Asrar Ahmad Bashir, Appointed 12/03/25 and Resigned 16/03/25 Verity Meeson, Appointed 03/03/26 Annabelle Mascott, Appointed 03/03/26 Rosie Brennan, Appointed 13/05/26 Ashish Ghadiali, Resigned 15/06/26 Jane Barkes
<i>Secretary</i>	
<i>Senior Management / Leadership Team</i>	Alexander Vessis, CEO Abimbola Adeosun, Finance and Business Administrator
<i>Charity Registration Number</i>	1130360
<i>Company Registration Number</i>	06271122
<i>Registered Office</i>	The charity is incorporated in England. 7 Whimble Street Plymouth Devon PL21 2DH
<i>Independent Examiner</i>	W estcotts Matthew Keane FCCA Plym House 3 Longbridge Road Marsh Mills Plymouth Devon PL6 8LT

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

In 2025, Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (DCRS) continued to grow to meet the gap in need across the region. Our vision remains to have a fair, humane and safe asylum experience for all and we do this by promoting independence, preventing destitution and supporting those seeking refuge to build their new home in the UK.

During 2025 we continued to consolidate our financial position after a period of significant growth since 2021. The evidence we can now provide of a positive impact for the people we serve has underpinned several successful large funding bids.

In 2025 we provided assistance to 1,163 beneficiaries of whom 646 were new arrivals. Our records show they came from 83 different countries and spoke 64 different languages. The Wellbeing and Casework departments supported 997 beneficiaries, and our Legal Aid department supported 166.

The success of our Charity is built on our skilful and compassionate staff, supported by over 85 Volunteers who fulfil a variety of roles covering reception, supporting casework, befriending, GP advice and supporting wellbeing activities.

The DCRS Wellbeing project aims to support our beneficiaries over the many months they may have to wait for a resolution to their case. We hosted 41 drop-in sessions and provided 130 activities including growing plants, outdoor walks and expeditions as well as pathways to working with partners and external stakeholders. We continued our delivery of a range of activities which support future integration and employment opportunities. These include Volunteer-led English classes and IT training.

The GP-led Healthpoint project continued to provide support for 368 individual beneficiaries and also acted as a learning resource for student doctors. It is significant that 71% of those who attended a DCRS Healthpoint session did not require any further visits to regular GP or emergency services - thus reducing the demand to the wider community.

Our Befriending project which began in 2023 provides one-to-one social support has now matured to the point where we have 25 befriending pairs, and a parents group that meet weekly.

The DCRS Legal Aid department is now well-established and although the financing of this work is challenging due to the level of income available alongside the administrative overhead, we are pleased to be able to offer a more complete service for those we support.

During the year we recruited two excellent new Trustees, one of whom is a practising Chartered Accountant and the other a violence against women and girl's (VAWG) specialist. This is especially important as it underpins our confidence as the scale and complexity of DCRS finances and services continue to develop.

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Trustees' Report

During the course of the year the Trustees initiated a legal process to amend the Objects of the Charity to include a reference to Asylum Seekers and Migrants. This reflects the evolving nature of the sector we seek to serve

Towards the end of the year an opportunity was identified to take a lease on a larger building which would not only allow more space for the expanding DCRS operations but could also draw in other local charities to create a more broadly-based community partnership.

We look forward to another year of growth and service in 2026.

Financial review

Total income for the year amounted to £551,908 (2024: £424,497), representing an increase of 30% compared with the previous year. The increase was primarily driven by grant funding and continuous development of the legal aid service.

Total expenditure during the year was £592,559 (2024: £500,511). Increased expenditure reflects the continued growth of the charity's activities, investment in staffing, expanded services, and the delivery of projects funded through restricted grants. Staff costs represented the largest area of expenditure at £433,453. The full breakdown can be found in the annual accounts.

The charity recorded a net deficit of £40,651 for the year (2024: deficit of £76,014). After transfers between funds, total funds decreased from £666,017 to £625,366 at 31 December 2025.

