TAUNTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

charitable incorporated organisation number 1183921

5. OTHER INFORMATION

a. Charity details

Taunton Welcomes Refugees had been in existence for about a year in its current form, when, in June 2019, it became registered as a charity in its own right— called a Charitable Incorporated Organisation: registered number 1183921. You can find its entry at the Charity Commission here. Prior to that it had been a more informal organisation working closely with the local council since the first Syrian Refugees arrived in the area.

b. Insurance details

TWR provides public liability insurance cover for the activities of its trustees and volunteers when acting on behalf of TWR. The insurance is provided through Access Insurance and is underwritten by Markel. Details of the cover are available from the Treasurer.

c. Governance

Trustees

Name	Position
Eddie East	Co-chair, Somerset Council Link
Simon Forrester	Co-chair, safeguarding trustee, volunteer management team
Robin Peeler	Treasurer, IT and website management
Bozena Wierzchleyska	Training co-ordinator
Kate Murdoch	Language co-ordinator, newsletter editor
Esther Checketts	Volunteer management team and asylum trustee
Ali Bachelor	Somerset Council Link, volunteer management team

Current Advisors to the Board (non-voting members)

Name	Position
Raawiyah Rifath	Advisor on asylum law and refugee issues
Katrina Hinckley	Advisor on mental health issues
David Moy	Volunteer management team (reviews)

Hannah Banfield	Events co-ordinator, volunteer management team
Lynne Mayers	Advisor on information and training

Staff and Key Volunteers

Name	Position
Louise Froud	Administrator, volunteer management team and safeguarding officer
Katya Fisenko	English Teacher, Ukrainian classes

d. Financial information

TWR conducts its financial affairs using two current accounts in the name of 'Taunton Welcomes Refugees'. Most funds are kept in the main account. But the details of the other are available on the website etc and can be used for donations or payments; but the balance is kept low, so damage would be limited if it was compromised. There is also a PayPal account that can be used for donations using a card. For the sake of transparency, all financial transactions conducted by TWR are carried out through these accounts. Annual statements of financial activity are made to the Charity Commission and to the Annual Meeting.

TWR Treasurer's Report Year Ending 31st March 2024

	2023 - 2024
Opening Balance	**£18,163**
Income	
Personal Donations	£2,334
Institutional Donations	£790
Grants	£27,303
Christmas Cards[3]	£1,069
Total Income	**£31,496**
Expenditure	
Grants To Families	£368
Admin	£2,795
Support Meetings	£1,331
Translation	£108
Training	£732
English Conversation (Tau)	£4,745
English Conversation (Bgw)	£571

Administrator	£8,735
Ukrainian English Lessons	£12,192
Total Expenditure	**£31,578**
Closing Balance	**£18,081**