At the year end, the charity held cash reserves of £350,901 and total funds of £625,366, including £433,108 of restricted funds designated for specific projects and future service delivery. While cash reserves decreased during the year, they remain at a healthy level and provide sufficient liquidity to support ongoing operations and commitments.

At 31 December 2025, the charity held total net assets of £625,366, comprising £192,258 unrestricted funds and £433,108 restricted funds. The level of unrestricted reserves remains healthy and provides an important financial cushion against future uncertainties and funding fluctuations

Having reviewed the position for 2024, the comparative position for 2023, and the financial performance and reserves position during 2025, we are satisfied that the charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, in our opinion, it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

DCRS Trustees generally originate from the ranks of our Volunteers, or following a period of engagement through a partner organisation. All Volunteers are subject to the DCRS Volunteers Policy, which also reflects the desirable qualities and behaviours of Trustee. The Trustee Role Description provides an overview of the Charity and the services we provide, together with the expectation of what is required from a Trustee. Once an individual has been invited to consider becoming a Trustee, a detailed Application Form is completed. This includes personal details, CV and requires a statement about eligibility which lists any matters which would be undesirable in Charity Trustee. The potential Trustee is then interviewed by the Chair and another Trustee. The next step is to be invited to a scheduled Trustee meeting and seek the collective approval of the Board. The Secretary then registers the new Trustee/Director with Companies House. DCRS does not require the authority of any other body to appoint a Trustee.

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Trustees' Report

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet at least 6 times per year. Additional meetings may be held when a decision is required about a significant issue with a time constraint. Meetings are held in-person, with an option to attend online. The CEO and Treasurer (who is also a Trustee) attend all meetings and provide formal reports on an alternating basis. The DCRS Secretary provides an Agenda and records the Minutes for each meeting. Decisions of the Board relating to overall Governance and Policy are executed by the Chair or another Trustee, as appropriate. Decisions of an operational nature are executed by the CEO who will direct the appropriate Staff as required.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

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Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Jane Barks
Company Secretary and Trustee

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company'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 , which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 accounts to be reached.

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Matthew Keane FCCA
Westcotts (SW) LLP
Plym House
3 Longbridge Road
Marsh Mills
Plymouth
Devon
PL6 8LT

Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	29,537	-	29,537	85,545
Charitable activities	4	152,469	363,954	516,423	338,086
Investment income	6	5,948	-	5,948	866
Total income		<u>187,954</u>	<u>363,954</u>	<u>551,908</u>	<u>424,497</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>(138,336)</u>	<u>(454,223)</u>	<u>(592,559)</u>	<u>(500,511)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(138,336)</u>	<u>(454,223)</u>	<u>(592,559)</u>	<u>(500,511)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		49,618	(90,269)	(40,651)	(76,014)
Transfers between funds		<u>(21,989)</u>	<u>21,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		27,629	(68,280)	(40,651)	(76,014)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward					
Total funds carried forward		<u>188,927</u>	<u>477,090</u>	<u>666,017</u>	<u>742,031</u>
	14	<u>216,556</u>	<u>408,810</u>	<u>625,366</u>	<u>666,017</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 14.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 06271122)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	9,807	7,655
Current assets			
Debtors	12	287,196	264,480
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>350,901</u>	<u>397,542</u>
		638,097	662,022
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(22,538)</u>	<u>(3,660)</u>
Net current assets		<u>615,559</u>	<u>658,362</u>
Net assets		<u>625,366</u>	<u>666,017</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		408,810	477,090
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>216,556</u>	<u>188,927</u>
Total funds	14	<u>625,366</u>	<u>666,017</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

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Jane Barks
Company Secretary and Trustee

.....
Andrew Eccleston
Chairman and Trustee

.....
Lenka Reznik-Zelenkova
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(40,651)	(76,014)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation		3,423	2,555
Investment income	6	<u>(5,948)</u>	<u>(866)</u>
		(43,176)	(74,325)
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	12	(22,716)	150,520
Increase in creditors	13	<u>18,878</u>	<u>3,660</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(47,014)</u>	<u>79,855</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	6	5,948	866
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	11	<u>(5,575)</u>	<u>(5,279)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		(46,641)	75,442
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>397,542</u>	<u>322,100</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>350,901</u>	<u>397,542</u>

Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

7 Whimble Street

Plymouth

Devon

PL21 2DH

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support 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 notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

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

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Donated services and facilities

Where services or facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this benefit is included in the financial statements at its fair value unless its fair value cannot be reliably measured, then at the cost to the donor or the resale value of goods that are to be sold.

Investment income

Bank interest is recognised upon receipt.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<i>Asset class</i>	<i>Depreciation method and rate</i>
Computer equipment	25% straightline
Furniture and fittings	25% straightline

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General		
	£	£	£
Donations	29,537	29,537	85,545
	<u>29,537</u>	<u>29,537</u>	<u>85,545</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Main charitable activity	126,261	363,954	490,215	334,149
Legal aid	24,716	-	24,716	3,937
Appeals rights exhausted	1,492	-	1,492	-
	<u>152,469</u>	<u>363,954</u>	<u>516,423</u>	<u>338,086</u>

5 Income towards main charitable activity

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
UK Government Grants	-	106,093	106,093	74,816
Contractual Funding	40,000	-	40,000	63,583
Income from training	15,325	-	15,325	11,371
Events and fundraising	-	-	-	1,067
Grants Receivable	70,936	257,611	328,547	177,945
Other Revenue	-	250	250	5,367
	<u>126,261</u>	<u>363,954</u>	<u>490,215</u>	<u>334,149</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>5,948</u>	<u>5,948</u>	<u>866</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Main charitable activity	49,044	23,328	72,372	86,471
Legal aid	10,851	-	10,851	3,937
Appeals right exhausted	-	16,330	16,330	29,765
Staff costs	65,220	368,233	433,453	339,542
Allocated support costs	9,381	46,332	55,713	37,136
Governance costs	3,840	-	3,840	3,660
	<u>138,336</u>	<u>454,223</u>	<u>592,559</u>	<u>500,511</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £3,840 (2024 - £3,660) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	816	816	780
Other fees paid to examiners	<u>3,024</u>	<u>3,024</u>	<u>2,880</u>
	<u>3,840</u>	<u>3,840</u>	<u>3,660</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. (2024: Nil)

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year. (2024: Nil)

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Staff costs during the year were:</i>		
Wages and salaries	375,423	294,477
Social security costs	31,679	24,558
Pension costs	10,460	6,483
Other staff costs	15,891	14,024
	<u>433,453</u>	<u>339,542</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Staff	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Furniture and equipment</i> £	<i>Computer equipment</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	5,344	4,866	10,210
Additions	<u>3,709</u>	<u>1,866</u>	<u>5,575</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>9,053</u>	<u>6,732</u>	<u>15,785</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	1,218	1,337	2,555
Charge for the year At	<u>~~2,031~~</u>	<u>~~1,392~~</u>	<u>~~3,423~~</u>
31 December 2025	<u>~~3,249~~</u>	<u>~~2,729~~</u>	<u>~~5,978~~</u>
Net book value	<u>5,804</u>	<u>4,003</u>	<u>9,807</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>4,126</u>	<u>3,529</u>	<u>7,655</u>
At 31 December 2024			

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	1,117	543
Accrued income	<u>286,079</u>	<u>~~263,937~~</u>
	<u>287,196</u>	<u>~~264,480~~</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	18,321	-
Accruals	<u>4,217</u>	<u>3,660</u>
	<u>22,538</u>	<u>3,660</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

14 Funds

	Balance at1 January 2025 £	Incoming Resources resources expended £ £		Transfers £	Balance at31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	188,927	187,954	(138,336)	(21,989)	216,556
Restricted funds					
Other restricted under £10k	15,124	-	-	(15,124)	-
Blue Thread / This Day	30,222	30,000	(27,243)	-	32,979
Awards for All - Befriending Project	5,555	19,965	(28,325)	2,805	-
Access To Justice Foundation	-	105,614	(108,390)	2,776	-
Bristol Law Centre	-	10,686	(27,888)	17,202	-
ARE Home	-	2,000	(16,330)	14,330	-
Livewell Foundation	-	59,593	(39,349)	-	20,244
Cornwall Refugee Resource					
Network Project	-	9,000	(7,713)	-	1,287
Lottery Community Grant	425,898	-	(121,558)	-	304,340
NACCOM	291	-	-	-	291
DCRS Non-Recurring One-Off					
Grants	-	10,532	(6,316)	-	4,216
Health Point	-	7,500	(1,200)	-	6,300
Olive Project (Domestic Abuse)	-	44,680	(42,573)	-	2,107
CAF Building Resilience Fund	-	34,386	(23,924)	-	10,462
BBC Children In Need	-	29,998	(3,414)	-	26,584
	477,090	363,954	(454,223)	21,989	408,810
Total funds	666,017	551,908	(592,559)	-	625,366

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	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	143,494	137,608	(92,175)	188,927
Designated				
Legal Aid	-	3,937	(3,937)	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>143,494</u>	<u>141,545</u>	<u>(96,112)</u>	<u>188,927</u>
Restricted funds				
Other restricted under £10k	14,684	47,879	(55,939)	6,624
Blue Thread / This Day	30,251	30,000	(30,029)	30,222
Awards for All - Befriending Project	17,227	25,000	(36,672)	5,555
Access To Justice Foundation	11,974	105,949	(117,923)	-
Bristol Law Centre	5,757	9,800	(15,557)	-
ARE Home	18,644	25	(18,669)	-
Cornwall Refugee Resource Network Project	-	8,500	-	8,500
Lottery Community Grant	500,000	44,508	(118,610)	425,898
NACCOM	-	11,291	(11,000)	291
	<u>598,537</u>	<u>282,952</u>	<u>(404,399)</u>	<u>477,090</u>
Total funds	<u>742,031</u>	<u>424,497</u>	<u>(500,511)</u>	<u>666,017</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Blue Thread / This Day - funding received to support the payment of wages for caseworkers
 Befriending Project - funding restricted to support the development of befrienders across Cornwall to provide social cohesion between communities and better connect new arrivals to their new home.
 Access to Justice Foundation - funding to support legal casework
 Bristol Law centre – Caseworker wages to fund the Immigration Advice Authority training pathway
 ARE Home – Emergency housing provision for destitute asylum seekers
 Livewell Foundation – To support HealthPoint – our health advocacy project for the asylum seeker and refugee populations.
 Cornwall Refugee resource Network project – To fund a development officer post for Cornwall to connect the refugee community sponsorship groups
 National Lottery Awards for All – Developing befriending services for asylum seekers and refugees in Cornwall.
 National Lottery Reaching Communities - General funding for casework, health, activities and educational services for asylum seekers in Plymouth
 NACCOM – Emergency housing provision for destitute asylum seekers

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,896	3,911	9,807
Current assets	233,198	404,899	638,097
Current liabilities	(22,538)	-	(22,538)
Total net assets	<u>216,556</u>	<u>408,810</u>	<u>625,366</u>

	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,655	-	7,655
Current assets	184,932	477,090	662,022
Current liabilities	(3,660)	-	(3,660)
Total net assets	<u>188,927</u>	<u>477,090</u>	<u>666,017</u>

16 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

I Gaspar

Ian was the former chair of Trustees and he donated a regular £50 per month during the period, so a total donation of £600.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from I Gaspar was £Nil (2024 - £Nil).

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